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# A CONVERSATION ON CIVILITY...



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# ***OBSTACLES & BENEFITS***

***In 2s and 3s, discuss and write on cards***

**1**

WHAT ARE THE **OBSTACLES** TO GREATER CIVILITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

**2**

IF THE OBSTACLES CAN BE OVERCOME, WHAT WOULD BE THE **BENEFITS OF GREATER CIVILITY** IN YOUR CITY OR TOWN?



# BREAK

*Coming up  
next...*

## ***GEORGIA'S DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS***



**Taylor Hafley**

Applied Demographer

*Carl Vinson Institute of Government*



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***GEORGIA NOW & FOREVER***



**Katherine Moore**

**President**

*Georgia Conservancy*



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# ***MAYORS PANEL***

*2017*

**CITY OF LAGRANGE**

Jim Thornton

*2019*

**CITY OF MONROE**

John Howard

*2022*

**CITY OF DALTON**

David Pennington

# ***BREAK OUT SESSIONS***

***01***

**The Future of Entrepreneurship**

***02***

**Sustainability**

***03***

**Why Georgia?**



# ***THE FUTURE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP***

***BEN  
ANDREWS***



**ATDC**  
Statewide Program  
Manager



***JEN  
BONNETT***  
**THE CREATIVE COAST**  
Director

***BEN  
MACMINN***



**STARTUP COLUMBUS**  
Director, Co-founder



***SHAKIRI  
MURRAIN***  
**RICE**  
Director of  
Innovation Solutions

# **SUSTAINABILITY**

**NWANYINMA  
DIKE**



**ATDC**  
AI Advanced  
Manufacturing  
catalyst



**TIM  
ECHOLS**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION**  
Commissioner

**ALEX  
EDQUIST**



**GOOD AGRICULTURE**  
Founder & CEO



**KIARASH  
AHMADI**  
**JOULEA**  
Engineering  
Manager



# WHY GEORGIA?

**MICHELLE  
SHAW**



**GDEC GLOBAL  
COMMERCE  
DIVISION**  
Director, EIRR



**MARANIE  
BROWN**

**BLACKROCK**  
Vice President, Data  
Platforms &  
Solutions

**KATIE  
COMER**



**META**  
Head of Community  
Development for  
North America



**ZACH  
DIETMEIER**

**RIVIAN**  
Senior Manager  
for Community  
Development &  
Policy



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# ***WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?***



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**THANKS  
FOR  
ATTENDING**

