



DeKalb County Government

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Agenda Item

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File Status:

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners - District 6

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Of The DeKalb County Board Of Commissioners Concerning Public Safety, The Protection Of Civil Rights, And The Immediate Withdrawal Of Tactical Federal Immigration Enforcement Teams From DeKalb County.

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PURPOSE:

A Resolution Of The DeKalb County Board Of Commissioners Concerning Public Safety, The Protection Of Civil Rights, And The Immediate Withdrawal Of Tactical Federal Immigration Enforcement Teams From DeKalb County.

NEED/IMPACT:

The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners is the legislative and policy-making body of DeKalb County, charged with protecting the safety and welfare of its residents. This item formally condemns the fatal shootings of Renee Nicole Good and Alex Jeffrey Pretti and rejects the premise that militarized "surges" into residential areas lead to a safer community. This agenda item issues a formal demand to the Department of Homeland Security and ICE to immediately cease all tactical enforcement operations within DeKalb County residential areas and declares that these federal units are no longer welcome in our community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Unknown at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the resolution and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to execute all necessary documents....

A RESOLUTION OF THE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY, THE PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS, AND THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF TACTICAL FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT TEAMS FROM DEKALB COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners is the legislative and policy-making body of DeKalb County, charged with protecting the safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, since this body first considered this measure, a second tragic and fatal shooting by federal "Operation Metro Surge" agents occurred on January 24, 2026, resulting in the death of Alex Jeffrey Pretti, a 37-year-old ICU nurse and veteran-care advocate; and

WHEREAS, federal officials characterized Mr. Pretti as a dangerous "gunman" to justify the use of lethal force, yet it has been established that Mr. Pretti was a legal concealed carry permit holder acting within the full scope of the law; and

WHEREAS, multiple bystander videos confirm that at the moment of his death, Mr. Pretti was not brandishing a weapon, but was instead holding a cellphone to document the agents' actions—a constitutionally protected act that resulted in agents firing ten rounds in five seconds; and

WHEREAS, this pattern of federal distortion—criminalizing the legal behavior of citizens like Mr. Pretti and Renee Nicole Good (who was killed just twenty-two minutes after a routine school drop-off)—demonstrates that these "wide-net" tactical surges are a direct threat to the lives of all residents; and

WHEREAS, these surges are occurring as Georgia becomes a national hub for mass detention, with the Folkston ICE Processing Center expanding to become the largest such facility in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment and the Anti-Commandeering Doctrine protect DeKalb County's right to manage its own public safety environment and prevent our residential neighborhoods from being turned into tactical zones.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia:

SECTION 1. The Board of Commissioners formally condemns the fatal shootings of Renee Nicole Good and Alex Jeffrey Pretti and rejects the premise that militarized "surges" into residential areas lead to a safer community.

SECTION 2. The Board declares that "Operation Metro Surge" tactical teams are unwanted, unnecessary, and a threat to the public peace in DeKalb County.

SECTION 3. This Board issues a formal demand to the Department of Homeland Security and ICE to immediately cease all tactical enforcement operations within DeKalb County residential areas and declares that these federal units are no longer welcome in our community.

SECTION 4. The Board calls upon all residents to respond to this escalation by organizing and exercising their fundamental right to vote in this critical election year.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2026.

CHAKIRA JOHNSON
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

LORRAINE COCHRAN JOHNSON
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

TERRY G. PHILLIPS

Interim County Attorney

DeKalb County, Georgia