

## Atlanta Citywide Resident Leadership Council Says Yes to Section 3

On August 19, 2003 with a unanimous vote, the Resident Leaders Council formally decided to move forward in the development of a Section 3 business that will represent all the low-income residents in and around the Atlanta Housing Authority properties.



Pictured are the Atlanta Resident Leadership Council members that attended the historic meeting

Additionally, the Council voted to enter into a consulting contract with J. Keith Swiney to guide them through the business development process. Immediately after the historic vote, a short list of potential business partners was developed by the group to assist them in the pursuit of turnkey, landscaping and temporary staff placement services.

In keeping with the Council's mission, "To Act in the enlightened self-interest of the residents as a body", the leaders have reinvested themselves in the needs of their

communities and agreed to work in a traditional corporate structure to streamline decision making and increase productivity. After making some simple amendments to their existing Articles of Incorporation, the Council will be prepared to do business as a business, not simply a conduit of information.

The next step in the process will be to establish specific committees and introduce the business to the local housing authorities, their private management companies and the City of Atlanta. As one of the leaders stated at the conclusion of the three-hour meeting, and with a large and infectious smile on her face, "We're in business now"!

