



BeltLine for All Working Group Description

The BeltLine promised much needed services and opportunities to historically disinvested communities, but failed to recognize the need to center residents' voices within decision-making processes in order to meet the critical needs of long-time residents and avoid the historical and continuing patterns of racism, displacement, and disinvestment. What we have seen so far makes clear the disparity in power between low-income black communities and wealthy developers. Our campaign is working to reverse the trends that have been set with the BeltLine development project.

The BeltLine for All Working Group's objective is to minimize involuntary displacement of black low-income residents and vulnerable populations, including low income renters and homeowners, seniors, and people with disabilities, from their communities as the city grows and changes. We believe everyone must benefit from development. Historically, black people have not benefited from development. Without equitable and inclusive growth and a community-led development strategy, involuntary displacement and cultural displacement will continue. We plan to help minimize involuntary displacement by:

1. Centering the perspectives of the most impacted communities
2. Prioritizing political education in impacted communities through events such as film screenings and presentations
3. Continuing to organize black and low-income residents and use direct action to make our voices heard
4. Creating policies that protect the interests of underinvested communities
5. Building coalitions with other organizations to increase our access to resources, enhance our legitimacy, and to improve overall community organizing and working relationships.