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Central Atlanta Progress Celebrates a Dynamic Legacy of Progress

More than 900 in attendance at CAP's Pinnacle Event

ATLANTA - Central Atlanta Progress (CAP) and the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (ADID) hosted their 2017 Annual Meeting & Awards Celebration today at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Themed *Dynamic Downtown*, CAP's signature event celebrated the people, places and organizations that are shaping Downtown's bright and exciting future.

The event kicked off with coffee and networking, followed by a welcome from CAP Board Chair Dave Stockert. CAP/ADID President A.J. Robinson then delivered his keynote address, highlighting the incredible momentum and dynamic development Downtown is currently experiencing, thanks to major investments and redevelopment projects in construction or planned, in addition to the vision-setting Downtown Atlanta Master Plan that will guide Downtown's development over the next 15 years. "Atlanta in the midst of an urban renaissance and Downtown is the epicenter of this activity," Robinson said.

After an energetic presentation from Atlanta United FC, Ambassador Andrew Young was presented with the 2017 Dan Sweat Award and the Marcus Downtown Economic Impact Award was given to Georgia State University. Turner Broadcasting System's Senior Vice President of Real Estate, Lisa Harris, presented the Turner Community Leadership Award to George Turner, retired Atlanta Police Department Chief.

ADID Chair Craig Jones delivered the annual ADID update, sharing that, "In the last decade alone, ADID leveraged \$11 million in capital projects for a total investment of \$127 million, which represents an 11 times multiplier on a long list of transformational projects." ADID award winners—Neiman Beard, Seward Stephens, and APD Officer Michael Norris—were also recognized.

The full agenda included remarks from Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed and filmed remarks from Governor Nathan Deal and Congressman John Lewis. The event concluded with Stockert installing CAP's 2017 leadership, including new Board Chair Rich McKay, President and CEO of the Atlanta Falcons. For a full list of CAP's 2017 Leadership roster, visit <http://www.atlantadowntown.com/membership/our-mission/cap-board>.

About Central Atlanta Progress / Atlanta Downtown Improvement District: Central Atlanta Progress, Inc., is a Downtown business association with approximately 240 members. Its mission is to champion a vibrant community with strong leadership and sustainable infrastructure that is safe, livable, diverse, economically viable, accessible, clean, hospitable and entertaining. The Atlanta Downtown Improvement District is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable corporation created by CAP to make Downtown safer, cleaner and more hospitable.

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A **media kit** for the 2017 CAP Annual Meeting is available online at www.atlantadowntown.com/annualmeeting/mediakit. This press release, along with the official CAP Leadership Release, photographs of meeting speakers and presenters, 2016 Annual Report and the award winners' tribute videos are available now. Additional assets, including photos from the event, will be available shortly after the conclusion of the event.