



# Fulton County Taxpayers Foundation

Non-Profit Advocate Of Lower Property Taxes In Atlanta/Fulton County

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End of Year 2009

## 2009 Accomplishments for the Fulton County Taxpayers Foundation

*A look back on 2009.....*

This year was unprecedented as millions of Americans lost their savings, their jobs and their homes, during the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

In Fulton County, we saw the worst of this crisis. Fulton ranked in the top ten of foreclosures and Georgia ranked in the top ten of job loss. With taxpayers scrambling to make ends meet, elected officials at the local and state level did the same, making difficult choices that were met with staunch opposition.

The City of Atlanta raised property taxes to “end furloughs”, when in reality, the Pension Funds are the cause of Atlanta’s budget shortfall. The State did away with Homeowner Relief Grants and can’t account for where Taxpayer dollars are being used.

With evidence of mismanagement and waste on all fronts, the Fulton County Taxpayers Foundation went to bat for the Taxpayer. The accomplishments of 2009 are included on the next page.

*Without contributions and support from over 10,000 homeowners, these accomplishments would not have been possible.*

—John S. Sherman, President

Barbara Payne, Executive Director

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## 2009 Accomplishments

1. The FCTF exposed how Atlanta/Fulton County taxpayer dollars subsidized the most luxurious developments in Atlanta. **Lawsuit currently in appeal.**
2. The FCTF uncovered how Hartsfield/Jackson Airport has been the main vein for political power and cronyism.
3. The FCTF held it's first annual Black Tie Gala to a sold-out crowd.
4. The FCTF filed suit against the Public Service Commission for attempting to charge Georgia Power customers for the construction of a nuclear power plant, 7 years in advance of completion. **Lawsuit awaiting decision.**
5. Held two successful luncheons as part of our luncheon series, highlighting the City of Atlanta's budget crisis and the succession of Milton from Fulton County.
6. Produced a series of Property Tax Appeal workshops that helped property owners file appeals and understand their property record card.
7. Contacted over 50,000 property owners during the 2010 Atlanta budget showdown.
8. Interviewed the top 4 Mayoral candidates and posted them to the FCTF website. Thousands of voters viewed the interviews!
9. Reached over 30,000 voters to get out the vote!
10. Received an unsolicited Senate Proclamation during the 2009 legislative session.

## Thank you Fulton County Taxpayers!