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**City of Atlanta Welcomes New Ethics Officer**

**Atlanta, GA** - The City of Atlanta Board of Ethics has appointed Jabu M. Sengova as the City of Atlanta's new Ethics Officer. She begins her six-year term of office following confirmation by the Atlanta City Council on February 20, 2017, with approval by the Mayor following shortly after. As Ethics Officer, Ms. Sengova brings her passion, experience and commitment to building a strong ethical culture through enforcement of the City's Standards of Conduct (Code of Ethics). She will provide sound leadership and direction to the City in the areas of advice, training, public education and outreach, financial disclosure, and enforcement.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Sengova served for eight years as the City's Associate Ethics Officer, including nearly two years combined service as acting or interim Ethics Officer. In that role, she was instrumental in developing and producing the City's pilot ethics e-learning course, which launched citywide in 2015. She brings over 17 years' experience in the legal field, including her work in the Fulton County Public Defender's Office, where she successfully represented criminal defendants in felony trials and as an assistant public defender in the Atlanta Municipal Court's Public Defender's Office.

A native of Sierra Leone, West Africa, she is a founding member of the St. Joseph's Secondary School Alumni Association, which conducts fundraising activities to provide scholarships and books for young girls attending the school in West Africa. Ms. Sengova is also a member of various local and national ethics and compliance organizations, and is active in local bar associations. Ms. Sengova earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from South Carolina State University and her law degree from the University of Florida. She is a Member of the State Bar of Georgia, the Florida Bar, and is a Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional (CCEP).

Ms. Sengova seeks to build on the foundational work of her predecessors, the late Ginny Looney and Nina R. Hickson. Her vast experience and institutional knowledge make her highly qualified for the position and the Board of Ethics believes that she will continue to advance the city's strong reputation for and interest in ethics to the benefit of the citizens of Atlanta.

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