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July updates (inc. July calendar of programs/events)

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Hi, this is **Rep. Marvin Lim**, your State Representative since 2021. Here are your late June/early July 2026 updates. -Rep. Marvin Lim | 404.585.7715 | marvin.lim@house.ga.gov

Taking Action

Rezoning - towing lot opposition (& GACS update): Sign our “No Dumping Grounds” petition to oppose a towing lot proposal on Indian Trail Rd near Beaver Ruin Creek (following a letter we have already sent to the Planning Commissioners, and will send to the Commissioners in July before the requisite hearing). We already have a heavy concentration of (non-locally owned) auto industries, but this particular proposal is worrisome for its likely environmental impact with Beaver Ruin Creek nearby. Sign: <https://marvinlimforga.com/nodumpinggrounds>.

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STOP USING
30093

AS A DUMPING GROUND:

SIGN PETITION TO OPPOSE
TOWING LOT NEXT TO
BEAVER RUIN CREEK

SIGN THE PETITION: marvinlimforga.com/nodumpingground

DETENGAMOS EL USO DEL 30093 COMO BASURERO:
FIRME LA PETICIÓN PARA Oponerse al lote de grúas junto a BEAVER RUIN CREEK

FIRME LA PETICIÓN: marvinlimforga.com/nodumpingground

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Thank you also to those who engaged around the Greater Atlanta Christian Schools rezoning. To those who live in those neighborhoods, there will be no egresses/entrance changes. We have also engaged, apart from GACS's engagement, the ~20 GACS-owned houses on Sugarwood being most impacted, particularly around if they need assistance with relocation.

Smoketree/Elevate: For those who have expressed concern around safety/gunshots near the lake, we have been engaging GCPD (who in turn has been engaging Elevate) for a few months. Please come to our July 17, 6pm meeting, virtual or at the Smoketree pavilion, for updates from GCPD:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89143827794?pwd=SyOzzK4O7XBQsHh9K1l0yXaEbpQfaj.1>

A flyer for a community safety meeting. It has a yellow background with a white central box. At the top, there's a black cloud icon. The text 'ATTENTION!' is in large black letters, followed by 'COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING' in orange letters with horizontal lines on either side. Below that is a red circle with a white exclamation mark. Then 'JULY 16 @ 7:00PM' in large orange letters. Underneath, it says 'In-person at the Smoketree pavilion AND online via Zoom'. A bold line of text says 'Please attend this community meeting.' followed by a paragraph: 'Gwinnett County Police Department and House Rep. Marvin Lim (District 98) will meet with residents of Smoketree and Elevate Apartments to discuss community safety and answer your questions.' Below this is a QR code in a black rounded square. To the right of the QR code, it says 'Scan to join via Zoom' with an arrow pointing to the QR code. Below the QR code is a blue link 'Click here to join'. At the bottom, in a white rounded rectangle, it says 'Meeting ID: 891 4382 7794' and 'Passcode: 188264'. The flyer is decorated with black dots and yellow chevrons.



¡ATENCIÓN!
ENCUENTRO DE SEGURIDAD
— EN LA COMUNIDAD —



16 DE JULIO - 7:00 PM

presencialmente en el pabellón Smoketree y también en línea por Zoom.

Por favor, vengan a esta reunión de la comunidad.
 El Departamento de Policía del Condado de Gwinnett y el Representante Marvin Lim (Distrito 98) se juntarán con los vecinos de Smoketree y los apartamentos de Elevate para charlar sobre la seguridad de la comunidad y contestar sus preguntas.

 Escanea para unirte a través de Zoom.

[Haz clic aquí para unirte](#)

ID de la reunión: 891 4382 7794
Código de acceso: 188264

Special session - costing taxpayers: For five days, the Georgia General Assembly reconvened, around four legislative issues: 1) redistricting, 2) dealing with July 1, 2026 deadline for elimination of QR codes on ballots, 3) so-called “Local Homestead Option Sales Taxes,” a new sales-tax-for-property-tax mechanism; and 4) ratifying Gov. Kemp’s (now-expired) gas tax suspension. Thankfully, in no small part because of your voices, the GOP majority cancelled redistricting. It is no secret that our districts are heavily gerrymandered. Further gerrymandering, for whatever reason, would both dilute minority voting power – which I am strongly against, as this very district was gerrymandered in 2011 (i.e., it was “packed”). But beyond that, it would also simply make government even more unresponsive than it already is, regardless of the party of the elected official (or your own political persuasion). I am all for independent redistricting commissions.

The Cost of Doing Little: 2026 Special Session



\$65k/day x 5 session days = \$325,000 cost to taxpayers to pay lawmakers to pass 2 bills

- redistricting cancelled last-minute: 👍 – but then why were we there in the first place?
- QR code ballot elimination deadline moved / hand recount of top 2 state races: 🙄 – legislature could've addressed deadline during regular session (and hand recount is both unnecessary AND won't satisfy election deniers, as Presidential race not included)
- gas tax suspension ratification passed: 👍 – but could have waited until January regular session 🕒
- sales tax increase (LHOSTs) based on unconstitutional bill (SB 33) defeated: 👍 – but GOP knew they weren't close to getting the votes on policy that doesn't decrease, but simply creates a new tax (having excluded Dems in LHOST formulation to begin with)

I am overall frustrated that we had this special session – which cost Georgians north of \$300,000 for very little. The one thing we “needed” to do was deal with the July 1, 2026 QR code elimination deadline – but even that was an unforced error, as it was, because of President Trump's election claims, the GOP majority in 2024 passed the bill to eliminate the QR code by 2026, yet failed either to get it together to come up with a “better” voting system by deadline, or to move the deadline during regular session that ended in April.

QR codes on ballots: Ultimately, we did end up dealing with the QR code issue – the one thing we “needed” to do. And it was not as bad as it could have been – but it's still unnecessary, unhelpful, and partisan.

What Does SB 3EX Do? "QR code on ballots" bill



- already-required elimination of QR codes on ballot delayed to Jan. 1, 2028
- establishes "Election Equipment Specifications and Standards Committee" that will recommend (though not necessarily outright establish) specifications for uniform system of hand marked paper ballots in Georgia — as opposed to current system where QR code on ballot is what officially captures voters' selections and gets "counted"
- general election contest for STATEWIDE races (not federal, inc. President!), if they are 1st or 2nd contest on ballot AND are within ½ of 1 percent margins, are automatically hand (manually) recounted
- newly requires risk-limiting audit for certain races: all federal races, state Gov to Attorney General

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- X manual recounts consistently shown to be less accurate — and no less prone to fraud
 - X manual recount provision does not even extend to federal races; would not have affected 2020 Presidential election — so this still won't even satisfy election deniers
 - X committee established does not guarantee bipartisan representation
 - ✓ risk-limit audits are sufficient and have consistently shown that Georgia election results are already accurate

Taxes: During this special session, we also faced a slew of proposals for new, so-called LHOSTs, which attempt to deliver property tax relief. But at the end of the day, this is another regressive tax measure — not a tax relief, but a tax shift, to sales tax — one that delivers false relief that will inevitably be cancelled out, because it doesn't address the underlying causes of rising property taxes (and does not limit counties/cities' ability to raise millage rates — which Brookhaven just did, even though they've frozen the base assessment of each home, like Gwinnett does with its Value Offset Exemption for owners who occupy their homes).

What is an LHOST?



"Local Homestead Option Sales Tax"

- 1% sales tax in county, to be used to offset county/city homestead property taxes
 - newly created regressive tax mechanism in GA (like most sales taxes)
 - poorly drafted law: unclear what actual savings will be for each household, b/c does not even expressly require all sales tax proceeds to be exhausted for homestead relief
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- X increases costs of goods and services (inc. gas, food, etc.)
 - X disproportionately burdens renters, lower-income households, and those already 100% exempt (in Gwinnett, many fixed-income seniors)
 - X does not address largest portion of property taxes: education
 - X does not prevent an increase in millage rates or overall property taxes (and will only encourage counties to increase these rates) — meaning any relief will effectively be cancelled out
 - X does not address underlying causes of increase in property taxes

To me, the choice isn't between LHOSTs and no tax relief – especially considering LHOSTs are not even tax relief, but a tax shift, from property to sales tax. There are proposals out there that provide for proper, sustainable tax relief. For example, I once introduced progressive property tax relief, in the form of a means-tested homestead exemption proposal in Gwinnett, as well as preferable tax treatment for affordable housing, etc. Bills like these, as well as my Democratic colleagues' proposals, just have to get more serious consideration than they've gotten (like most Democratic bills).

(Just Some of) GEORGIA HOUSE DEMOCRATS' TAX RELIEF PROPOSALS



MY LEGISLATION:

HB 688: means-tested property tax relief in Gwinnett

(killed by House GOP leaders in 2021, though we had supermajority of Gwinnett delegation signed on)

HB 1457: preferential property tax assessment of affordable housing

HB 930: refundable income tax credit for grocery, transportation, and utility costs

(co-authored w/Rep. Lupton)

MY DEMOCRATIC COLLEAGUES:

HB 712: removing non-tax related fees from property tax bills *(Rep. Scott)*

HB 1468: Georgia Property Tax Fairness Fund *(Rep. Jasmine Clark)*

HB 95: state Earned Income Tax Credit *(Rep. Park)*

CMO rate cuts for Medicaid providers of autism/intellectual & development disability services: Rate cuts by CMOs to providers serving children with autism/intellectual & development disabilities on Medicaid have been hugely concerning. On the last day of special session, the House Health Committee met and asked tough questions to both the CMOs and DCH. On my end, I'm continuing to push: 1) consideration of consumer feedback/experiences in "network adequacy" analysis, and 2) that DCH properly fine those violating network adequacy (just as we've seen the Insurance Commissioner do around the Mental Health Parity Act).

CMO rate cuts to Medicaid providers of autism/IDD services



the audits that you all do

Victims of violence: Finally, I got to honor Prisca Uwigabye with House Resolution 2023, during special session. Prisca's story as an immigrant survivor of violence speaks so much to the commonalities of immigrant survivors' experiences – including the fear of reporting, not least of which because of immigration consequences. Thank you nonprofit Tahirih (who has done legal services workshops for us) and advocates for supporting her and advocating for this resolution!



My Programs & Events

Constituent services: Our next constituent services one-on-one is Sat, Jun 6, 9-11am at Lucky Shoals Park.

SERVICIOS MENSUALES DEL REPRESENTANTE MARVIN LIM

Sábados:

**4 de oct, 1 de nov, 6 de dic,
10 de ene, 7 de feb, 7 de mar,
11 de abr, 2 de may, 6 de jun, 11 de jul**

9 am - 11 am

**Lucky Shoals Park
4651 Britt Rd
Norcross, GA 30093**



REP. MARVIN LIM'S MONTHLY CONSTITUENT SERVICES

**Saturdays: Oct 4, Nov 1,
Dec 6, Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 7,
Apr 11, May 2, Jun 6, Jul 11
9 am - 11 am
Lucky Shoals Park
4651 Britt Rd
Norcross, GA 30093**



Mammograms: On Tue, Jul 28, we are doing our fifth mobile mammogram drive, with East Georgia Cancer Coalition and Northside. If you need a mammogram (generally, women 40+), and specifically don't have any insurance, please reach out at <https://marvinlimfor.ga.com/bc> (even if we cannot schedule you for an appointment, we will work to find you free coverage via Northside's breast cancer fund or the state program.)

**NEED A MAMMOGRAM –
BUT DON'T HAVE
INSURANCE?**

**TUE, JULY 28, 8–1PM:
OUR 5TH MOBILE
MAMMOGRAM EVENT**



**CONTACT US IF INTERESTED:
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**¿NECESITAS UNA
MAMOGRAFÍA,
PERO NO TIENES
SEGURO MÉDICO?**

**28 DE JULIO
8 AM–1 PM: NUESTRO 5.º
EVENTO MÓVIL DE
MAMOGRAFÍAS**



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Summer tutoring: Want free, intensive K-12 summer tutoring – to catch up, stay on track, or even get ahead? Reminder about LSCA's partnership with Learn to Be. <https://tinyurl.com/lscatutoring> (Espanol: <https://tinyurl.com/lscatutoria>)



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PSAs (Public Service Announcements)

Laws taking effect July 1, 2026 (inc. no cell phones in K-8 schools, my road safety bill, etc.): Like every year, we have a number of bills taking effect July 1, of the bills we passed this year (which I already gave a rundown of, in April) and previously (i.e., with deferred effective dates). Here's a link to some of the most noteworthy ones, but I wanted to point out three in particular: <https://www.11alive.com/article/news/state/new-georgia-laws-july-1-2026/85-6d4f2c0b-166d-4d06-a5b5-c0e91fd99f2c>

- my road safety bill's provisions re: moving to the right for traffic stops, as well as re: darker window tinting permitted, takes effect
- starting with the 2026-27 school year, there will be a bell-to-bell ban of student cellphones in K-8 public schools
- anyone attending school for first time that would otherwise be placed in first grade can, at parental/guardian request, be enrolled in Kindergarten; 4 and 5 year olds are eligible for Georgia Pre-K (and Pre-K students qualify for school's after-school programs, unless school has waiver)
- uniform rounding of cash price/change, if buyer does not have exact change, which must still be accepted (price/change rounded to the nearest nickel, up or down)
- other highlights: <https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/new-georgia-laws-take-effect-july-1-heres-what-changes>

GEORGIA LAWS TAKING EFFECT JULY 1, 2026

Here are a few worth noting:

1 MY ROAD SAFETY BILL TAKES EFFECT

Provisions regarding moving to the right for traffic stops, as well as darker window tinting permitted, take effect.

2 NO CELL PHONES IN K-8 SCHOOLS

Starting with the 2026-27 school year, there will be a bell-to-bell ban of student cellphones in K-8 public schools.

3 MORE CHOICES FOR FAMILIES & EARLY LEARNERS

- Anyone attending school for the first time who would otherwise be placed in first grade can, at parental/guardian request, be enrolled in Kindergarten.
- 4 and 5 year olds are eligible for Georgia Pre-K.
- Pre-K students qualify for school's after-school programs, unless school has a waiver.

4 UNIFORM ROUNDING OF CHANGE

Given elimination of penny production, unless exact payment by cash is rendered (which merchants must accept), merchants will round price and/or change in cash transactions in uniform manner: nearest nickel up or down (.03 is rounded to .05).

See other laws taking effect:

<https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/new-georgia-laws-take-effect-july-1-heres-what-changes>

LEYES DE GEORGIA QUE ENTRAN EN VIGOR EL 1 DE JULIO DE 2026

Estas son algunas de las más importantes:

1

MI LEY DE SEGURIDAD VIAL ENTRA EN VIGOR

Entran en vigor las disposiciones que exigen cambiarse al carril derecho al aproximarse a una parada de tráfico, así como la autorización de un tinte más oscuro para las ventanas de los vehículos.

2

PROHIBICIÓN DE TELÉFONOS CELULARES EN ESCUELAS K-8

A partir del ciclo escolar 2026-2027, los estudiantes de las escuelas públicas K-8 no podrán utilizar teléfonos celulares durante toda la jornada escolar, de timbre a timbre.

3

MÁS OPCIONES PARA LAS FAMILIAS Y LOS ESTUDIANTES MÁS PEQUEÑOS

- Los niños que asistan a la escuela por primera vez y que, de otro modo, ingresarían a primer grado podrán inscribirse en kindergarten a solicitud de su padre, madre o tutor.
- Los niños de 4 y 5 años son elegibles para Georgia Pre-K.
- Los estudiantes de Pre-K pueden participar en los programas extracurriculares de la escuela, salvo que la escuela cuente con una exención.

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REDONDEO UNIFORME DEL CAMBIO

Con la eliminación de la producción de monedas de un centavo, salvo que el cliente pague el monto exacto en efectivo (que los comercios deben aceptar), los comercios redondearán el precio y/o el cambio al níquel más cercano, hacia arriba o hacia abajo (.03 se redondea a .05).

Vea otras leyes que entran en vigor:

<https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/new-georgia-laws-take-effect-july-1-heres-what-changes>

World Cup: In preparation for the World Cup, we did a lot of work in this district (esp. w/its many hotels) around education re: trafficking, such as the workshop we did in February with nonprofit service provider Tapestry. I thank them, CJCC, and other providers for all their work, and wanted to provide one more, timely reminder re: how potentially to spot/what to do about trafficking. Please see these graphics as a reminder on how to help stop trafficking in our local community.

TOGETHER WE CAN
STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING
DURING THE WORLD CUP

Be aware. Know the signs.

					
Appears controlled or cannot leave	Unable to speak for themselves	No identification or their documents are withheld	Shows signs of being paid little or nothing	Lives and works at the same location	Shows signs of physical, emotional abuse or fear

REPORT. GET HELP.
1-888-373-7888
 National Human Trafficking Hotline

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DETENER LA TRATA DE PERSONAS
DURANTE LA COPA DEL MUNDO

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Parece controlada o no puede irse	No puede hablar por sí misma	No tiene identificación o sus documentos le son retenidos	Muestra señales de que le pagan poco o nada	Vive y trabaja en el mismo lugar	Muestra señales de abuso o maltrato físico, emocional o por miedo
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REPORTE. OBTENGA AYUDA.
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 Más de 200 idiomas

Last Word – Successes

World Cup constituent watch party: Thanks to those who came to our constituent watch party for the USA-Paraguay World Cup game! Thank you to Nations Café.



Lilburn: Another year of partnership with Lilburn Elementary. Thank you especially to Lucy and Kenny in the Parent Center, with whom we continue to work on adult ESOL classes. Thanks to community generosity, we also made a donation to their food pantry.



Housing rights training: For the third year in a row, I provided housing/tenants rights training and engagement to LCF's 2-Gen Soccer Academy – which provides free soccer training, health services, and engagement on social determinants (like housing). So happy every year to see this program thrive - and to speak this year about the GA Landlord-Tenant Handbook update/translation LCF and I accomplished with DCA.



Autism: Co-presenting at the Georgia Child Health Conference, with partners CHOA, Marcus Autism Center, and Emory Autism Center, on community-based participatory research in autism, particularly involving Latino and diverse communities, as part of a multi-state working group.



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