

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



TO: Anthony Nicks, County Auditor

FROM: Hakeem Oshikoya, Finance Director *HO*

DATE: May 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Response to the GSICA -Policy and Program Audit for Fulton County Government- 2025

Thank you for conducting the audit of Fulton County Government's compliance with the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act (GSICA). The audit has highlighted the need for improved communication between Fulton County and its vendor, Avenu Insights & Analytics. We have thoroughly reviewed the audit findings and recommendations, and below is our response along with proposed actions:

Response to Audit Finding 1- Lack of Supporting Documentation

We sincerely appreciate the insights provided by the auditors, and we are fully committed to taking decisive actions to enhance our operations. Effective communication is pivotal in this process, and we recognize its significance. Our management team is dedicated to strengthening the review process to ensure that all required documents are submitted accurately and in full compliance with both County policies and GSICA standards. To support our commitment, we will implement a comprehensive checklist system and conduct regular spot checks on documentation.

Avenu received an Email on Tuesday, May 15, 2025 of the AUDIT finding. Outlined in the email, a highlighted checklist on what is required to process a Renewal Business License Application copy, showing all areas requiring review for accuracy and completeness, was sent to the AVENU Business representatives. Also, we have asked for all renewal business license applications to be sent to our email address, businesslicense@fultoncountyga.gov, for approval before they move forward to process the applications. Our office will respond within the following Business Day. The Servicer, AVENU was also notified to inform all staff processing business licenses for the remaining Unincorporated Fulton County FID Area.

We will maintain ongoing communication with Avenu Insights & Analytics to emphasize the importance of adhering to GSICA requirements and ensuring accurate record-keeping. Our collaboration with Avenu will focus on obtaining and preserving all necessary documentation properly. If we encounter any challenges in this area, we are ready to provide immediate support to resolve these issues efficiently, ensuring that our documentation is always complete and accurate. In summary, we fully acknowledge the audit findings and are committed to implementing the recommended actions. Our goal is to ensure Fulton County's compliance with GSICA

requirements. We have already begun discussions with Avenu Insights & Analytics to effectively address any identified challenges. Thank you for your diligence in conducting this audit and for the invaluable guidance you have provided as we work to resolve these issues. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

CC: Ray Turner, Deputy Finance Director

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