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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Ginny Looney

**From:** Nasceas Timms

**Re:** 2008 Financial Disclosure Report

**Date:** March 20, 2008

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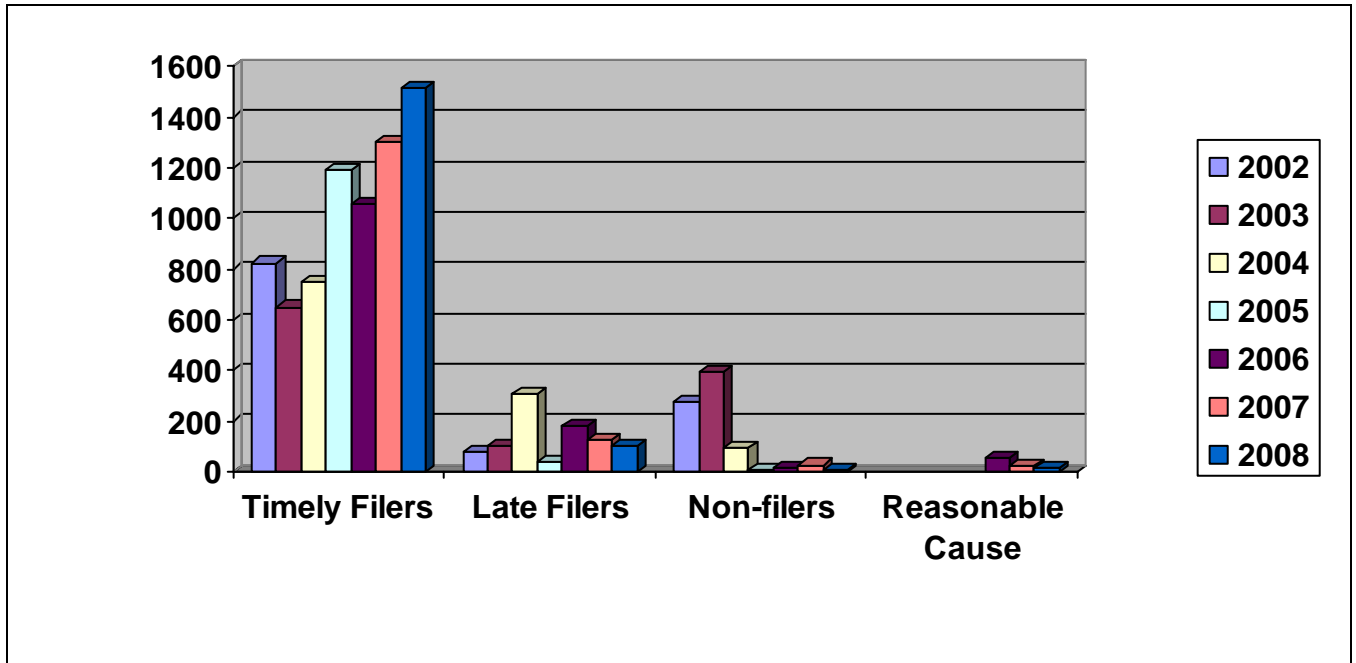
The City of Atlanta completed its 2008 Financial Disclosure Statement filing season with a total of 1,646 required filers in which 1514 persons filed timely, 104 persons filed late, and 10 individuals did not file.

### Comparison of Filing Rates by Category of Filer

Category of Filer	Employees	Board Members	Total	Total Percent
<b>Timely Filers</b>	<b>1185 (72%)</b>	<b>329 (20%)</b>	<b>1514</b>	<b>92.0</b>
<b>Late Filers</b>	<b>62 (3.7%)</b>	<b>42 (2.6%)</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>6.3</b>
<b>Nonfilers</b>	<b>9 (0.5%)</b>	<b>1 (0.1%)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>.6</b>
<b>Filers with Reasonable Cause</b>	<b>7 (.4%)</b>	<b>11 (.67%)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1263 (77%)</b>	<b>383 (23%)</b>	<b>1646</b>	<b>100.0</b>

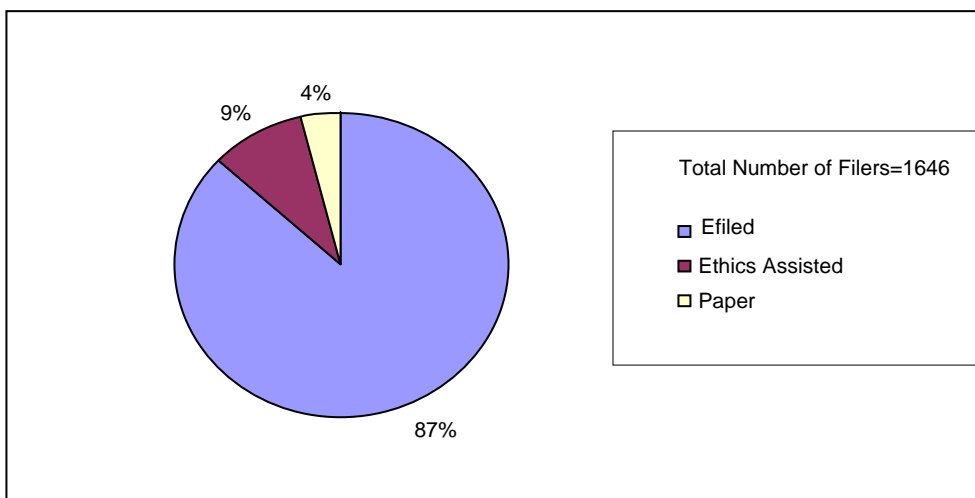
Over the past six years the City has continued to make progress in its financial disclosure filing record. In 2002, the overall filing rate was 77%, compared to this year's rate of 98%. In 2004, the percentage of timely filers was 62%, with more than 400 persons missing the filing deadline, compared to 92% timely filers this year. This year the City reached its best filing record of 98% by surpassing its prior year record of 96%.

### Comparison of Disclosure Filings, 2002 – 2008



The electronic filing program has been successful with online filing increasing steadily over the past four years. In 2005, when electronic filing was voluntary, 437 persons or 35% filed online. In 2006, when current city employees were required to file electronically, 1074 persons or 82% filed online. In 2007, when electronic filing was mandatory, 1,378 persons or 95% filed online. In 2008, 1567 persons or 96% filed online. This online filing figure includes 151 persons whom the Ethics Office assisted with e-filing.

### Electronic Disclosure



## **Recommendations**

Recommendations on improvements to the system include:

1. Prepopulate next year's forms with current year answers so that filers can simply update their statements, if necessary.
2. Continue to use email address as the userID; however, allow filers to create their own password.
3. In an attempt to decrease the number of calls and emails requiring assistance, make the website more user friendly by offering more self-help options online.

## **Conclusion**

The city's financial disclosure filing record continues to improve. This year proved to be one of the best filing seasons to date, with an increased number of required filers, a higher percentage of timely filers, and a lower number of nonfilers.