

What is DARC?

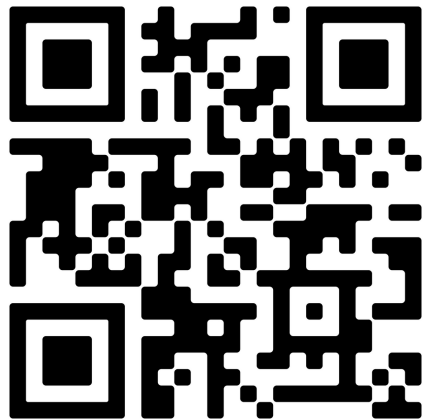
Defund APD, Refund Communities (DARC), is the Atlanta Democratic Socialists of America's (ATLDSA) campaign to divest money, resources and power away from the massive Atlanta Police Department and back into the hands of communities. We believe the City of Atlanta must redefine what *safety* means, and reallocate funds and support into public services that *truly* keep people safe—like housing, healthcare, clean water, and food accessibility.

How can I join the movement?

We would love for you to get involved! You can take any of the following steps to join DARC and the movement for real, sustainable, and holistic public safety beyond policing and prisons:

- Scan the QR code below to sign our petition to **#StopCopCity** or go to **StopCopCity.org**
- Call City Council: **atldsa.org/stopcopcity/call**
- Sign up for action text updates: **atldsa.org/darcsms**
- Sign up to organize with us: **darcatl.com/join-us**
- Stay tuned for more canvasses, calls to action, and events!
- Follow us on social media!

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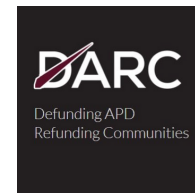
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On June 7th, Atlanta City Council member Joyce Sheperd (District 12) introduced an ordinance to **lease 381 acres of public forest in unincorporated DeKalb County for \$10 per year, for the next 50 years, to the Atlanta Police Foundation (APF) to construct an \$80.6 million police training facility.** During the June 16th meeting of the Atlanta City Council Finance Committee, council members voted to table the ordinance until August 2021.

Atlanta communities must stand against this overreach, which highlights both the racist legacy of policing as an institution and the ties that policing has to corporate America today:



BUILT ON OLD ATLANTA PRISON FARM SITE

Under the current proposal, the facility would be **constructed on the site of the former Atlanta Prison Farm to which incarcerated Black laborers were sold into indentured servitude.** Policing and imprisonment represent a continuation of the racist practices the state has used to criminalize, capture, and exploit Black people for free labor throughout history.



PUSHED BY CORPORATE ELITES

In addition to the APF, the construction of Cop City is being pushed by the Atlanta Committee for Progress, **a committee of over 40 corporate elite figures** including the CEOs of Coca-Cola, Home Depot, and Cox Enterprises (which owns the Atlanta Journal-Constitution). The Atlanta Mayor and City Council's endorsement of this proposal exemplifies their alignment with corporations over the working-class people of metro Atlanta.



PLANNED UNDEMOCRATICALLY

The City of Atlanta and APF have been tight-lipped about their plans, largely formulated in closed-door meetings. The proposed ordinance **waives a competitive bidding process** over the land use, **offers APF the land for an extreme discount, eliminates any public discussion over alternate uses of the city's property,** and grants the police and a private foundation more resources at a time when locals are struggling to pay their rent and meet basic household needs. According to APF President Dave Wilkinson: "We don't want to spend six to nine months on hold while we are doing citizen engagement."



THREATENS THE SOUTH ATLANTA FOREST

The facility (complete with a mock city for tactical exercises, explosion and building burning test sites, shooting ranges, and more), along with a parallel proposal by DeKalb County to swap Intrenchment Creek public park with Blackhall Studios, will **clearcut and fragment Atlanta's largest remaining green space and result in environmental devastation, further gentrification, and more policing in the area.**

CALL/EMAIL

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL: VOTE NO ON COP CITY!

Tell City Council you oppose the construction of the police training facility, which will prioritize policing, environmental devastation, and gentrification over the wellbeing of every day Atlantans.



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