

For the past two years, Atlantans have struggled against the construction of Cop City, a police training facility in the Weelaunee forest on stolen Muscogee land. This forest is surrounded by black communities who are opposed to the project. Its construction is gravely dangerous for the people of Atlanta: it includes a mock city to practice murdering civilians, shooting ranges, and a black hawk helicopter launching pad, a military-grade ordinance that has no place inside of this city.

During this time students from across Atlanta have joined the movement to Stop Cop City and defend the Atlanta forest, on our own campuses, with each other on different campuses, and with fellow Atlanta community members. During this struggle we have realized that Cop City is not merely a facility site but the actual city of Atlanta itself. As such we recognize that Stop Cop City requires not only the prevention of the construction of the Cop City facility but also a radical change in the city of Atlanta itself; we cannot simply dismantle the systems of oppression which exist in our city but must also replace those systems with ones that support the people of Atlanta.

As Emory students we recognize that our university is deeply implicated in the systemic oppression ever present in our city, from Cop City to gentrification, to supporting the Apartheid state of Israel, Emory is deeply problematized by the same issues that the city of Atlanta is. As such we realize that what we must work toward at this institution is not simply the ending of bad policies but radical change which benefits Atlanta and, crucially, Emory community members. For this reason, we have the following demands.

We demand that Emory University and all its affiliates:

- 1) Release a statement in opposition to Cop City as well as apologize for calling cops on students.
- 2) Complete transparency on the Endowment, Board of Trustees, external partnerships, Emory's long-term goals, the budget for the Emory Police Department, and all connections with the Cop City project.
- 3) Completely divest & disassociate from the Prison and Military Industrial Complex, including Cop City and the GILEE program.
- 4) Remove Ilya Nemenman as the head of Open Expression.
- 5) Cease all repression of students including ESJP and Emory Stop Cop City. Also, commit to no more repression of students, faculty, or staff.
- 6) Implement the Climate action plan presented by the OSI/Climate coalition with accountability, delegating each task to specific offices, with urgency, by setting clear deadlines for each initiative, and funding, by including an employee dedicated to securing the funds for stated initiatives.

- 7) Financially support Black-led and Muscogee Creek-led efforts for historical and cultural preservation within the Atlanta Forest. Put the Land Acknowledgement and History Statement into action.
- 8) Greg Fenves should immediately resign from his position on the Atlanta Committee for Progress and any other groups affiliated with the Cop City Project, Emory should permanently remove itself from involvement with ACP.
- 9) All board of trustee members in any way affiliated with Cop City must step down.
- 10) Issue a statement in support of justice in Palestine, Palestinians, and Palestinian students.
- 11) Protect students from being doxxed, separate entirely from any zionists and anyone doxxing or threatening Palestinians and Palestinian students. Emory should break connections with donors and alumni who have threatened the safety of students on Emory's campus.
- 12) Police-free campuses, once and for all.

The stark truth is that Cop City's construction spells a sinister narrative of heightened danger for Atlanta's Black population. Behind the walls of Cop City, the deadly potential for violence against Black citizens is a haunting reality.

Emory University has blood on its hands. These demands offer an opportunity for Emory to rebuild its legacy. We the students of Stop Cop City will not stand silent in the face of this institution's complicity and active role in violence.