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**LDF Welcomes Atlanta District Attorney’s Decision to Withdraw from Cases Involving Cop City Protestors, Raises Concern Over Politically Motivated Nature of Protestor Arrests**

Today, Dekalb County District Attorney Shelby Boston announced that her office is withdrawing from all cases involving protestors who were recently arrested for opposing the Atlanta Training Center widely known as Cop City. These cases now fall under the sole purview of the Georgia Attorney General’s office.

In response to this development, Legal Defense Fund (LDF) Associate Director-Counsel Tona Boyd issued the following statement:

“Today’s decision by Dekalb County DA Sherry Boston to withdraw from prosecuting all cases involving protestors is a welcome development. It also deepens our serious concern about whether these arrests have been motivated by something other than an impartial and objective evaluation of the evidence or a just exercise of prosecutorial discretion. We renew our call for a Department of Justice investigation into the conduct of all officials involved in the arrests and apparent targeting of individuals who oppose Cop City, and those who otherwise support protestors exercising their First Amendment Rights.”

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