

**Poverty**

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required to maximize the State's resources to reduce and potentially eradicate poverty among citizens able and willing to work."

Among the 15 members of the task force the measure is recommending be appointed are three members of the general public, one member recommended by the NC NAACP, and one member recommended by the NC Latino Coalition. Once convened, the bill states, "The task force shall identify long- and short-range goals for eliminating poverty in North Carolina and Develop a coordinated, integrated, ongoing approach among State

agencies, departments, and institutions to reduce poverty in the State by establishing and implementing poverty reduction targets."

Rep. Hanes did not respond to a request for comment, but Rep. Terry did, saying, "Just read the results recently published on the status of poverty in Winston-Salem by the [Poverty] Thought Force. While many witnessed this evolving, others watched and provided pabulum."

Rep. Terry was referring to 56-page final report last February of the 18-member Poverty Thought Force, a task force created by Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines in the fall of 2015 to examine all aspects of poverty in Winston-Salem, and report back with plausible community-based solutions.

When that final report was finally issued, the Thought

Force recommended that the city designate a "poverty czar," what Mayor Joines called "... someone who would be an individual who would live with this every day." That person would be in charge of coordinating the efforts of the various government and nonprofit agencies addressing all levels.

"Evidence-based facts now prove permanent spirals of poverty," Terry added. "There's also a correlation between the two PICs - Poverty Industrial Complex and Prison Industrial Complex."

Republican Forsyth representatives Donny Lambeth, Debra Conrad and Julia Howard did not respond to requests for comments for this story.

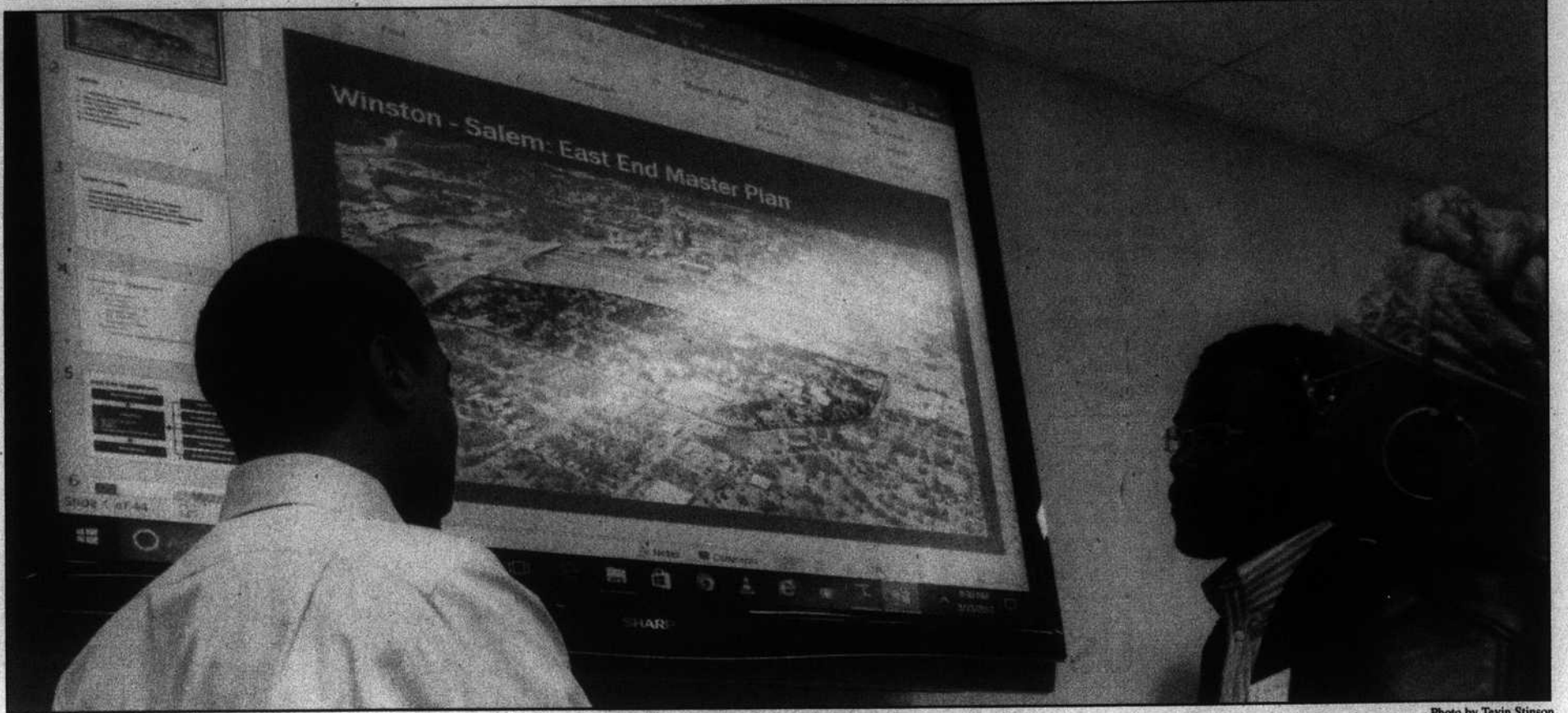


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Council Member Derwin Montgomery, second from right, looks at a master plan of East Winston with residents on Thursday, March 23. Ayers Saint Gross prepared the plan.

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"At the end of the day when you look at any type of development in the community, it needs to come from those who live and reside in the community," Montgomery said.

While Montgomery assured residents that he would never recommend anything to City Council without the approval of the community, several longtime residents questioned what they saw and heard from planners with Ayers Saint Gross.

After looking over a map of what the future of East Winston would look like based on other master plans from Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, Winston-Salem State University, and the possible completion of the Cleveland Avenue Area Plan, which featured new condominiums, multi-use spaces for housing and retail, and other upscale features, several residents said they feared they would be

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pushed out of their own neighborhood.

"When I look at the master plan, I see a lot of people being displaced," said Phillip Carter, who has lived in East Winston for more than 50 years.

"My concern when you come in and build all this stuff is affordability. The people who live in this area now can't afford to live in town homes and condos. We want to see growth in our community but we don't want to be pushed out."

According to Karla Aghajanian with Ayers Saint Gross, their efforts are guided by a steering committee that consists of local nonprofits and others in the community, including Montgomery. She mentioned the company of planners and architects specializes in redeveloping communities that are impacted by institutions of higher education.

"This is a prime area for us," she said. "Our community development work is hallmarked by our stakeholder and resident engagement, and community outreach."

Although the next community forum is not yet scheduled, Aghajanian said they have already planned to make several trips back to the Twin City throughout the summer to meet with residents and others in the community. The official master plan is expected to be unveiled in August.

Following the first community forum held at United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Carter didn't seem convinced that the community would be involved throughout the entire process.

"It seems like we're developing our own doom," Carter said.

**Beatty**

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Whitmore, S.C., by way of Thomasville, went on to receive his law degree from the University of North Carolina in 1974. That same year Beatty entered private practice in Winston-Salem. In 1981, Beatty became a judge of the Superior Court of Forsyth County, where he would serve until his appointment to the U.S. District Court bench by President Bill Clinton in 1994. For more than 20 years, Beatty served on the bench before taking senior status in 2014. Senior status is a form of semi-retirement for United States federal judges. A judge must be at least 65 years old and have served in federal

courts for 15 years to qualify.

At the federal level, Judge Beatty handled more than 2,000 criminal cases and 4,000 civil cases. While looking back on his accomplishments, Beatty said, "My goal over the years as a judge has not been about giving lectures but about doing the job."

"I may not have been the nicest person over the years but it was about getting the job done and upholding the law," Beatty said.

District Judge Thomas Schroeder said during his time as chief magistrate, Judge Beatty led the Middle District, which has jurisdiction over 24 counties and five major cities, including Winston-Salem and Greensboro, through some tough times. He said,

"Even when we our resources were low and our workload was high throughout his service Judge Beatty has always been the embodiment of an impartial and fully independent judiciary."

"I think it's fitting that his portrait be hung in this courtroom and he be honored in this fashion," continued Schroeder. "It will serve as a reminder for all of us who come in this courtroom and to all of us as judges of Judge Beatty's character and his service to this court."

After reading a quote from an article printed in The Chronicle following Judge Beatty's announcement that he would be taking senior status, Chief Judge William Olsteen Jr., who was appointed lead jurist in 2012, said the citi-



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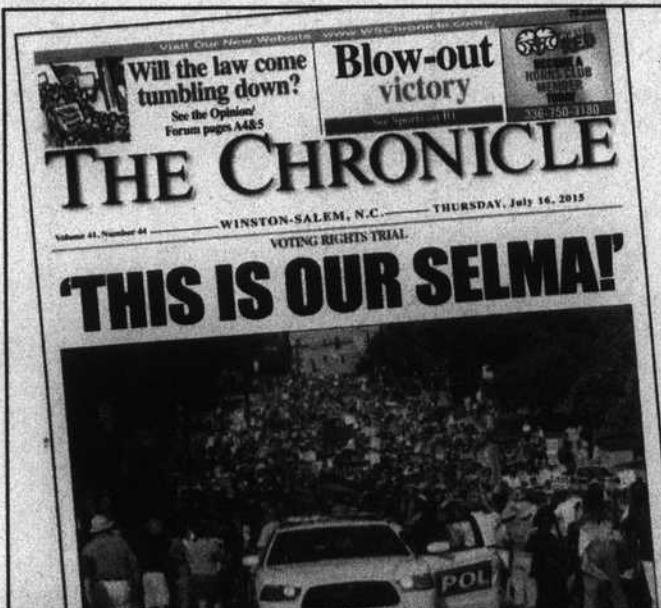
Judge James Beatty and family take a photo next to the portrait unveiled during a special session held by the U.S. District Court of the Middle District of North Carolina last week.

zens of this state and this country have been privileged and blessed to have the service of Judge Beatty.

"Judge Beatty's portrait on the wall of this court-

room will serve as a reminder to all of us, of the high standards you maintained and continue to uphold to this day," Olsteen said. "The portraits that

hang on the wall of this courtroom are of legends, and after today another legend will be added."



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