



DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Agenda Item

File ID: FileID *2019-4784* Walk-On Item 12/10/2019

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Districts

To add an item to the agenda

Information Contact: Commissioner Jeff Rader

Phone Number: 404-371-2863

PURPOSE:

To add an item to the agenda.

NEED/IMPACT:

Commissioner Rader seeks to add an item to the agenda.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the addition of an item to the agenda.



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File ID: 2019-XXXX *2019-4785* Walk-On Item 12/10/2019

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners - District 2

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): District 2

Resolution of the DeKalb County, Georgia Governing Authority Consenting to Continued Initial Resettlement of Refugees in DeKalb County

Information Contact: Jeff Rader, Commissioner District 2

Phone Number: 404-371-2863

PURPOSE:

To approve the Resolution of the DeKalb County, Georgia Governing Authority Consenting to Continued Initial Resettlement of Refugees in DeKalb County.

NEED/IMPACT:

The Federal Administration has stipulated that refugee resettlement jurisdictions must affirm their willingness to accept displaced persons before December 24, 2019 in order to continue resettlements. At the request of the community serving this population and in accordance with Federal Executive Order 13888 "*On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement*," the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County consent to the initial resettlement of refugees in DeKalb.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA GOVERNING
AUTHORITY CONSENTING TO CONTINUED INITIAL
RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN DEKALB COUNTY**

WHEREAS, DeKalb County has welcomed refugees facing religious, ethnic and political persecution for many years; and,

WHEREAS, the world is currently facing the worst refugee crisis in human history; and,

WHEREAS, by definition, refugees are individuals who have been forced to flee their home country due to persecution based on their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or social group; and,

WHEREAS, resettlement is the last resort for refugees who cannot return to their home country and cannot rebuild their lives where they first fled; and,

WHEREAS, the United States government operates the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and mandates extensive refugee vetting for every refugee resettled to the United States; and,

WHEREAS, DeKalb is currently the home of resettled refugees who may be joined by family members from whom they have been separated; and,

WHEREAS, community members, families, local organizations and faith-based institutions have supported the arrival and integration of refugee families for several years; and,

WHEREAS, refugees have a significant net positive effect on the local economy; and

WHEREAS, local employers hire refugee employees to help grow their businesses; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County includes unincorporated areas as well as Clarkston, Decatur, Stone Mountain, Tucker, Brookhaven, Chamblee, Doraville, Lithonia, Avondale Estates, Dunwoody, Stonecrest, Pine Lake, as well as parts of the city of Atlanta.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, that with regards to Federal Executive Order 13888 "*On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement*," the Chief Executive Officer and Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, consents to the initial resettlement of refugees in DeKalb and shall expressly confirm so in writing to the US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration upon passing of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive Officer and Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, urge the Governor of Georgia to consent to initial refugee resettlement per the terms of Executive Order 13888.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be transmitted to U.S. Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this _____ day of _____, 2019.

JEFF RADER
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2019.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC, CMC
Clerk to the
Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES
County Attorney