

# Rep. Sandra Scott pre-files 23 bills for House District 76

From staff reports

**ATLANTA** — State Rep. Sandra Scott, D-Rex, has pre-filed 23 House bills ahead of the 2021 legislative session, which convened on Jan. 11. “Of the legislation I introduce each year, 85% of it comes from citizens within District 76 and across the state, as well as talk radio and conferences that I attend on a yearly basis,” Scott said. “I want to encourage my constituents to please contact me if they have any questions about this legislation, especially



**Sandra Scott**

in regards to how it may benefit our local communities.” During this legislative session, Scott said she plans to continue to introduce legislation that could have major impacts in House District 76. Scott also encourages constituents to participate in future town hall meetings to discuss proposed legislation. Some of the legislation intro-

duced addresses educational needs in District 76. House Bill 10 would direct the state to provide additional resources to students living in poverty. Scott also pre-filed House Bill 7, which seeks to provide greater access to higher-education opportunities to foster students and students with unstable housing. House Bill 9 would authorize the state to develop guidelines for telehealth services in Georgia schools that would provide mental health and behavioral health services. Scott also seeks to address po-

lice and community relations in District 76. House Bill 15 would require police departments to provide de-escalation training to law enforcement officers. House Bill 17 would prohibit racial profiling by law enforcement officers and agencies, and House Bill 18 would require law enforcement agencies to provide body cameras to on-duty law enforcement officers. House Bill 20 seeks to increase accountability among Georgia coroners when investigating officer-involved deaths. And, House Bill 21 would

prohibit citizens from making falsified 9-1-1 calls. Scott also pre-filed House Bill 22, which would require any housing authority in Georgia to develop greater housing access opportunities to veterans in unstable housing, as well as House Bill 57, which would authorize the state to develop and implement breast milk storage policies in penal institutions. Questions regarding Scott’s legislation may be directed at 404-656-0314 or Sandra.scott@house.ga.gov.

# Georgia Archives to host African American Genealogy Day in Feb.

From staff reports

**MORROW** — The Georgia Archives is hosting an African American Genealogy

Day next month. The free virtual event will be held on Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon and will feature members of the Afro-American

Historical and Genealogical Society Metro Atlanta Chapter. The schedule is as follows: ♦ 10 a.m. — Dr. DL Hen-

derson, a historian, genealogist, preservationist and author, will present Afro-centric Histories: Research and documents the Black

residents of Atlanta’s Oakland Cemetery. ♦ 11 a.m. — Tamika Strong, reference archivist with the Georgia Archives will present Discovering Gems: A look at African American resources at the Georgia Archives.

click cancel, and then click “Watch on the web instead.” Microsoft Teams currently supports these browsers: Internet Explorer II, Microsoft Edge, RS2 or later, the latest version of Chrome, and the latest version of Firefox.

To watch live, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxa5yko8>. Participants are encouraged to try the link before the day of the presentation. If you prefer to watch on the web, when the link asks you to open Microsoft Teams,

If you plan on using an iPhone or tablet, you may need to download the Teams app. The African American Genealogy Day program will be uploaded to the Georgia Archives’ YouTube channel at Georgia Archives.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR VARIANCE REQUEST

The Clayton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following zoning matters:

### BZA-2011-0097 – Commissioner District 2- Gail Hambrick

The Applicant, Jon Jordan, on behalf of Hecht Walker, is requesting two (2) variances: 1.) To allow gasoline pump islands in front of the building (Article 4, Section 4.22) and 2.) To allow more than 25% parking to be in the front of the primary building as shown on the Applicant’s Conceptual Site Plan (Article 4, Section 4.18). The subject property is located at 5690 Riverdale Rd, which is further known as Parcel number 13088C A007. The subject property is zoned GB (General Business) and is located in the Cherry Hills Overlay. The property is approximately 0.92 +/- acres of land.

### BZA-2011-0099 – Commissioner District 4- DeMont Davis

The Applicant, Teodora Heredia, is requesting a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 10’ to 4.5 for conformity of an existing carport (Article 3, Section 3.8). The subject property is located at 8334 Marlborough Dr., which is further known as Parcel number 13237D B009. The subject property is zoned RS-110 (Single Family Residential). The property is approximately 0.26 +/- acres of land.

### BZA-2012-0100- Commissioner District 1- Sonna Singleton Gregory

The Applicant, Harold Buckley, on behalf of Race Trac, is requesting three (3) sign variances: 1.) To increase the maximum ground sign dimensions (Article 8, Section 8.14); 2.) To increase maximum wall canopy sign dimensions (Article 8, Section 8.8); 3.) To increase the dimension of internal directional sign (Article 8, Section 8.14). The subject property is located at 4443 Old Dunn Ct. and 2455 Anvil Block Road, which is further known as Parcel numbers 12236C B006 and 12236C B004. The subject property is zoned HI (Heavy Industrial) and is located in the Highway 42 Overlay. The property is approximately 6.630 +/- acres of land.

### BZA-2012-0102 – Commissioner District 1- Sonna Singleton Gregory

The Applicant, Harold Buckley, on behalf of Race Trac, is requesting two (2) variances: 1.) To increase impervious surface (Article 3, Section 3.32) and 2.) To eliminate the parking lot island requirement (Article 6, Section 6.34, LA-02.C.2). The subject property is located at 4443 Old Dunn Ct. and 2455 Anvil Block Road, which is further known as Parcel numbers 12236C B006 and 12236C B004. The subject property is zoned HI (Heavy Industrial) and is located in the Highway 42 Overlay. The property is approximately 6.630 +/- acres of land.

### BZA-2012-0101 – Commissioner District 4- DeMont Davis

The Applicant, Nathan Jackson, on behalf of Fellowship Baptist Church, is requesting a variance to allow for a special exception for a parking lot expansion (Article 9, Section 9.5.A.6). The subject property is located at 157 Rountree, which is further known as Parcel numbers 13181D A004. The subject property is zoned RS-180 (Single Family Residential). The property is approximately 3.50 +/- acres of land.

The Public Hearing regarding the foregoing application will be on **Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**, with a pre-meeting at 6:45 p.m., located at the Clayton County Administration Building, 112 Smith Street, Jonesboro, Georgia.

**The public is invited to participate in the meetings. Due to the recent health crisis of the COVID -19, measures have been taken for social distancing and to live stream the meetings in addition to in-person meetings. Please check with the Clayton County website ([www.claytoncountyga.gov](http://www.claytoncountyga.gov)) to register participation online and for further updates regarding public meetings. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearings to the Office of Planning, Zoning, and Sustainability, [planning.zoning@claytoncountyga.gov](mailto:planning.zoning@claytoncountyga.gov).**

## Call for Municipal Election and Qualifying Information

Notice is hereby given that the City of Jonesboro, Georgia shall hold the 2021 Municipal General Election on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 7am-7pm. Qualifying for the election shall be held at City Hall, 124 North Avenue, Jonesboro, Georgia beginning on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

OFFICE	SALARY	FEE
<b>Council Member - At Large</b> (Incumbent Bobby Lester)	\$9,240.00	(3%) \$277.20
<b>Council Member – At Large</b> (Incumbent Billy Powell)	\$9,240.00	(3%) \$277.20
<b>Council Member – At Large</b> (Incumbent Pat Sebo)	\$9,240.00	(3%) \$277.20

The last day to file and publish a notice of intention to be a write-in candidate in the Municipal General Election is Friday, August 27, 2021

## Qualifications to hold public office in the City of Jonesboro

Pursuant to the Jonesboro City Charter the Qualifications of Council members shall be as follows:

- No person shall be eligible for the office of mayor or councilmember unless he/she, at the time that he/she has qualified to run for office:
- Has been a resident of the city for a period of one year;
- Has reached the age of 21;
- Is a qualified voter; and
- Has not been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude.
- No person’s name shall be placed on the ballot as a candidate for mayor or councilmember unless such person shall have filed a notice of candidacy and shall have paid the qualifying fee to the city clerk of said city.

All persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to register to vote in the general election may register to vote through the close of business on October 4, 2021.

This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

**Ricky L. Clark, Jr., CMC**  
Election Superintendent  
City Manager/Clerk

# Sheriff: Man charged in mother’s stabbing

From staff reports

**RIVERDALE** — A man accused of stabbing his mother multiple times has been arrested by the Clayton County Police Department.

According to a release from the Clayton County Sheriff’s Office, police were called to a domestic disturbance Sunday, Jan. 17, where they found the victim, who had been stabbed several times



**Caleb Idowu**

in the back of her neck, shoulder and wrist area. The victim’s son, Caleb Idowu, was identified as a suspect in the stabbings. He was still at the scene and was taken into custody and charged with aggravated assault and criminal trespass.

# State university system national search for new chancellor set to begin

By Dave Williams

Capitol Beat News Service

**ATLANTA** — The University System of Georgia will conduct a national search for a successor to retiring Chancellor Steve Wrigley, the system announced Monday.

Seven members of the system’s Board of Regents will form an advisory group to help with the search. The group will be chaired by Regent Kessel D. Stelling Jr., chairman and CEO of Columbus-based Synovus.

The group will work with the Atlanta-based firm Parker Executive Search to put in place a search process that will include input gathered during listening sessions and from a publicly accessible website.



**Steve Wrigley**

Wrigley announced earlier this month that he will step down on July 1 after 36 years in public service, including more than four years as chancellor.

Joining Stelling on the advisory committee will be Board of Regents Chairman Sachin Shailendra and regents Erin Hames, C. Everett Kennedy III, Neil L. Pruitt Jr., Sarah-Elizabeth Langford-Reed and Harold Reynolds.

The chancellor search website will be linked to the university system’s homepage and can be found at [www.usg.edu/chancellor\\_search](http://www.usg.edu/chancellor_search).

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