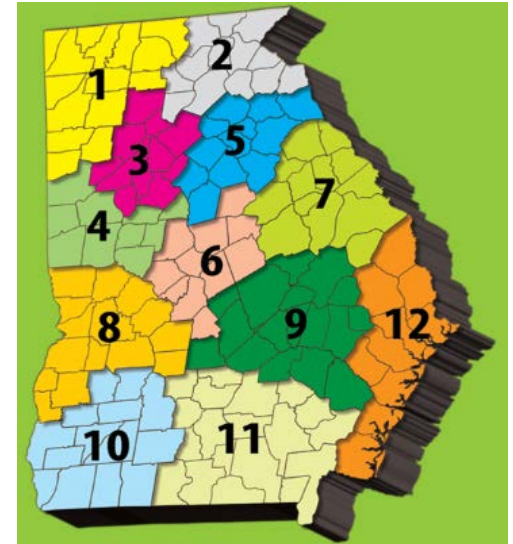


Regionalism & PPP's: Threat to the Republic

How Regionalism and Public/Private Partnerships are tearing down constitutionally limited self-government and genuine free market capitalism.



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STOP Unelected and Unaccountable Government

Pretty Flower



- Introduced to America in 1876
- Soil Improvement
- Animal Feed
- Basketry
- Medicine
- Food & Beverage
- Legitimate Uses & Benefits

Noxious Weed

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**What is the United States of America, a
Democracy or a Republic?**

A REPUBLIC



Article IV of the Constitution "guarantee[s] to every State in this Union a Republican form of Government."

A **republic** is a [form of government](#) in which the supreme power rest with the people and representatives or officers for the people are officially granted **alienable powers** to represent them in "public matters" ([Latin](#): *res publica*) via a constitution.

Unique System of Checks and Balances

Governed by 'Rule of Law' with equal treatment for all.

Power comes from the people – 'bottom up'

Or, something else?

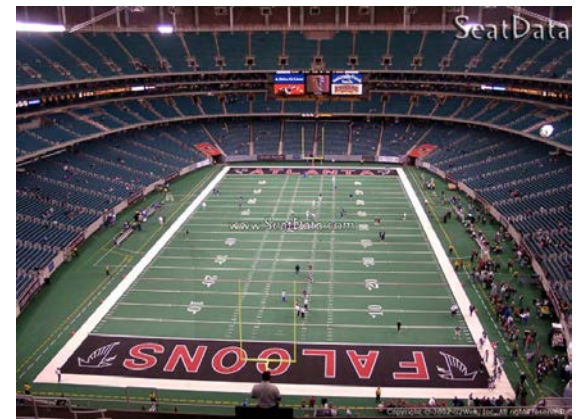
- Regionalism
- Public/Private Partnerships

THREATS TO THE REPUBLIC AND OUR FREEDOM

Accidental, Societal Trends or Political Agenda?

PPP Examples:

- Federal Reserve*
- Solyndra (“green” companies given mega federal loans, now bankrupt)
- Atlanta Falcon’s New Stadium
- Taxation - Hot Lanes/Toll Roads
- Kelo vs New London - Eminent Domain
- Cherokee County – Ball Ground Recycling



* <http://mises.ca/posts/blog/public-private-partnerships-another-phrase-for-fascism/>

KELO VS. NEW LONDON

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Summary of Kelo v. New London (2005) - Supreme Court Eminent Domain Case

By [Tom Head](#), About.com Guide

See More About: [property rights](#) [kelo v new london](#)

The Big Question:

Can the government constitutionally claim homes and other private property for "public use," even if the government itself will not be using the property?

The Fifth Amendment and the "Public Use" Standard:

The Fifth Amendment concludes with the words: "...nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." This phrase is referred to as the "takings clause."

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Background of the Case:

In 1998, the drug company Pfizer built a new plant in New London, Connecticut. To take advantage of additional business the plant might bring in, the City of New London attempted to purchase 115 houses in a nearby area in order to sell it to commercial developers. 15 residents resisted, so the city cited eminent domain and claimed the land.

The Supreme Court's Verdict:

In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the City of New London.

[Full Text of the Supreme Court's Decision in Kelo v. City of New London \(2005\), with Concurrence and Dissents](#)

The Majority Ruling:

- City partnered with private developers
- Used eminent domain to take property
- Developers were to build mixed use
- City was to get higher tax base
- Property now vacant
- Landmark Supreme Court Case (2005)
- Tax Base Evaporated

BALL GROUND RECYCLING



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Cherokee recycling firm files for bankruptcy

By Jeffry Scott
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

5:43 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2012

A Cherokee County recycling company facing eviction by the county filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization Friday, a move that may allow it to stay open for business.

Ball Ground Recycling owes the county, its partner in the plant, about \$1.7 million. The company had been given a 10-day eviction notice to pay the county \$60,000, or vacate the property. The deadline was Tuesday afternoon, said Board of Commissioners Chairman Buzz Ahrens, who hand-delivered the 10-day eviction notice to company owner Jimmy Bobo.

The recycling plant has become a huge controversy in the county in recent weeks as some citizens questioned the commission's decision in 2005 to form a partnership with Bobo.

In 2006, the commission formed the Resource Recovery Development Authority to sell \$18.1 million in bonds to fund moving Bobo's recycling plant from a location on Blalock Road, where neighbors had complained about the noise and pollution from the facility. The plant, which recycles waste wood and converts it to landscaping mulch, employed about 100 people during the county building boom.

When the economy tanked, so did the company's business. That left county taxpayers on the hook for about \$100,000 a month in bond payments to the Bank of New York. The bankruptcy filing lists Resource Recovery Development Authority as the company's single biggest creditor. The company owes RRDA \$1,724,641.88. The next largest debt is \$20,000, owed to an auditing company.

- **County partnered with private business**
- **Issued \$18.1 M Development Authority Bonds**
- **Poor economy caused business to fail**
- **Cherokee taxpayers paying \$100,000/mo.**
- **Private Profits / Public Loss**

Public Private Partnerships

Flowery Words

- Grows Economy
- Increases Jobs
- Benefit of All
- Common Good
- Stakeholders
- Outsource
- Privatization

Get into the WEEDS

- Government sanctioned monopoly (cronyism)?
- Favored corporations agreeing to implement regional policies?
- Power, Profits, & Politics?
- Who Really Benefits?
- Who's Taking The Risk?

“The devil is in the details.”

NO New 1% Sales Tax



Regional Transportation Referendum

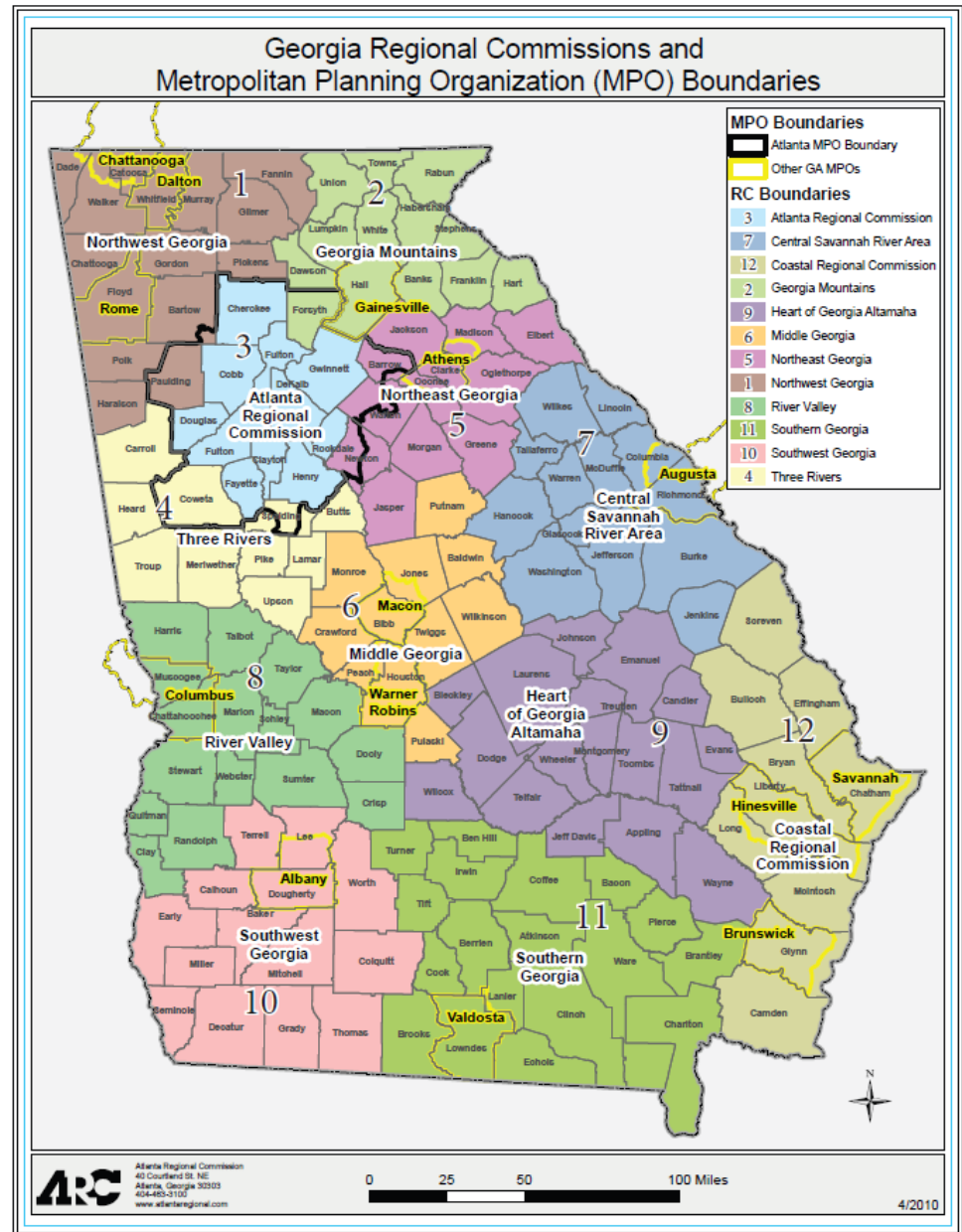
TrafficTruth.net

TSPLOST is dead, right?

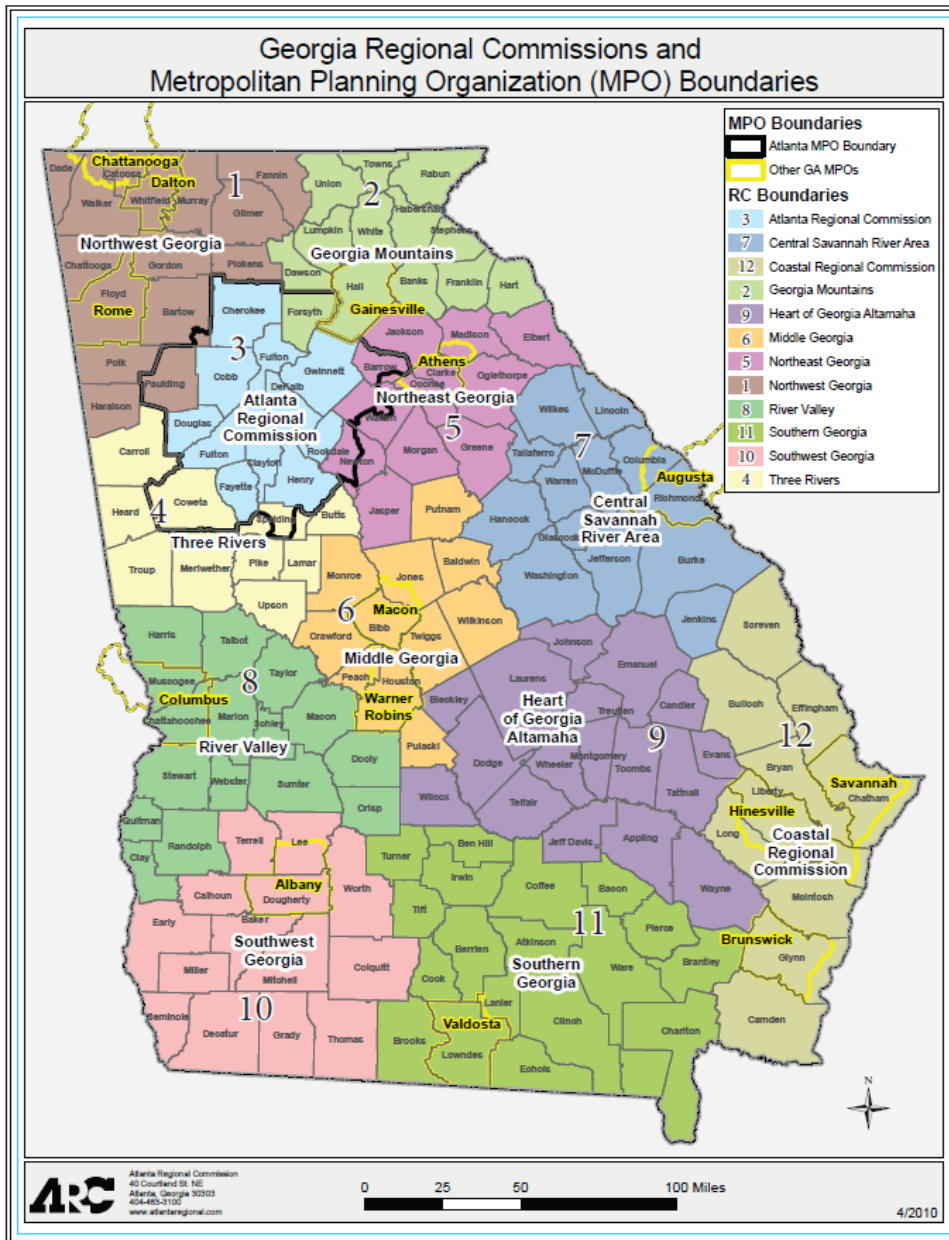
NOT!

HB 1216 of 2008 – Reorganized Department of Community Affairs

- Established Regional Commissions
- 12 Regions
- Requires approval by council of county comprehensive plan
- 1 Commissioner from each county
- 1 Mayor from each county
- 3 Residents appointed by Governor from each region
- 1 Resident appointed Lt. Governor
- 1 Resident appointed by Speaker
- Executive Director appointed by the Council



HB 277 of 2010 - Georgia Transportation Investment Act



- 12 Regions
- Transportation Planning Director appointed by Governor
- Regional Roundtable
- 1 Commissioner from each county
- 1 Mayor from each county self selected
- Executive Committee self selected
- 5 member Citizens Review Panel appointed by Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House

Unequal Representation

- Voters in rural and unincorporated areas get
- Voters in urban and incorporated cities* areas get



1. Balance of power shifted toward urban control.
2. Did you even know that your county commission chair and potentially your mayor serve on these councils?

* All mayors in county decide among themselves who will serve

One Person, One Vote Principle

The principle that all citizens, regardless of where they reside in a state, are entitled to equal legislative representation.

This principle was enunciated by the Supreme Court in REYNOLDS V. SIMS, 377 U.S. 533, 84 S. Ct. 1362, 12 L. Ed. 2d 506 (1964). The Court ruled that a state's [Apportionment](#) plan for seats in both houses of a bicameral state legislature must allocate seats on a population basis so that the voting power of each voter be as equal as possible to that of any other voter.

<http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/One+man,+one+vote>

Equal Protection of the Laws

The **Equal Protection Clause**, part of the [Fourteenth Amendment](#) to the [United States Constitution](#), provides that "no state shall ... deny to any person within its [jurisdiction](#) the equal protection of the [laws](#)."^[1] The Equal Protection Clause can be seen as an attempt to secure the promise of the United States' professed commitment to the proposition that "[all men are created equal](#)"^[2] by empowering the judiciary to enforce that principle against the states.^[3] The Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause applies only to state governments, but the requirement of equal protection has been read to apply to the federal government as a component of Fifth Amendment due process.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Equal_Protection_Clause

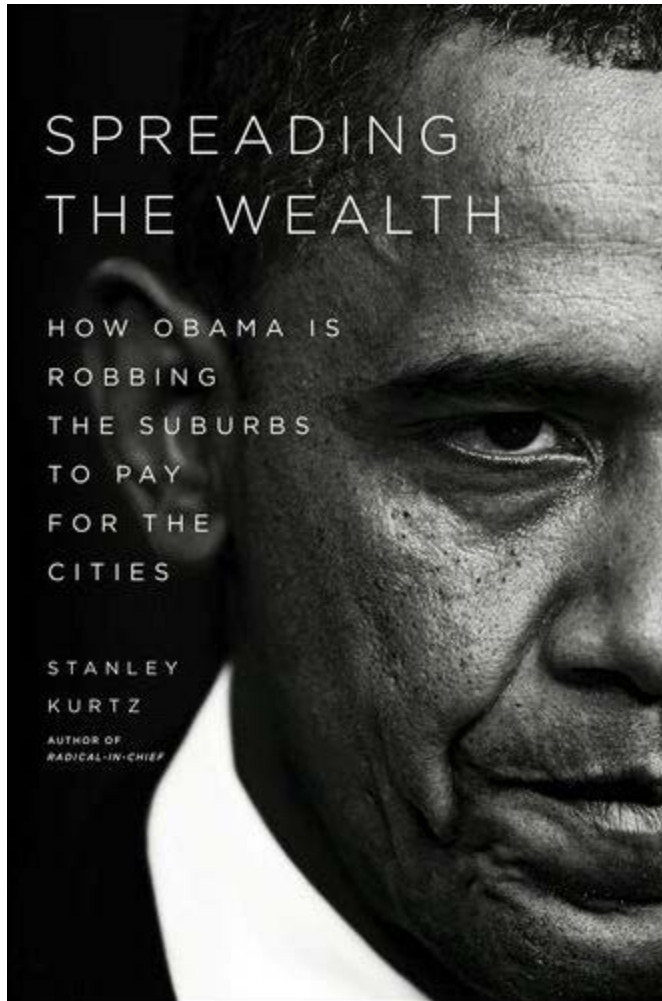
Diminishes “Home Rule” Under Georgia Constitution

- Home rule is just local self-government. The State Constitution of Georgia advocates home rule. The core principle is that local authorities seek a measure of freedom from the state legislature.
- This new era of regional governance and taxation will end the autonomy local counties have possessed to control their own destinies.

Unconstitutional Taxing Authority

- Georgia NOT a referendum state. Referendum only available for amending Constitution.
- Who's the taxing entity, State or County?
 - If State, taxes must be uniform and equal across state and Legislature cannot earmark for transportation.
 - If County, territorial limits of taxation are county borders. Tax dollars collected in one county cannot be spent on projects in another county.
 - If Special Districts, creation of regional government is unconstitutional.
- Rolls back tax reform, reinstitutes sales tax on vehicles.
- Motor fuel and aviation fuels for airlines are exempted.

“Regional Tax Base Sharing”



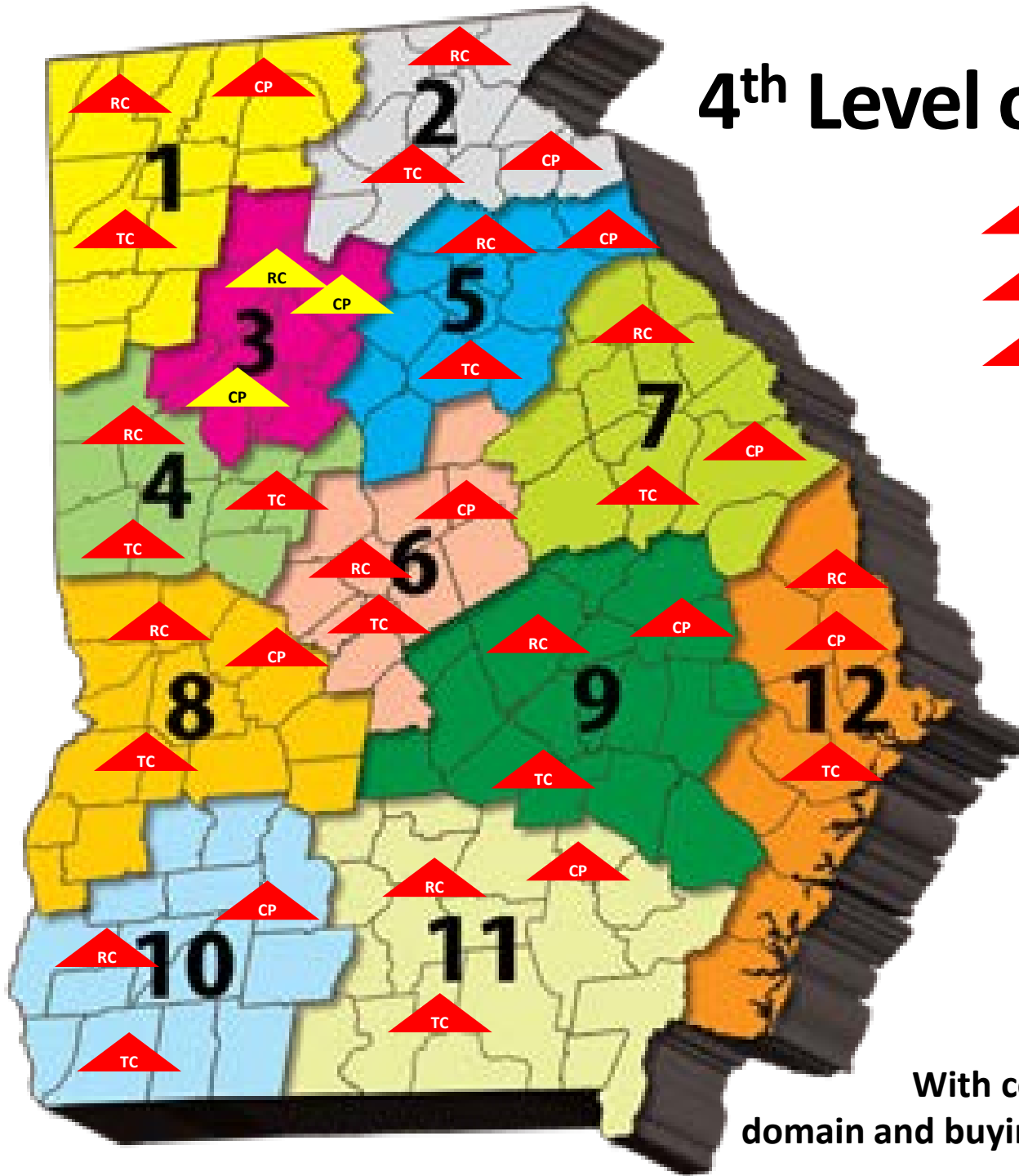
- 2012 Sustainable Communities Initiative. This program sends grant money to develop plans covering housing, land use, transportation and other community services.
- Catch: only granted to regional plans that are managed by regional authorities or governing boards.
- With Regional Transportation funding like the TIA of 2012, problems created by another county will become your county's financial burden.
- AKA – “Regional Equity” or “Social Equity”

Appointed Government

Top Down NOT Bottom Up

- 12 Regional Councils established under H.B. 1216
- 12 Regional Transportation Councils under H.B. 277
- 12 Citizens Review Panels appointed by Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House
- For each council, only 2 members from any one county, so there is no accountability for decisions
- Most voters not aware of this new structure
- Multiple local councils being established by appointment at local government level as well.

4th Level of Government



Regional Council



Transportation Council



Citizens Review Panel

36 New

Councils between State and Local Level

With contract, taxing, hiring, eminent domain and buying/selling real estate authority.

Regional Government = **The New Soviet**

Soviet does not mean U.S.S.R.

What does “**soviet**” mean?

- A soviet is a system of councils that report to an apex council and **implement a predetermined outcome**, affecting a region or neighborhood often arranged through a **process of facilitated consensus**.
- Members of a soviet council are chosen by virtue of their **willingness to comply with that outcome** and their **one-mindedness with the group**
- Soviets are the operating mechanism of a **government-controlled economy**, whether it be socialism or **public/private partnerships**

REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

- **Unequal Representation** (unconstitutional at state and federal levels)
- **Diminishes Local Control i.e. “Home Rule”**
- **Unconstitutional Taxing Authority**
- **4th Level of Government**
- **Appointed Government is new “*soviet*”** (unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats wield power)
- **Increasing levels of authority for executive branch**
- **Dependence on stakeholder councils**
- **Driven by government, not by the people**

A statewide vote on TIA Referendum gives CONSENT to regional governance.

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LIKE KUDZU

- PPP's **compete** with genuine free market solutions.
- PPP's are about **access to** power, profits & politics.
- Regionalism **overtakes** local control.
- **A growing menace, regionalism once established, extinguishes** republican form of government.
- Must **attack root** legislation to get rid of it.

Accidental, Societal Trends or Political Agenda?

SAVING THE REPUBLIC



IT'S UP TO **YOU**

What can you do?

- Watch *Agenda: Grinding America Down*

Free to watch for a limited time <http://vimeo.com/52009124>

- Contact your state representative
- Contact your state senator
- Ask them to Repeal H.B. 277 and H.B. 1216
- Spread the word to family, friends, & neighbors
- Join our efforts and support TLC, visit:



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