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Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham Appointed to EPA Local Government Advisory Committee

East Point's Mayor also tapped to Chair LGAC Environmental Justice Workgroup

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EAST POINT, GA- The Honorable Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham is one of 34 new members to be appointed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) by EPA Administrator Michael Regan. The 35-member LGAC includes 20 women, 16 people of color, and representation from 30 different states, Tribal nations, and U.S. territories, representing a diverse cross-section of cities, counties, towns and communities across the United States. The LGAC provides independent policy advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of issues affecting local governments. As a member of the committee, Mayor Ingraham will provide input and collaborate to protect public health and the environment in every zip code.

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"I am honored to be a member of the EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee," said Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham. "I will make sure that our voices are heard and reflected in the policies and programs that will be implemented to protect the health and welfare of residents in East Point and across the nation. The time is now! We have to act with a sense of urgency together to collaboratively remedy the overburdening of pollution faced by so many cities across this country due to systemic environmental injustice. I am excited and motivated by the opportunity to serve on the Local Government Advisory Council to collaboratively work with the EPA Administrator, EPA staff and elected officials across the country to dismantle environmental injustice in East Point and pollution-burdened cities across the country."

In addition to her appointment to the LGAC, Mayor Ingraham has also been appointed to chair the LGAC's Environmental Justice (EJ) Workgroup to review high-level, cross cutting issues regarding the administration's environmental justice priorities. She chaired her first monthly workgroup meeting of the year this month.

EPA's Environmental Justice Priority is to take decisive action, advance environmental justice and civil rights. To that end, the Environmental Justice Workgroup is focused on the following charge questions:

- How can EPA ensure that federal funding - particularly infrastructure funding - is distributed to disadvantaged communities to promote the Biden Administration's priority of advancing environmental justice?



- How can EPA meet the needs and environmental priorities of overburdened communities while also strengthening local government capacity to provide ongoing environmental protections in partnership with the states and EPA?

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides a needed influx of cash to upgrade infrastructure as well as an opportunity to invest in communities that have been neglected throughout this nation's past, and ensure they have a more secure and sustainable future. During the workgroup meeting, in addition to the EJ charge questions, the discussion also included recommendations for implementing the BIL that will help achieve Administrator Regan's goals at the local level. The recommendations discussed were centered around climate-sensitive projects, new technology, equity and local control.

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About The City of East Point

The City of East Point is approximately 13.8 miles with a population of over 38,000. Located southwest of Atlanta, East Point is conveniently located minutes away from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. This quaint urban community's prime location, numerous retail, and great restaurants make it an attractive place for a "live-work-play-shop-stay" environment because there's no point like East Point. For more information about the City of East Point visit www.eastpointcity.org. Also like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofeastpoint/ and follow us on twitter @cityofeastpoint, snapchat @cityofep1, or instagram @cityofeastpoint.

