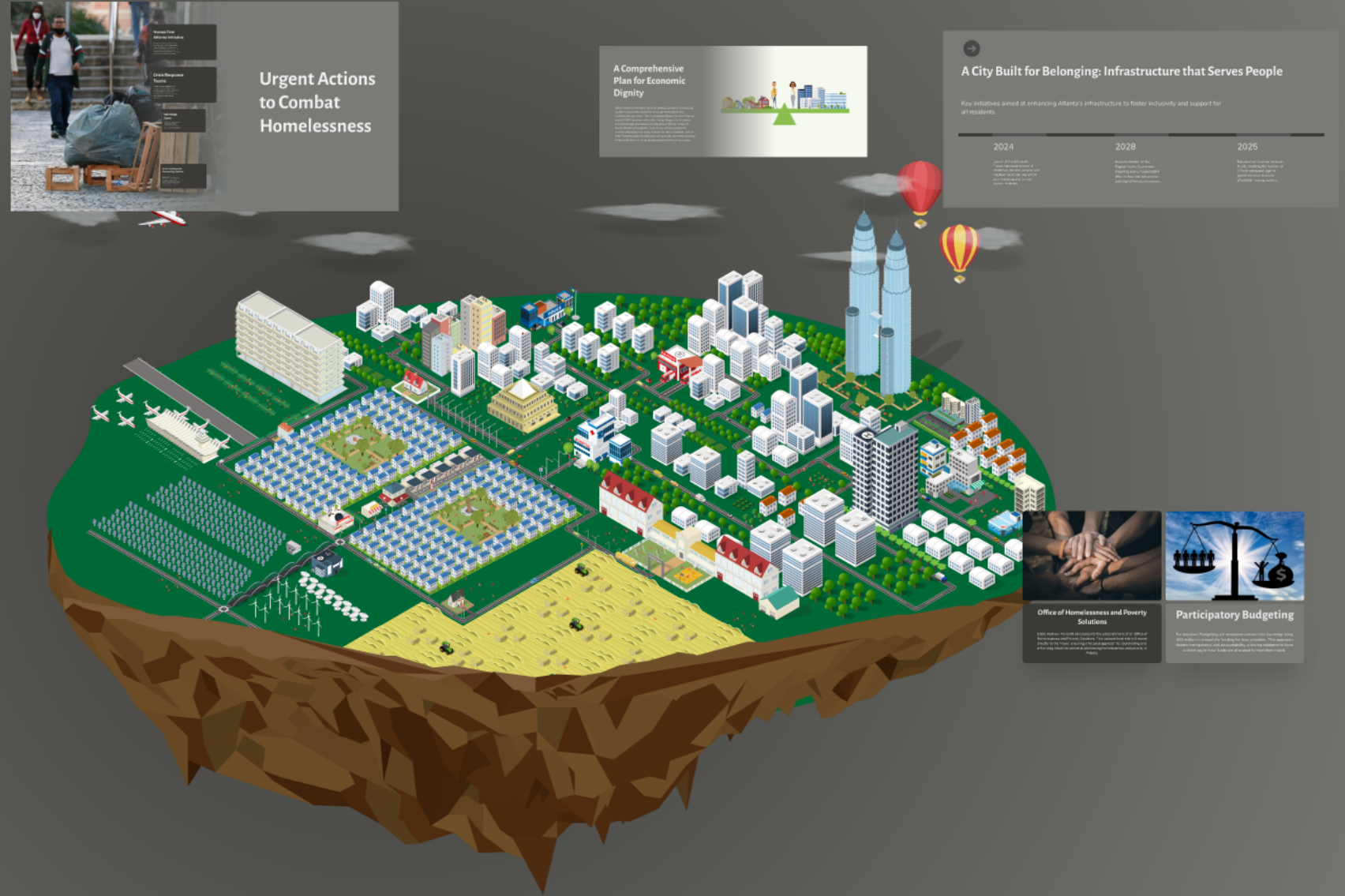


A Compassionate Vision for Ending Homelessness and Poverty in Our City



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A Comprehensive Plan for Economic Dignity

Eddie Andrew Meredith aims to address poverty by tackling systemic economic injustices through innovative and sustainable solutions. The Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot will assist 2,500 families, while the Living Wage City Initiative will encourage businesses to pay above \$20 per hour. A Public Banking Feasibility Task Force will be created to explore affordable banking options for the unbanked, and an Anti-Poverty Index Dashboard will provide real-time tracking of key indicators such as employment and housing access.





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Office of Homelessness and Poverty Solutions

Eddie Andrew Meredith advocates for the establishment of an Office of Homelessness and Poverty Solutions. This cabinet-level role will report directly to the Mayor, ensuring a focused approach to coordinating and enhancing initiatives aimed at addressing homelessness and poverty in Atlanta.



Participatory Budgeting

Participatory Budgeting will empower communities by designating \$50 million in annual city funding for local priorities. This approach fosters transparency and accountability, allowing residents to have a direct say in how funds are allocated to meet their needs.

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