

Privacy Statement

It is important to remember that visitors to our site understand what information we gather about them, how we use it, and how we work to protect it. By using our website, and/or signing up for services such as membership or news content access, you consent to information practices outlined in our Privacy Policy.

Collection of your Personal Information

We track how our visitors use this site so that we can see what people like and don't like. We may also collect personal information about you via registration for access to news content, donations, membership and other areas. Where you have an opportunity to supply information about yourself you may choose not to provide requested information but in such cases you may not be able to use certain functions on this website.

We will not release your name, email address or any other personal information to anyone outside CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG without your consent, unless we are under a legal order to do so, or there is an emergency involving danger to a person or property.

If you chose to provide your personally identifiable information for the purposes of a third-party contest, survey or newsletter, your consent shall be deemed to be given for the release of your personally identifiable information with regard to that third party only, in addition to CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG. Only authorized CAPITOL BEAT employees or consultants are allowed access to personal information about you. Any employee or consultant who violates our privacy and security policies is subject to disciplinary action.

We occasionally have service contractors, third party agents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and joint ventures that perform functions on our behalf, including but not limited to credit card processing and website hosting. They have access to personal information needed to perform their functions and are contractually obligated to maintain the confidentiality and security of the data. They are restricted from using or altering this data in any way other than to provide the requested services to CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG. In addition, we may always share, disclose, and transfer all information, postings, and any and all other personal and non-personal information we have collected to a successor-entity in the case of the sale of the assets of CAPITOL BEAT, corporate reorganization, merger, change in control, or other similar transaction.

Remember that any information you share in public areas, such as the CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG comments area, becomes public and therefore this Privacy Policy does not apply to any information you choose to make public. We encourage visitors to CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG to be cautious about what they disclose and that they do not post any personal information that they expect to keep private. Personally Identifiable Information is information that can be used to contact you or determine your specific identity. If other information is linked to this information, it also becomes Personally Identifiable Information.

Use and Disclosure of Anonymous Information

Anonymous Information is any information other than Personally Identifiable Information, including aggregate information derived from Personally Identifiable Information.

CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG may use this information:

To improve the CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG website and service, to monitor traffic and general usage patterns, and for other general business purposes.

To inform publishers as to what content is appealing to readers, to inform advertisers of the usage habits or characteristics of the interested audience, and to advise potential donors so that they may better understand CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG'S user base.

Use of Cookies

A cookie is a small amount of data, which often includes an anonymous unique identifier that is sent to your browser from a website's servers and stored on your computer. Each website can send its own cookies to your browser if your browser's preferences allow it, but (to protect your privacy) most browsers only permit a website to access the cookies that the same website has already sent to you, not the cookies sent to you by other sites.

CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG may use cookies to identify you as a repeat visitor or customer of the website, to maintain session information for logged in users, and to track usage trends and patterns in order to better understand and improve areas of our website.

CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG has no control over whether and how our advertisers use cookies that originate from their website. You are always free to decline our cookies if your browser permits, but you may not be able to take full advantage of our site's features.

We may use third-party advertising companies to serve ads on our behalf. These companies may employ cookies and action tags to measure advertising effectiveness. All computers and servers on the internet use IP addresses to recognize and communicate with each other. We collect IP addresses to administer and analyze our site and report aggregate, non-personal information (such as how many visitors we have). When you call up our site on your computer, our servers enter the IP address of that computer into a log. To maintain our users' anonymity, we do not associate IP addresses with records containing personal information.

We do not and cannot use cookies or IP address tracking to retrieve personal information from your computer.

Security

CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG employs a number of security methods designed to prevent unauthorized access, maintain data accuracy, and ensure correct use of information. Your personal data will be stored within a database that is located behind a firewall for added security.

No data transmission over the Internet or any wireless network can be guaranteed to be secure. As a result, while we try to protect your personal information, we cannot ensure or guarantee the security of any information you transmit to us, and you do so at your own risk. We are not liable for the illegal acts of any third party.

We do not encrypt normal web sessions, however any transmission to the CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG website or service of credit card information uses SSL encryption to help protect the data.

Links to Other Sites

CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG provides links and pointers to websites maintained by other organizations. CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG provides these links as a convenience to users, but it does not operate or control such sites.

CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG also disclaims any responsibility for the information on those sites and any products or services offered there and cannot vouch for the privacy policies of such sites. CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG does not make any warranties or representations that any linked sites, or this site, will function without error or interruption, that defects will be corrected, or that the sites and their servers are free of viruses and other problems that can harm your computer.

Children

CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG is not directed to children (persons under the age of 13), and we do not knowingly collect, either online or offline, Personally Identifiable Information from children. If you believe that we have received information from a person under 13, please contact us by email at info@capitol-beat.org or in writing at 3066 Mercer University Drive, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30341 and we will take appropriate action.

Changes to this Privacy Policy

CAPITOL-BEAT.ORG may change its privacy policy from time to time. If we make any changes regarding disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information to third parties, we will post notice of the new policy on our home page.

Disclaimers and Limitations of Liability

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Questions

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