

DeKalb County Government

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1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030*



Summary

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1

Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 5

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2

Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

Administration: Michael Thurmond, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Matthew Welch, Deputy County Attorney

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw- District 4

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw- District 4

B. PRESENTATIONS

ACCG 2022 Legislative Service Award – State Representative Mary Margaret Oliver

Honoring DeKalb County Sanitation Employees

COVID-19 Response

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice county-related requests, concerns or opinions during the Commission meeting. Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting. Each speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards turned in to the clerk from the time the general meeting is convened (generally 9 A.M.) and by the beginning of public comment portion generally following presentations on the agenda. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior to the clerk's call for public comment, speakers who are residents of DeKalb County shall be allowed to speak before residents of other counties are allowed to speak. Once the public comment portion of the meeting begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted. Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes each and public comment shall not exceed 30 minutes in length. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to yield the podium. Those who submitted speaker cards but did not speak because of the time allotment will be allowed to speak first at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting without regard to residence. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, full address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

Public Comment Emails- October 11, 2022

1. Heidi Glick, 2753 Zoar Ave Decatur, GA 30030- To Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, I am writing to urge you to oppose the transfer of Lanier Gardens and the accompanying greenspace along Arcadia Ave. from Dekalb County to Avondale Estates. I live next to this greenspace in Decatur Terrace. We use this park for dog walking and enjoy it as a buffer from the traffic at Sam's Crossing. Decatur Terrace lies between the City of Decatur and the City of Avondale Estates. We were once known as 'no man's land' however we are a close-knit neighborhood. We are unincorporated but we know that annexation may come up again in the future because we are such a narrow strip of land between the two cities. We urge you to oppose the transfer of Lanier Gardens and the two additional parcels of greenspace along Arcadia Ave. because it would limit our future annexation options. Decatur Terrace only learned about the park transfer agreement on 10/4 when we read about it in Decaturish. We are disappointed that Avondale and Dekalb have not included Decatur Terrace in the planning for this park to understand what this new city boundary would mean for our neighborhood. Please take this into account as you consider your vote on this agreement. Thank you,

2. Gracia Zabinski, 1853 Audubon Drive Atlanta , Ga 30329- We are residents on Audubon Drive for over 35 plus years and very concerned and opposed to the PATH use in the neighborhood. Project BOCC 2022-2081. The following are concerns and will impact our street with families with children , elderly, pets owners ,all residents are; Safety Security Sanitation Traffic Pollution Thank you

3. Ashlie Shepard, 1892 Audubon Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30329- We strongly object to any approval of funding related to BOC 2022-2281. As residents on Audubon Drive NE, we have not been adequately involved or updated on the construction plans of the PATH and the direct impact to our dead-end street. On June 8, 2022, we provided a signed petition of Audubon Drive NE residents, where 21 homes of the 25 total homes on the dead-end street (84%) opposed BOC 2022-1153, stating we believe other adequate alternatives should be considered. All Dekalb County Commissioners and the PATH were in receipt of this signed petition and no response was received addressing any of our stated concerns. We do not desire nor need Audubon Drive NE to be part of Dekalb County and the PATH's plan, especially when we have yet to receive any response to our concerns and there has been absolutely no engagement with our impacted residents. Dekalb County has an obligation to the community. We deserve a seat at the table to discuss and debate all options and we most certainly deserve to be involved to provide input on the decisions that directly impact us and our homes. We believe the project would negatively impact the sense of community we currently share on our street and it would significantly impact the current calm on our dead-end street (no-through traffic). Not to mention, there are plenty of safety and security concerns. Please note our complete opposition to BOC 2022-2281. Thank you for your consideration.

4. Lee Howard, 1887 Audubon Drive. NE Atlanta Ga 30329- I'm writing to oppose BOC2022-2281, Segment #2 Briarcliff Connector, for the following reasons: • The 28 property owners on Audubon have never been included in planning with PATH or DeKalb County. • In September the DBOC voted to approve the trails master plan, again without input from the Briarcliff Heights homeowners, and without any Commissioner making a public comment. There were however several public comments supporting the legislation, some without listing their address as required by the commission. Who are these people, where do they live and what do they have to gain from this project? • The commission has moved very quickly, again without public input to allocate over \$1M to fund construction and property acquisition. Why the hurry? • This rush to approve the project with no input from the affected homeowners has created more questions than answers. I request that

this matter be tabled until February 2023 or until the newly elected Commission has been sworn into office. This will allow the commissioners that will represent DeKalb going forward to hear from their constituents, and make better informed decisions. This will also remove any doubt that lame duck, outgoing commissioners are having undue influence on projects that those that they represent do not want and will be adverse effected by their implementation. • Audubon Drive is a very steep, hilly street. It doesn't lend itself to pedestrian or bicycle traffic. Our residents include families with newborn and young children and retirees. We do not need cyclists speeding up and down our street. • PATH has stated that Segment #2 is part of a larger project to connect neighborhoods to CHOA. Why? If anyone needs to take someone to the hospital or to visit a patient, they wouldn't ride a bicycle or walk they would simply drive a car from Audubon Drive, Beacon Hill, Belle Isle or Knob Hill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

5. Anders Olsson & Valerie Smith, 1907 Audubon Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30329- Thank you for taking the time to read our comment. We would like to state our opposition to BOC 2022-2281 for the following reasons: • As residents of Audubon Dr NE, there has been no communication from the Board of Commissioners, PATH, or any other institution regarding the installation of the new PATH project. Additionally, inquiries submitted by my neighbors were not returned. The rapid pace of advancing this project indicates that those responsible are not interested in the concerns or desires of the local residences. • PATH stated that there would be two public meetings on the development of the project. To our knowledge, only one was held. At this meeting, the residents of Audubon Drive were told that our street was not included in that meeting by multiple PATH, KAIZEN Collaborative, and County Commissioners present during the meeting. • Audubon Dr NE would see no benefit from the PATH project. In fact, one could argue that this project could result in more risk than benefit, as those planning the project did not coordinate with residents to hear their concerns, with the primary concern being the safety of crossing a state route (Clairmont Rd). Involving the residents in more decisions is an obligation of Dekalb county and may result in a resolution that saves the county time and taxpayer dollars while still meeting the goals of the PATH project. Again, we appreciate your time and consideration.

6. Caren Feingold, 1657 Bridgeport Drive NE Atlanta, GA 30329- Dear Board of Commissioners, I am an avid walker and user of Path Foundation paths. Imagine my surprise when I learned that there is a proposed path through my own Briarcliff Heights neighborhood and, that if it hadn't been for a couple of neighbors, I would have had no idea of the existence of this proposal. This is disappointing and alarming. Where is the transparency? Where is the community buy-in? In this time of distrust in our governmental bodies, what a missed opportunity! It makes no sense to provide an amenity that benefits the end-users but disregards the impact on those who are closest to the path. I respectfully request that you pause further movement on this proposed path until you create a robust vehicle for neighborhood education and true neighborhood input.

7. Barbara Emmanuel, 776 Hillmont Avenue Decatur, GA 30030- To esteemed members of Dekalb Commission: I am writing to ask that any decision on granting the land called Lanier Gardens to City of Avondale Estates be postponed until the residents of Decatur Terrace have had a chance to publicly voice our concerns. This opportunity has not yet been given, and although our neighborhood is adjacent to Lanier Gardens, we were not made aware of this proposal until an article was written fir Decaturish. One primary concern is if our neighborhood is completely bounded along Arcadia Avenue by Avondale, it will severely limit our future opportunities regarding annexation. We are happily unincorporated at this time, but should we be required in the future to be annexed, we would like to have the option of City of Decatur or City of Avondale

Estates. My understanding is that if there is no contiguous connection in the future to City of Decatur, our only option would be Avondale Estates. We are also concerned that this land transfer puts us one step closer to being an island, which I understand is not allowed by state law. Third, we are dismayed that our opinions were not sought out in any way in this process, which is similar to past dealings with Avondale Estates. This is very concerning as our neighborhood will bear the impact of this transfer. Thank you for considering delaying this decision. Sincerely,

8. Michael M Beeson, 1844 Audubon Dr NE Atlanta GA 30329- Sirs, Thank you for your time. I want to express that I am NOT in favor of BOC 2022-2281. Additionally, I have found the lines of communication challenging and have not felt included. I would love to know the details of the PATH construction as well as notice of public meetings. I have resided on Audubon Drive NE for twenty eight years. My decision to purchase this home was strongly influenced by the quiet of our little street with resident only traffic. Again thank you for your time and consideration. Commissioners - We are Ann Kathryn Hudson and Suzanne E. Phillips, owners of 1715 Beacon Blvd since 1988. And yes, we are senior citizens. And, taxpaying residents of DeKalb County for over 40 years! We are opposed to BOC 2022-2281. First, thank you for allowing us to comment at this meeting regarding funding for the South Fork Peachtree Creek Trail. We are against this project and the funding for it. We ask that you listen to neighborhood input from Briarcliff Heights and those on Audubon Drive. At the March 10, 2022 planning meeting we were told you would not put a PATH where people did not want it. We and our neighbors on Audubon and in Briarcliff Heights do not want it. Audubon Drive is dangerous for pedestrians because the sun blinds drivers on this east/west street. Crossing Clairmont at Audubon is so dangerous the DOT is planning right turn only ingress and egress. If it's not safe for cars, it's certainly not safe for pedestrians or bikers. Ask those who live here! It would be better to run the PATH along Briarcliff Road. It would connect to the new development going on at the Briarcliff/Clairmont intersection. You could easily bike or walk to the Post Office, restaurants etc. It could run from Cliff Valley to Fisher Trail, making the same connection but not going where it is not wanted. Those who live in Briarcliff Heights can easily get to Briarcliff. In the 1/3/22 PATH Agreement with DeKalb County we were mentioned by name as owners of property needed for this project. It also states at the very beginning that DeKalb County will be responsible for "Coordination with property owners for permission to access the project's corridor for surveying, environmental delineations, and all design/engineering site walks." And yet, surveyors trespassed on our property a number of times. They damaged our fence when they crossed over it to tag trees on our property. Not only was there no permission, but also no notification and no explanation! We have a constitutional right and DeKalb County has a specific contractual obligation to co-ordinate with us for access to our private property for this project. We were identified as owners in January and yet our first notice was a rather vague notice about attaching our driveway to a new sidewalk in October. Why not an attachment explaining the grand plan for building a PATH through our property?? We want to be good citizens. We want to be informed citizens. We want input when our neighborhood is being affected. We expect our county government and our commissioners to be pro-active in advising individuals and neighborhoods about plans that specifically involve them. Signs, letters, meetings. We are against the part of the project that cuts through Briarcliff Heights. We do not consent to a taking of our property or conceding any of our rights as property owners in DeKalb County. We ask you to not fund this project. Thank you for this opportunity to comment, we wish we had known about it earlier in the process.

9. Joan Karpeles, 1659 Belle Isle Circle Atlanta GA 30329- To the Board of Commissioners: This email is

being sent to you in regards to the funding for Segment #2 of the South Peachtree Creek Trail Expansion. We respectfully request that you not approve the funding because the neighborhood, specifically Beacon Hill and Belle Isle Circle residents, have received no detailed information about this expansion. We were never notified of prior meetings and all information to date has been provided by word of mouth. I personally sent an email and left a couple of voicemails to the PATH Foundation requesting information but never received a response. The South Peachtree Creek Trail, Northern Study Area prepared by PATH Foundation dated August 30, 2022, suggests that there was community engagement and concerns were addressed, however, many neighbors in the Briarcliff Heights area were not notified of these community meetings. The only concerns noted in the study for the Briarcliff Heights neighborhood was that "some property owners on Audubon Drive were opposed for the cul-de-sac becoming a main bike/ped route." Many of the property owners I talked with on Beacon Hill and Belle Isle Circle were also opposed to our streets becoming a main bike/ped route. My hope is that the Commissioners vote not to approve the funding unless and until there is more community engagement and our concerns are addressed. Respectfully,

10. Robin Reese, 1908 Audubon Dr NE Atlanta, GA 30329- To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to express my opposition to BOC 2022-2281. The residents of Audubon Drive have not been allowed the opportunity to be adequately involved in how the PATH will be constructed on our street. Further, we have not been informed of the impact we can expect from increased foot traffic through our dead-end street or how PATH construction has impacted other communities. Our inquiries for further information have not been returned. PATH's SOW stated 2 public meetings would be held on this, and only 1 was held. We were told at the first of the 2 public meetings that Audubon Drive was not included in that meeting by multiple PATH, KAIZEN Collaborative, and current County Commissioners present at that meeting. We have minimal traffic on our dead-end street and would see no benefit from the project. As a result, we believe DeKalb has an obligation to minimize the impact of this alignment on our community and involve us more in decisions. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,

11. Uri Wurtzel, 2753 Zoar Ave- Hello, As a resident of the Decatur Terrace neighborhood, I am concerned that Avondale Estates is encircling our small but tight-knit community and therefore eliminating future options for inclusion in other municipalities. And nobody informed us of this effort, or asked for our opinion or concerns. It feels like a hostile takeover, not a neighborly proposal. I think this move needs to be rejected, or at the least shelved until its consequences for all affected can be hashed out. Thanks for your consideration,

12. Marina P. Costarides, 1837 Audubon Drive, NE Atlanta, GA 30329- Please be advised that I am strongly OPPOSED to BOC 2022-2281. I do not feel that we have been adequately included and involved in plans with the PATH for Audubon Drive. At a meeting in May, we were told that members of the PATH came to Audubon and knocked on our doors to discuss plans. None of us recall such an occurrence. It would have been more helpful if we received a letter from PATH and Dekalb County Commissioners regarding plans on the PATH for Audubon Drive, giving us time to comment. We that reside on Audubon Drive, have chosen to live in our neighborhood as it is on a dead end street and allows for minimal traffic. We see no benefit in having a PATH in our neighborhood and in our "front yards". I have walked the Beltline, The PATH at Murphy Candler Park in Dunwoody and the PATH at Mason Woods Park. I did not see any PATHs in peoples' front yards. Being a tax payer in a "residential" area, on a dead end street, should be reason enough to honor our concerns. We expect our Dekalb County Commissioners to vote on what their constituents need. Our major

concerns are: Safety: A very large number of individuals will be coming down the PATH in our peaceful neighborhood, roller skating, on scooters and skate boards, bicycling, walking and running. When backing out of our driveways, we would hope especially those on bikes, roller skates or on skate boards would have ample time to stop; otherwise, there could be some MAJOR accidents. If individuals with undesirable motives choose to walk down our street, the PATH would encourage vandalism on our properties. Property Value: Our property value decreasing is another huge concern. Aesthetically, the PATH would not be appealing in our front yards. Many potential buyers may not want a PATH in front of their homes. For many of us, our homes are our largest investment. We have voted on our DeKalb County Commissioners to act on our behalf and strongly feel that they should do so. We were not adequately consulted and feel that we need to be heard. Please seriously consider re routing the PATH, so that it will NOT be on Audubon Drive in our front yards. Your time, support and attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

13. Joan Karpeles, 1659 Belle Isle Circle, Atlanta 30329- To the Board of Commissioners: This email is being sent to you in regards to the funding for Segment #2 of the South Peachtree Creek Trail Expansion. We respectfully request that you not approve the funding because the neighborhood, specifically Beacon Hill and Belle Isle Circle residents, have received no detailed information about this expansion. We were never notified of prior meetings and all information to date has been provided by word of mouth. I personally sent an email and left a couple of voicemails to the PATH Foundation requesting information but never received a response. The South Peachtree Creek Trail, Northern Study Area prepared by PATH Foundation dated August 30, 2022, suggests that there was community engagement and concerns were addressed, however, many neighbors in the Briarcliff Heights area were not notified of these community meetings. The only concerns noted in the study for the Briarcliff Heights neighborhood was that "some property owners on Audubon Drive were opposed for the cul-de-sac becoming a main bike/ped route." Many of the property owners I talked with on Beacon Hill and Belle Isle Circle were also opposed to our streets becoming a main bike/ped route. My name is Joan Karpeles and I live at 1659 Belle Isle Circle, Atlanta 30329 and it is my hope that the Commissioners vote not to approve the funding unless and until there is more community engagement and our concerns are addressed. Respectfully,

14. Margaret and Zdzislaw (Jacob) Zabinski, 1863 Audubon Dr. Atlanta Ga 30329- As residents of Audubon drive since 1976, we strongly oppose PATH project BOC 2022-2281. - We have not been adequately involved in how the PATH will be constructed on our street and our inquiries for further information were not returned. - PATH's SOW stated 2 public meetings would be held on this, and only 1 was held. We were told at the first of the 2 public meetings that Audubon Drive was not included in that meeting by multiple PATH, KAIZEN Collaborative, and current County Commissioners present at that meeting. - We have minimal traffic on our dead-end street and would see no benefit from the project. As a result, we believe DeKalb has an obligation to minimize the impact of this alignment on our community and involve us more in decisions. -Steep hill on Audubon is going to cause a lot of incidents between residents and PATH users-skateboarders, bike riders, etc. Thank you for your time and consideration.

15. Tom Minko, 1836 Audubon Dr. NE Atlanta, GA 30329- Reading through tons of documentation from many different places, it appears that DeKalb Commissioners have partnered with corporatizations and Sagamore Hills residents rather than supporting all constituent. There appears to already be an end goal and the Path Foundation is twisting everything, purposely not communicating or requesting input from streets they know

will not be in favor of the Greenway and Segment #2 Briarcliff Heights Connector. I think the DeKalb Commissioners are not receiving all the information. If the DeKalb Commissioner want to see how residents of the impacted streets feel and think they should go take a look on NextDoor, that will provide them with an unbiased opinion and a good mix of people. If DeKalb Commissioners truly support all resident's surrounding the purposed Segment 2 Briarcliff Heights Connector, they will vote NO to BOC 2022-2143. Thank you in advance for voting NO to BOC 2022-2143

16. Brad Parker, 1892 Audubon Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30329- We strongly oppose BOC 2022-2281. We live on Audubon Drive NE where multiple residents have reached out on multiple occasions to Dekalb County Commissioners and PATH with our many concerns with the set forth plans that will substantially and negatively impact our street. As a street, we also signed a petition that was provided to our Commissioners and PATH and it's beyond unfortunate we have received no response. We attended public meetings on March 10, 2022 and May 11, 2022, where we were given conflicting information about the plans for Audubon Drive NE. We were told Audubon Drive NE was not included in the study by current County Commissioners present at the meetings. We submitted our questions, concerns and responses to the Dekalb County Peachtree Creek Trail study survey and once again received no follow-up or response. We have diligently continued to check Legistar due to the lack of response from our Commissioners and came across the shockingly approved 139 page document "detailing the plans" of Dekalb County and PATH. While there is a lengthy approved document, a lack of true detail and transparency exists specifically within Segment 2. The true impact and construction plans for Audubon Drive NE are not clear and we have not been adequately involved with how the path will be constructed on our street. Our currently seated Commissioners appear to be deviously shoving this project through behind closed doors with no regard for their elected responsibility to communicate, serve and act upon the community's wishes. Please note our complete opposition to BOC 2022-2281. Thank you for your time and consideration.

17. Alex & Andrea Kennedy, 1915 Audubon Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30329- Commissioners, thank you for your consideration in this matter. Audubon Drive NE is a special street. It is a quiet and close knit dead-end street where all of the neighbors know and watchout for each other. Audubon is a very diverse and serene street; the perfect place where my wife and I want to raise our newborn son. We have zero pedestrian and minimal vehicular traffic making it a safe place for children to play in the front yard or ride bicycles up to the dead-end and back. I purchased my home here many years ago due to the fact it was a quiet dead-end street which seemed to be in a protective bubble. This project will pierce that bubble and completely ruin the character and quality of the street. The residents of this street, myself included, have been disappointed that it seems many of our suggestions of alternatives as well as our concerns have been disregarded. We have not been adequately involved in how the PATH will be constructed on our street and our inquiries for further information were not returned. PATH's SOW stated 2 public meetings would be held on this, and only 1 was held which dealt with Audubon Drive NE. I implore you to consider how drastically this will alter the character of the street and negatively affect the burgeoning families who live here.

18. Elaine Sha (No address)- I live at the end of Audubon Drive bordering the turnaround at the dead end. There is a utility pole on the other side of the street that narrows the turn around significantly and most of the DeKalb county trucks have to make 7-9 point turns just to get turned around there. My concerns are now if a

path is located here there is a space limitation - there will be others parking and clogging up that turnaround even more. I know I will be losing at least a 6 foot section of my front lawn but people (landscapers in DeKalb county service trucks) have been driving on/damaging my lawn for years just to get their vehicles turned around. My second concern is construction people in the area without any regard for noise/littering in a general lack of consideration to homeowners in the area.... Would love to hear how people plan to address these concerns?

19. Eubert Querubin, 785 Dalerose Avenue Decatur, GA 30030- To Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, I am asking you to postpone, not approve, or vote against giving Lanier Gardens and the greenspace on Arcadia Avenue to the City of Avondale Estates. As a Dekalb County resident, living in Decatur Terrace, I strongly believe we benefit more than Avondale Estates claims to have on that land as this is our day-to-day walking and bike routes to and from the adjacent cities. We ask that you keep this space within your borders as we are loyal tax payers and prefer it to remain unincorporated as does our neighborhood. In the recent decade, Avondale Estates has not extended the courtesy of sharing their interest with our neighborhood on the adjacent properties including ours. Just years ago, we worked with our state representatives to block Avondale Estates annexation proposal, which the city claimed we were in support of. In turn, though we prefer to stay unincorporated, our preference was to be annexed by the City of Decatur if having to be forced into it. Hence, we received signatures of more than 80% of our neighbors to petition against Avondale Estates, and separately petition for the City of Decatur should we be forced out of Dekalb County. As Avondale Estates did not, again, give us any notice of their intent and did not act in good faith to notify us of their plans. We would have only known of this because of an article posted by a third party (i.e., Decaturish). Avondale Estates continues to add fuel to the fire of an already strained relationship with our neighborhood. These acts will continue to cause opposition should we proceed with action if you give Lanier gardens and the greenspace over to them. Thank you for letting our voices be heard. Sincerely,

20. Barbara Warner, 780 Dalerose Ave Decatur, GA 30030- As a Decatur Terrace resident and bordering Lanier gardens annexation Of the gardens will essentially cut our neighborhood off. As per usual Avondale Estates did not contact us at all about the annexation. They like to try to slip things past us. This is just wrong!! We need a say in this matter Please!!

21. Witold W. Zabinski, 1853 Audubin Drive NE Atlanta, GA. 30329- I am resident of Audubon Drive for 50 years. We are very concerned about the Project. Therefore, I strongly recommend This issue should be delay further for more public comments about alternative Path routs. With appreciation,

22. Don Broussard, 1786 Alderbrook Rd. NE Atlanta GA 30345- Dear Commissioners, Sagamore Hills residents are concerned that the item being considered today (2022-2281) has not had sufficient public review and we are unclear as to its impact on our community. No draft plans have been released by PATH for consideration by the community and funding for this appears premature. We join our neighbors in asking for a deferral at this time.

23. Anthony Boever, 769 Brown Pl, Decatur, GA 30030- I am a resident in the Decatur Terrace neighborhood, and this public comment is in reference to the proposed land transfer of Lanier Gardens and adjacent parcels to Avondale Estates. I was dismayed to learn in recent days of the proposed land transfer to Avondale Estates. No public comment period for this apparent land grab was advertised - at least adequately -

nor were residents in the affected area contacted directly. Given Avondale Estates' history of attempting to annex Decatur Terrace, this is the obvious next step to achieve their goal of obtaining Decatur Terrace and surrounding unincorporated neighborhoods who have generally resisted incorporation by Avondale Estates. I recall two attempts in the last ~5 years, and from the perspective of the majority of Decatur Terrace residents, Avondale Estates' process was opaque; neither attempt involved direct input of the neighborhood, and to us, the decision-makers were following an undemocratic process behind closed doors. I implore the commissioners to treat this process in a manner that is fair to all those involved, including Decatur Terrace residents, and to table the matter for further discussion. I personally am against the land transfer and I do not believe making a final decision today would be consistent with a fair, transparent process in which the public, especially affected parties, has had adequate time to voice any and all concerns. If the transfer is approved, Avondale Estates would choke out Decatur Terrace making any future incorporation by Decatur highly unlikely. The next logical step would then be annexation by Avondale Estates, which has been repeatedly opposed by the neighborhood. Furthermore, by circumscribing our neighborhood, Avondale Estates governmental vehicles are sure to travel through our small, narrow roads that lack sidewalks more frequently creating a hazard and risk to pedestrians and children at play. Lastly, it is unclear how Avondale Estates intends to use the parcels in question. I have read they seek to create a "gateway" to Avondale Estates, in which case, why can't a sign suffice, perhaps on the Lanier Gardens corner? Why must they also have the parcels to the south if not to suffocate Decatur Terrace with the ultimate goal of annexing the neighborhood? Please do not enable Avondale Estates' expansionist goals without a full period of due diligence in which Decatur Terrace and other affected neighborhoods may have the chance to review the impact of the land transfer and explore legal routes to opposition, should the majority of residents choose.

24. Kathryn Huber, 768 Dalerose Avenue, Decatur GA 30030- My name is Kathryn Huber and I reside at 768 Dalerose Avenue, Decatur, GA, 30030, in Decatur Terrace in unincorporated DeKalb County, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal for the County to grant to the City of Avondale Estates the strip of greenspace along Arcadia Avenue. Our neighborhood of Decatur Terrace is a part of the unincorporated parcel that lies between the City of Avondale Estates and the City of Decatur. The greenspace that is being discussed runs all along the western boundary of our neighborhood. Granting this space to the City of Avondale Estates would essentially be taking a sliver of land from the center of an unincorporated parcel and forming a mini island of a non-adjacent city. This really makes no sense. In the past, our neighborhood has been targeted by Avondale Estates for annexation, and my Decatur Terrace neighbors have been very outspoken in our opposition to this. We have worked with our state legislators to fight against this and we were in the past able to have the annexation maps redrawn to include Decatur Terrace on the City of Decatur's annexation plan. Granting this green space to Avondale will essentially cut off our neighborhood from the rest of the unincorporated parcel between Avondale Estates and the City of Decatur – and will create an Avondale Estates city border that literally wraps around our neighborhood. My concern is that this will, in effect, eliminate the possibility of choice between the two surrounding cities. Our neighborhood has made it clear again and again that, if annexation were inevitable, our preference has always been to become part of the City of Decatur. I hope that the Commission will consider the detrimental impact that the acquisition of this greenspace by the City of AE would have on Decatur Terrace and our future ability to determine and affect the best outcomes for our community. This is a serious and urgent matter to the citizens and taxpayers of Decatur Terrace. Please do not approve the conveyance of these parcels to Avondale Estates. Thank you,

25. Holly Stewart (No Address)- Hello, I am submitting my public comment against the planned annexation of Lanier Gardens area by Avondale Estates. As a resident of the Decatur Terrace neighborhood, I do not see what benefit will come from Avondale taking over this land. As a resident adjacent to the greenspace in question, we had little to no visibility or say in this process. Additionally this will put the Decatur Terrace area in an island surrounded on 3 sides by Avondale territory. I oppose this annexation. Thank you

26. Kareena Elliston, 2648 Clairmont Road- Dear members and colleagues of the Board of Commissioners for Dekalb County, as a fellow constituent, I submit my comments to you for record. My name is Kareena Elliston, co-owner of 2648 Clairmont Road, I am in opposition of BOC 2022-2281. My husband and I are gravely disappointed that we have been excluded from due process on the decision to move forward with invasive construction changes to the west end (cul-de-sac) of Audubon Drive NE, where we live. We are a street with older, seasoned neighbors as well as many young children, including those of my own. I am extremely concerned about the Board's proactive goal of increasing traffic, car and pedestrian, on our quiet close-knit community street. Just over the summer in Ohio, we heard of a 6-year-old girl being attacked and almost kidnapped as she put out her family garbage at the end of her driveway. I fear that this may become a realistic risk, in addition to the theft and vandalism that we have seen off of Clairmont if the county encourages traffic through our area. In fact, when we purchased our home not too long ago, the reason we felt comfortable living so close to Clairmont was because of the off-setting quiet, safer nature of the Audubon cul-de-sac. Our pediatrician asked questions about the safe nature of our home's immediate situation to ensure that the accessibility needs of our children could still be met. I'm astonished that the needs of children who live on the street have not been considered in plans to relieve traffic from a children's hospital. I understand that many Board commissioners are also parents, I would ask you to consider these concerns. Additionally, I am

confused as to the inaccurate reports that my neighbors and I were consulted when in fact we were not. This alone should be investigated. I hope that there is true equity in this process, particularly for neighbors with diverse backgrounds and needs, who should be able to attest that we have been treated the same as families in Sagamore Hills community and beyond in Dekalb. I believe in your sound, collaborative and wise leadership as a board reflecting our Dekalb county, as such I am requesting today that you put the project on hold by leaving it without funding so that the community members most impacted can contribute to discussions and perhaps uncover an alternative solution. With all that is going on in this world, truly we can find a way to work together, that's what makes America uniquely the greatest country, and a beacon for others to follow. I urge you to lead by example. Warmest regards,

27. Lynn Thompson (No Address)- I would like to voice my unhappiness at your decision to “give” Lanier Gardens to Avondale Estates. It is part of our neighborhood. We in this community feel AE generally does what is best for them, never mind the impact or unfairness to our little area. Avondale has already confiscated the frontage businesses, and if this “deal” goes through, we will be cut off from and surrounded by AE. This government entity has neither asked our community for input nor given us time to rally the troops against them taking over most of the outside of our community. we will be boxed in by AE and then we ALL know where this is heading. they will eventually swallow us up, and i do not want to live in AE. i want to continue to live in unincorporated decatur. PLEASE table this decision until you can see the impact this will make. Respectfully

28. Gary Bradley, 3520 Eaglerock Dr., Doraville,GA- To the Board of Commissioners, I am Gary Bradley, I reside at 3520 Eaglerock Dr., Doraville,GA. I own the property at 1707 Beacon Hill. My father bought it in 1950. I was raised there. I am almost 70. I planned to use this property as my retirement avenue. I feel putting a Path down part of it will devalue my property as we were going to go in with our neighbor at 1715, who are also elderly and sell as a whole. Taking my land would be a form of elder abuse.It's like taking advantage of the old folks, by having surveyors trample on my property without notification of this pending action. I have paid full taxes on the property since my father passed away in 1991.By taking my property would put a hardship on my retirement future.

Public Comments Emails- October 25, 2022

1. Anne Mellinger-Birdsong (No Address)- Quoting Charles Booker from today: "The government should not be in the business of enforcing personal beliefs." "We cannot let the government be deciding who gets health care and who doesn't." Dekalb County is one of the largest and most diverse counties in Georgia, with people from many religions and many belief systems. We should not enforce a law that is based on falsehoods that is trying to force one belief system on everyone. Even Christians don't agree on the interpretation of the Bible about abortion, so how can we force those beliefs on everyone, especially those of a different religion or no religion? I have twice made the private medical decision to have an abortion. I was married and already had a child, and was trying to have more, but they were sick. I made my decision out of love for my children and considering what was best for them and all of us in the family. But my reason or circumstance is not unique and not better than other reasons, what matters is that I was able to preserve my health and follow my own beliefs. Several scientific studies have shown that as abortion restrictions got stronger in Texas, maternal death rates went up. Georgia already has one of the highest maternal death rates in the country, and we need to protect lives. Abortion is standard medical care, and it saves lives. Healthcare should not be banned or criminalized. Dekalb County should make a commitment to NOT put any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same. No one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. Doctors and other medical providers should not be criminalized for providing normal standard medical care. Women are competent intelligent adults, capable of making thoughtful, reasoned decisions about their healthcare needs. Thank you for considering this resolution, and for listening to my reasons as to why abortion is standard medical care and we should support reproductive justice and freedom. Sincerely,

2. Paige Rohrer (No Address)- Dear DeKalb County Commissioners - I am a life-long resident of Dekalb County and I am writing to encourage you to recognize a human baby's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I also, hope that you will care for the women of our county by standing up for them, so that abortion providers do not continue to prey on them when they are in a vulnerable situation. Please affirm the value of each life that is created. Please stand up for our future. Thank you for promoting the good of the whole community by not catering to those who want to profit off of taking human lives and damaging women's lives in the process. Sincerely,

3. Jill Daugherty, 1624 McLendon Ave. NE Atlanta GA 30307- I live in DeKalb County and support the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. Each of us should be able to live, work, and make decisions about our health and our future with dignity and without fear of criminalization. Counties and cities have a responsibility to prevent criminalization of their constituents for pregnancy-related decisions. Dekalb County is one of the largest and most diverse counties in Georgia and as such can play a pivotal role in ensuring that Georgians have access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion care. Dekalb County should make a commitment to NOT put any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same. No one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. I support access to abortion in DeKalb county because a woman should have the right to make decisions about her own body. Being forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term is not healthy for the pregnant woman, that fetus, or her community. Thanks for considering,

4. Ruth Dana, MPH, 3955 Tipperary Trail, Tucker, GA 30084- To whom it May concern, I am a resident of DeKalb county and regular voter and am writing to support the decriminalization of abortion in our county. This

is a critical measure to protect human rights. Thank you so much for your time.

5. Dorrie Toney, 118 2nd Avenue Decatur GA 30030- Dear DeKalb County officials, We, the members of Oakhurst Presbyterian's Peacemaking & Justice Committee, volunteer our time to advocate for human rights and justice issues in DeKalb County and beyond. We spend our time and resources to show hospitality to our beloved neighbors and guests within the county and beyond. It has come to our attention that DeKalb County does not provide adequate warming centers for our unhoused neighbors. While we commend the efforts you have taken to provide warm spaces on cold evenings, we ask that you do more to help make life better for people who do not have the basic human need of shelter. Since the pandemic, the unhoused population has grown and so have their specific needs. We find it unconscionable that individuals in our community are without protection from frigid weather when temperatures are unbearable. We believe that communities are stronger and everyone benefits when resources are shared with the least among us. We demand that you prioritize providing more accommodations for unhoused individuals and families by taking the following actions: 1. Open more warming centers throughout the county with adequate food, water, shelter, and wraparound services. 2. Communicate openings at least 48 hours in advance of freezing nights. 3. Provide transportation for the unhoused to these centers. We ask that you act with urgency as this is a life-and death-matter for many of our beloved neighbors. Sincerely,

6. Emma Halper, 869 Heritage Two, Decatur GA, 30333- To whom it may concern, As a resident of Dekalb county, I want to make explicitly clear my support for the Dekalb County Decriminalization of Abortion Bill. People who seek abortion should not be dissuaded from accessing important and safe reproductive care because of laws that aim to control their bodies and medical decisions. As a public health student and advocate of global access to safe, affordable, and compassionate abortion care, I believe that decriminalizing abortion in Dekalb county would help quell fears for people who worry that their pregnancy outcomes or self-managed abortions may put them at risk of legal trouble. Nobody should be criminalized for accessing reproductive health care. Please vote to decriminalize abortion in Dekalb County. Thank you. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Best,

7. Kristin Crowe (No Address)- My name is Kristin Crowe, kristin.mckenna@gmail.com, and I am urging a yes vote for the declaration for reproductive freedom. Every person has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and this includes the ability to make decisions about each person's health and future with dignity and respect without fear of criminalization. HB 481 went into effect in July and effectively banned abortion while also defining a fetus as a person on GA law. The bill explicitly criminalizes abortion providers and could be used to criminalize people who seek abortion care. Counties and cities have a responsibility to prevent this criminalization of their constituents for pregnancy-related decisions. Abortion is healthcare. Dekalb county should make a commitment to NOT put any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same. No one deserves to be punished for seeking essential healthcare. Abortion care is life saving for people in so many ways. Punishing them for protecting their own lives and removing access to basic healthcare is criminal. Thank you,

8. Katherine Young (No Address)- To the Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, As a Dekalb County resident, I write to express my strong support of the Declaration of Fundamental Reproductive Freedoms that the board is considering. This resolution must be voted on and passed! Because of our diverse population,

Dekalb county has an important role to play in our state and country: we can play a pivotal role in ensuring that Georgians have access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion care. Criminalizing abortion disproportionately impacts low-income people and people of color. Dekalb County is majority minority and needs to take swift action to protect its constituents. HB 481 was allowed to go into effect in July. This bill bans abortion after fetal cardiac activity, around 6 weeks of pregnancy, and defines a fetus as a person under Georgia law. The bill explicitly criminalizes abortion providers and could be used to criminalize people who seek or support others to get abortion care. Counties and cities have a responsibility to prevent criminalization of their constituents for pregnancy related decisions. Dekalb County should make a commitment to NOT put any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same. No one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. Access to abortion care has been proven to decrease maternal mortality. With Georgia leading the country in maternal death, it's a public health imperative to prevent criminalization of people providing and seeking abortion care. I am a mother, a wife, and a woman with a career that very important to me and helps provide for my family. Being able to have control over my own body and decide when and if I had a family was absolutely essential to my financial independence and well-being - and thus to my ability to be an engaged and productive member of my community. Our communities are stronger when we protect women's each person's right to live, work, and make decisions about our health and our future with dignity and without fear of criminalization. Healthcare is a fundamental human right and should never be banned or criminalized. Thank you for your consideration of my comments. I urge you to pass this Resolution-Declaration of Fundamental Reproductive Freedoms and show your support for the future of Dekalb County. Sincerely,

9. Sharon Rachel, 1258 DeKalb Ave NE #120 Atlanta 30307- Dear Board of Commissioners, I urge you to pass the Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. I am a DeKalb County resident: 1258 DeKalb Ave, NE #120, Atlanta 30307. I personally have never had an abortion or even been pregnant. However, attacks on our reproductive freedom affects all of us:

- Each of us should be able to live, work, and make decisions about our health and our future with dignity and without fear of criminalization.
- Dekalb County is one of the largest and most diverse counties in Georgia and as such can play a pivotal role in ensuring that Georgians have access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion care.
- Criminalizing abortion disproportionately impacts low-income people and people of color. The majority of Dekalb County constituents are people of color and there needs to be action taken swiftly to protect its constituents.
- HB 481 was allowed to go into effect in July. This bill bans abortion after fetal cardiac activity, around 6 weeks of pregnancy, and defines a fetus as a person under Georgia law. The bill explicitly criminalizes abortion providers and could be used to criminalize people who seek or support others to get abortion care. Counties and cities have a responsibility to prevent criminalization of their constituents for pregnancy-related decisions.
- Dekalb County should make a commitment to NOT put any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same.
- No one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare.
- DeKalb County Governing Authority has a responsibility to preserve and expand opportunities for all to thrive, which includes the ability to access sexual and reproductive health care.
- Healthcare is a fundamental human right and should never be banned or criminalized.
- Access to abortion care has been proven to decrease maternal mortality. With Georgia leading the country in maternal death, it's a public health imperative to prevent the criminalization of people providing and seeking abortion care.
- AS WOMEN, WE OWN OUR OWN BODIES. That means it is NO ONE'S BUSINESS OTHER THAN OUR OWN what choices we make about our lives.

10. Annie Davis (No Address)- To whom it may concern, As a resident of Dekalb county, I want to make explicitly clear my support for the Dekalb County Decriminalization of Abortion Bill. People who seek abortion should not be dissuaded from accessing important and safe reproductive care because of laws that aim to control their bodies and medical decisions. As a public health student and advocate of global access to safe, affordable, and compassionate abortion care, I believe that decriminalizing abortion in Dekalb county would help quell fears for people who worry that their pregnancy outcomes or self-managed abortions may put them at risk of legal trouble. Nobody should be criminalized for accessing reproductive health care. Please vote to decriminalize abortion in Dekalb County. Thank you. Sincerely,

11. Becky Fern, 325 Morgan Farm Ct Atlanta GA. 30342- please vote AGAINST the declaration for reproductive freedom today. This resolution is nothing but an attempt by abortionists to circumvent the law that has already been passed by our state. As representatives of our government, you have a responsibility to respect the laws of our state. Our government, before anything else, is supposed to protect life. It is not acceptable to allow citizens to harm other human beings. This issue is not just about the women and abortion providers, there's someone else... Innocent child. THREE PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED HERE when you talk about abortion providers who FOR PROFIT (\$\$\$) are taking advantage of a hard situation and the women who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy, don't forget the innocent baby. this is not just a surgical procedure. It is the ending of a life. A resolution to help women find the support that they need when they find themselves pregnant would be a better project for you than just helping to kill an innocent child. Women choose abortion because no one will help: not her parents, not the father, not the community. Let's work to really help women, not just push them into the arms of a greedy abortionist who wants to make money off of her pain.

12. Robert Dale, 3955 Tipperary Trail, Tucker, GA 30084- To whom it May concern, I am a resident of DeKalb county and regular voter and am writing to support the decriminalization of abortion in our county. This is a critical measure to protect human rights. Thank you so much for your time. Sincerely

13. Jasmine Irish, 305 E Ponce de Leon Ave, Decatur, GA 30030 - Hello, My name is Jasmine Irish and I am a citizen of Dekalb County in Decatur, GA. My address is 305 E Ponce de Leon Ave, Decatur, GA 30030, USA. I urge you to pass the resolution on decriminalizing abortion in the county as soon as possible. Abortion is health care and a human right. The GOP's ban on abortion after 6 weeks is an assault on working people across the state. People who get abortions should not be criminalized for making the choice that's right for their lives, families, and careers. For this reason, I'm asking you do to everything you can to decriminalize abortion and protect peoples' rights, bodies, and autonomy.

14. Kate Schrum, 449 Clairemont Avenue Decatur GA 30030- Hello, I have been a City of Decatur resident since 2007, and member of Beacon Hill Black Alliance for Human Rights. I am writing to urge the commissioners to open more warming centers in Dekalb County. In a country this wealthy, in a county with as much wealth as Dekalb, people should not be freezing due to lack of shelter. This is not a complicated issue. There are solutions and partners to be found. You work for all residents of this county, not just those with housing and financial resources. Thank you,

15. Caitlin Tricomi, 25 Whitney Ave Beverly MA 01915- Dear Dekalb County Commissioners, My name is Caitlin Tricomi and my address is 25 whitney Ave, Beverly Ma, 01915. I am writing to support the Declaration for reproductive Freedom. Each of us should be able to live, work, and make decisions about our health and our future with dignity and without fear of criminalization. Dekalb County is one of the largest and most diverse counties in Georgia and as such can play a pivotal role in ensuring that Georgians have access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion care. Criminalizing abortion disproportionately impacts low-income people and people of color. The majority of Dekalb County constituents are people of color and there needs to be action taken swiftly to protect its constituents. HB 481 was allowed to go into effect in July. This bill bans abortion after fetal cardiac activity, around 6 weeks of pregnancy, and defines a fetus as a person under Georgia law. The bill explicitly criminalizes abortion providers and could be used to criminalize people who seek or support others to get abortion care. Counties and cities have a responsibility to prevent criminalization of their constituents for pregnancy-related decisions. Dekalb County should make a commitment to NOT put any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same. Access to abortion care has been proven to decrease maternal mortality. With Georgia leading the country in maternal death, it's a public health imperative to prevent the criminalization of people providing and seeking abortion care. We need to be supporting the bodily autonomy of residents in Dekalb county to be able to make healthcare decisions for themselves. Sincerely,

16. Kimberly Kulak (No Address)- Dekalb Board of Commissioners has introduced a Resolution–Declaration for Reproductive Freedom—which affirms Dekalb's support for reproductive freedom and condemns the criminalization of people for providing or accessing abortion care. Requesting, as a longtime Dekalb County resident/voter, please pass Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. Healthcare is a fundamental human right and should never be banned or criminalized. Access to abortion care has been proven to decrease maternal mortality. With Georgia leading the country in maternal death, it's a public health

imperative to prevent the criminalization of people providing and seeking abortion care. Again, please pass Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. Thank you for your time and consideration.

17. Sophia Lamb, 3547 N Druid Hills Road Decatur GA, 30033- To whom it may concern, As a resident of Dekalb county, I want to make explicitly clear my support for the Dekalb County Decriminalization of Abortion Bill. People who seek abortion should not be dissuaded from accessing important and safe reproductive care because of laws that aim to control their bodies and medical decisions. As a public health student and advocate of global access to safe, affordable, and compassionate abortion care, I believe that decriminalizing abortion in Dekalb county would help quell fears for people who worry that their pregnancy outcomes or self-managed abortions may put them at risk of legal trouble. Nobody should be criminalized for accessing reproductive health care. Please vote to decriminalize abortion in Dekalb County. Thank you.

18. Shaina Kass, 1442 Christmas Lane NE Atlanta, GA 30329- Voting Members, I implore you to vote YES on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. Each person, no matter their background, should be able to make personal decisions about their health and future with dignity and without fear of criminalization. Having access to a reproductive health service, including abortion care, should be a right for the people of Dekalb County. A pregnant person should have the right to make a decision about their pregnancy without fear of the court system. Healthcare is a fundamental human right and shouldn't be banned or criminalized. Thank you,

19. Lorraine Murray, 220 Chelsea Drive Decatur, GA 30030- Dear Members of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners: Please vote "no" on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. My name is Lorraine Murray and I have resided at 220 Chelsea Drive, Decatur for more than 30 years. I strongly oppose this declaration. It is crucial that those of us with a voice make every effort to defend those who are voiceless. Millions have died through abortions in our nation so far, because they had no voice. Millions of people died in concentration camps, because they also had no voice – and were considered less than human. Millions suffered terrible indignities and great suffering when slavery was legal in our country, because slaves had no voice – and weren't considered human beings. It's impossible to deny that the child in the womb is a human being with human DNA and a unique set of fingerprints. I fully support helping women in crisis pregnancies in every way possible. Many crisis pregnancy organizations provide shelter and prenatal care, plus emotional and economic support to these women. This crucial support continues long after the birth of the child. When a woman is in a crisis, she may believe abortion is the only solution, but killing can never be a solution to any problem. These women deserve our support! An unborn child is a unique human being, and deserves the most basic right, which is life. Please protect the most innocent among us by voting "no" on the declaration. Respectfully yours,

20. Alina Yemelyanov (No Address)- Each of us -- BOTH men AND women -- should be able to live, work and make decisions about our health and our future with dignity and without fear of criminalization. Each of us should be able to live with the comfortable knowledge that the most fundamental level of bodily autonomy will always be afforded to us. This should not be up for debate, & it should not be seen as a luxury -- this should be a BASIC RIGHT. Having the ability to choose one's own future & control one's own destiny or life circumstances is one of the most fundamental yet most empowering rights anyone can possess. Women do not owe motherhood to anyone. And parenthood is never something that should be forced upon ANYONE. Claiming responsibility as a parent means having a child only when one is physically, psychologically, emotionally & financially stable & ready to become a parent & have a child. These are never things that can or

should be forced. Healthcare is a fundamental human right and should never be banned or criminalized. No one deserves such a fate just because they were seeking essential healthcare. Access to abortion care has been proven to decrease maternal mortality. With Georgia leading the country in maternal mortality rates, it's simply a public health imperative to prevent the criminalization of people providing and seeking abortion care.

21. Ammber Hoang, 1307 Peachford Cir. Dunwoody, GA 30338- • Each of us should be able to live, work, and make decisions about our health and our future with dignity and without fear of criminalization. • No one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. • Healthcare is a fundamental human right and should never be banned or criminalized. • Dekalb County is one of the largest and most diverse counties in Georgia and as such can play a pivotal role in ensuring that Georgians have access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion care. • Criminalizing abortion disproportionately impacts low-income people and people of color. The majority of Dekalb County constituents are people of color and there needs to be action taken swiftly to protect its constituents. • HB 481 was allowed to go into effect in July. This bill bans abortion after fetal cardiac activity, around 6 weeks of pregnancy, and defines a fetus as a person under Georgia law. The bill explicitly criminalizes abortion providers and could be used to criminalize people who seek or support others to get abortion care. Counties and cities have a responsibility to prevent the criminalization of their constituents for pregnancy-related decisions. • Dekalb County should make a commitment to NOT put any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same. • DeKalb County Governing Authority has a responsibility to preserve and expand opportunities for all to thrive, which includes the ability to access sexual and reproductive health care.

22. Hari Gopal (No Address)- To whom it may concern, My wife (CCed here) and I are strongly advocating that the Dekalb County Board of Commissioners vote YES on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. As both residents and taxpayers, it is critical to us that Dekalb county can provide critical medical care to its residents without fear of criminal prosecution. In addition, the resolution is critical to support healthcare professionals as they deliver much needed healthcare to Dekalb citizens. As a resident and as parents, we love living in Dekalb County and reaffirming these rights for our family and our community is critical to growing our freedoms here though they may be at peril at the national level. We implore you to vote YES on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. Thanks,

23. Elizabeth Greenewald, 5009 Limerick Lane, Flowery Branch, GA 30542- Dekalb County Board of Commissioners: I am writing to urge you to vote no on the "Declaration for Reproductive Freedom". The word "freedom" in the phrase "reproductive freedom" and the word "care" in the phrase "abortion care" are misnomers. The killing of a child in the womb by his or her mother does not represent freedom for either the mother or the pre-born baby. The baby will be dead - not free, and the mother will forever remember the action she took to kill her own child. The term "care" normally reflects a desire to bring healing and comfort reflecting a concern over quality of life. Abortion is the destruction of human life that hurts both mother and child. You may know that states in the United States with wide access to abortion at every stage of pregnancy actually align most closely with the policies of the repressive regimes in China and North Korea. "...United States, China and North Korea are among only six countries that allow abortion on demand throughout the entirety of pregnancy, according to research comparing America to the rest of the world... Overall, 69 nations

permit elective abortion and 58 of those countries restrict it after 14 weeks of gestation, just after the first trimester... From the Washington Times article: "American laws on abortion are more aligned with those of human rights violators like North Korea and China than with countries who protect the dignity of every human being," said Mary Szoch, the study's lead author and director of the group's Center for Human Dignity. "Americans must work to change our laws so that they are consistent with a nation that believes all people have the right to life instead of nations who put their own people in concentration camps."
(<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2022/jan/31/report-us-china-north-korea-have-most-permissive-a/>)
Please vote no on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. Let's work to make DeKalb a community where every person is truly free, and where the word "care" is what we show to every member of society from their earliest conception through to the end of life. Thank you.

24. Gabriel Saslafsky, 1442 Christmas Lane NE Atlanta, GA 30329- Voting Members, I implore you to vote YES on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. Each person, no matter their background, should be able to make personal decisions about their health and future with dignity and without fear of criminalization. Having access to a reproductive health service, including abortion care, should be a right for the people of Dekalb County. A pregnant person should have the right to make a decision about their pregnancy without fear of the court system. Healthcare is a fundamental human right and shouldn't be banned or criminalized. Thank you,

25. Ethan Rundell, 1911 North Decatur Road- Hello - My name is Ethan Rundell and I live at 1911 North Decatur Road. I want to express my support for legislation reaffirming the right for people to make medical choices about their own pregnancies, rather than being forced to give birth by the government against their wills. Abortion bans mean forced childbirth, and will disproportionately impact those from marginalized groups who are already disproportionately hurt by the high cost of living in Atlanta, lack of a livable minimum wage, lack of adequate affordable housing, etc...the government forcing anyone to have a child against their will is morally appalling and we will all look back on this time someday and wonder what we could have done to help. Please stand up against government bullying of the vulnerable and marginalized, and please stand up for people's right to control their own bodies.

26. Tricia Agan (No Address)- Dear Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, As a resident of Dekalb County, I am writing to urge you to vote NO on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. This declaration "seeks to affirm Dekalb County's commitment to abortion decriminalization". Instead of appealing to the abortion clinics, who say they are here to help women but really are only in it to make money (the long term effects of abortion on women - the killing of their unborn child - are deep and significant), why not aim to make Dekalb a place where pregnant women receive the help and support they need? We have incredible medical facilities and wonderful charities and support systems ready to help - but the "easy answer" of "abort your child" is being pushed by politicians and the media. ABORTION IS NOT THE ANSWER! It seems like a quick and easy "fix" - but its consequences and regret last a lifetime. In addition, having easy access abortion, used as birth control, enables men to continue to use women as sex toys. How is that good for women? It takes a beautiful, wonderful thing that's unique to women and makes it a negative, a burden. Please, please, do not vote to make Dekalb a place known for abortions, or use our resources to push for "decriminalization of abortion". Please focus those resources on actually helping women and their children, not looking for what appears to be a quick, easy fix, but what actually hurts women more in the long run. Every abortion takes a life. Please, please, do not promote this. Thank you for your time. Sincerely,

27. Maria I. Rivera, 2938 Pine Orchard Drive Tucker, GA 30084- Dear Board of Commissioners, My name is Maria Rivera and I am a 10 year resident of this county and a home owner. I love this place and the diversity of the people who reside here. I am writing to urge you to vote yes on the Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. Imposing the will of the religious right, an extremist movement, on the diversity of faith and on the free will of the people of this county is wrong. Stand up for what is right, just, and representative of the honest hardworking people that you serve. History will not look kindly on those that ignored the growing tides of intolerance and totalitarianism. Resist while we have the tools and mechanisms to do so. I urge you on behalf of my fellow women of this county and the families that they lead. Thank you,

28. Lexi Bond, 1174 Zimmer Drive Atlanta, GA 30306- The decision of whether or not to have children is the single most important and intimate decision a person could possibly make in their lifetime. It is intrinsically linked to every facet of an individual's life: the entirety of their futures, their dreams and aspirations, careers, physical and mental health, and often their religious beliefs or philosophical worldviews. At nearly 32 years of age, I have never had any desire to be pregnant. I am exceptionally fortunate that I never have been. Not having children or being pregnant is not simply a preference, but a mitigating factor in whether or not I believe my life is worth living. Since June of this year, my life and the meaning it holds to me has been invalidated and threatened. I am terrified that my body will be used against my will. I am disgusted that lawmakers are so eager to subject their constituents to the violence of forced birth, an internationally recognized crime against humanity. More frightening still is the idea that pregnant people could face criminal charges for receiving necessary, life-saving healthcare. Abortion bans are dehumanizing and dangerous. Even normal, healthy pregnancies are not without difficulty. Georgia has one of the highest maternal mortality rates of any state in the nation and criminalizing abortion will effectively force people to risk their lives with every pregnancy. However, having access to abortion has been proven to decrease maternal mortality. Our politicians and lawmakers should be upholding and enforcing laws that protect the livelihood and liberty of the undeniably real human beings that they are supposed to represent. There is no liberty without our right to abortion. No one should be subjected to forced birth. No one should be punished for seeking reproductive healthcare. Healthcare is not a crime.

29. Grace Kirk, 1151 Arlington Parkway Northeast- Hello, My name is Grace Kirk of 1151 Arlington Parkway Northeast in DeKalb, and I am writing to add my comment to those sent in support of the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom that should be up for vote today. After the Roe v. Wade decision was overturned this summer, I began to feel unsafe in my own country. Coupled with Governor Kemp's scientifically-unfounded six-week abortion ban, I no longer feel at home in Georgia. I deeply fear a pregnancy that my partner and I both do not desire and cannot afford, and the consequences of terminating that pregnancy for my own wellbeing. I have considered at length leaving the state that has been home my whole life, and likely will should laws like the six-week ban continue to gain support. Each of us should be able to live, work, and make decisions about our health and our future with dignity and without fear of criminalization. No one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. DeKalb County is one of the largest and most diverse counties in Georgia and as such can play a pivotal role in ensuring that Georgians have access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion care. DeKalb County Governing Authority has a responsibility to preserve and expand opportunities for all to thrive, which includes the ability to access sexual and reproductive health care. I urge you to vote in support of the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. The lives of Georgians are at stake.

30. Elizabeth Wilson, 235 Mountain View St Decatur GA 30030- Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, In respect of God's gift and dignity of life I urge you to vote NO on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. My name is Elizabeth Wilson, 235 Mountain View St, Decatur, GA 30030.

31. Lea Iodice, 701 Highland Ave NE #2422, Atlanta, GA 30312- Hello, Lea Iodice 701 Highland Ave NE #2422, Atlanta, GA 30312 Abortion care is a part of full spectrum reproductive health care. Decriminalizing abortion can save lives of many people- and no one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. With Georgia being one of the states with the highest maternal mortality rates, abortion care will actually DECREASE these rates- it's imperative for abortion care to be accessible to all people who need it. It should be a decision based on the person seeking care and their doctor.

32. Nancy Saunders, 3101 Rockaway Road, Atlanta, GA 30341- Good Day. My name is Nancy Saunders and I am a citizen of Dekalb County, Georgia residing at 3101 Rockaway Road, Atlanta, GA 30341. HB 481 was allowed to go into effect in July 2022. The bill explicitly criminalizes abortion providers and could be used to criminalize people who seek or support others to get abortion care. As a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, I am fully aware that the abortion issue is a complex and emotional one. HB 481 seems to have been applied without regard to the real life consequences for women. I believe counties and cities have a responsibility to prevent criminalization for pregnancy-related decisions. No one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. I am hoping my Dekalb County Commissioners can put differences aside, display respect for others private decisions and vote YES on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom Resolution. Respectfully submitted,

33. Rev. David Lewicki, 611 Medlock Road- Good Morning, my name is Rev. David Lewicki. I am the pastor of North Decatur Presbyterian Church, located at 611 Medlock Road in DeKalb County. I have been the church's pastor and a DeKalb County resident for 12 years. I am writing to express concern about the DeKalb County Community Development department's lack of planning when it comes to our county's unhoused (homeless) citizens. At our church, we are regularly in contact with unhoused neighbors who come seeking help. We do what we can, but our resources don't match the demand. We are told to call the county's homeless help line, but the line has limited daytime hours of service, using it requires a homeless person to have a consistent phone number, and never once in my presence has a call to the help line yielded actual help for a homeless person--it's always "we have nothing for you now, but we'll put you on a list." Why is there only one emergency shelter in DeKalb County--Hagar's House, for families? Nothing for individuals. Our church hosted an overnight emergency warming center in our Fellowship Hall a couple of years ago when we learned that our county had NO place for unhoused people to go when the temperature was freezing. Last winter, the county opened fire stations, but it was haphazard--they were hard for unhoused people to get to, and there was little to no hospitality offered. Ever since the tri-county arrangement with HUD dissolved, DeKalb County has had NO PLAN for how to compassionately care for our unhoused neighbors. We have NO PLAN for eviction prevention and for preserving affordable housing. We were "saved" by ARP funds--but those are gone now. This is an incredibly compassionate community--the faith communities, great nonprofits, and concerned neighbors are ready to help. But without basic organization and commitment from the Community Development department, we will continue to muddle along, and our most vulnerable neighbors will be the ones who continue to suffer.

34. Diany Rodriguez, My name is Diany Rodriguez. I wanted to include my name because it's important that folks in charge of making laws that supersede my own autonomy, understand that I'm real... that I'm a real human who fears that a possibility life-saving decision might land me in prison. I am a real human who eats and loves and cries and all things humans do. Just like you. Just like others. I fear that my humanity will be stripped away because of someone else's religious tyranny. Please help me feel safe. Please recognize my ability to make decisions over my own body. I shouldn't have to beg, but here we are.

35. Leigh-Ann Campbell, 1604 Rochelle Dr. Dunwoody, GA 30338- Dear Commissioners; I write you today to voice my support for the Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. In October 2019, I made the heart-wrenching decision to end the suffering of my beloved son before it had a chance to begin. At the 20-week ultrasound, he was diagnosed with a Posterior Urethral Valve. Urine was unable to exit his body and his bladder was so distended that it completely filled his abdominal cavity and was pushing against his heart. Subsequent testing revealed that he also had Atrial Ventricular Septal Defect (his heart was one large chamber instead of four separate chambers) and Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (the left side of his heart was dramatically smaller than the right side). Because of the severity of the Urethral blockage, it was likely that he would have died in utero, but there was no guarantee that this would happen before he reached 29-weeks gestation, when pain receptors are large thought to begin to register pain. In the off chance that he should have survived, we were told by the head of fetal medicine at Children's Hospital of Atlanta that he would not have been deemed a good candidate for the life-prolonging surgery he would require. This means he would be left to suffocate in our arms sometime in the first 24 hours after birth. Because these diagnoses were finalized around 21 weeks and 2 days and because Georgia's law then allowed abortion care up to 22 weeks, we were forced to make the most terrible and significant decisions of our lives in less than 24 hours. But at least we had the right to make that decision, the best choice among a field of truly terrible options. Our decision was an act of love - for our living daughter, for ourselves, and for our sweet Rowan Harris Campbell. Our decision also represented an important healthcare decision for me and for our unborn son. Healthcare is a fundamental right and no one deserves to be criminalized for exercising a fundamental right. As one of the largest counties in Georgia, DeKalb has the opportunity to play a pivotal role in ensuring that Georgians have access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion care. As such, DeKalb County should commit to NOT putting any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of anyone providing or accessing abortion care. Please vote YES in support of the Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your vote. Brittany Harper (No Address)- This morning, I urge you to vote YES to decriminalize abortion in Dekalb county! Abortion is health care and is a matter ONLY for the pregnant person and their doctor. Safe and legal access to abortion should be codified at the federal level, but until that day happens, we must take every action to protect the people most affected. Please join the cities of Atlanta and Savannah by DECRIMINALIZING ABORTION today.

36. Olivia Harrison (No Address)- Hello, My name is Olivia Harrison and I live in North Druid Hills. I am writing today to implore you all to pass the Resolution to Protect Abortion Access and Protect Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice for DeKalb County Citizens. I'm proud to have recently moved to Dekalb County, one of the largest and most diverse counties in Georgia, but it is your duty to protect all of its citizens. As I am sure you know, criminalizing abortion disproportionately impacts low-income people and people of color. HB 481 was allowed to go into effect in July. This bill bans abortion after fetal cardiac activity, around 6 weeks of

pregnancy, and defines a fetus as a person under Georgia law. The bill explicitly criminalizes abortion providers and could be used to criminalize people who seek or support others to get abortion care. Counties and cities have a responsibility to prevent criminalization of their constituents for pregnancy-related decisions. No one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. And abortions are essential healthcare. Please protect your constituents by taking action NOW. Sincerely,

37. Zak Norton, 375 Highland Ave NE Unit 1005 Atlanta, GA 30312- Dear Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, I want to make a public comment regarding the Resolution for Reproductive Freedom. I am advising the Board of Commissioners to vote to PASS this resolution unanimously. This should not be a debate; this action will do much to protect the health and futures of all women and people involved in the process of abortion healthcare. • Dekalb County is one of the largest and most diverse counties in Georgia and as such can play a pivotal role in ensuring that Georgians have access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion care. • Dekalb County should make a commitment to NOT put any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same. • Each of us should be able to live, work, and make decisions about our health and our future with dignity and without fear of criminalization. • The contradictions of state laws that determine abortion to be illegal in some regions of this country and legal in others exposes the ludicrous, ideologically-tainted, archaic morales of a small demographic of Americans that do not believe in the fundamental equal rights of every person. By voting against this act you would be confirming this minority opinion as law of the land in your own jurisdiction. Your duty is to vote on the behalf of the people for whom you speak. Thank you,

38. Audrey Ling, 3547 N Druid Hills Road Decatur GA, 30033- To whom it may concern, As a resident of Dekalb county, I want to make explicitly clear my support for the Dekalb County Decriminalization of Abortion Bill. People who seek abortion should not be dissuaded from accessing important and safe reproductive care because of laws that aim to control their bodies and medical decisions. As a public health student and advocate of global access to safe, affordable, and compassionate abortion care, I believe that decriminalizing abortion in Dekalb county would help quell fears for people who worry that their pregnancy outcomes or self-managed abortions may put them at risk of legal trouble. Nobody should be criminalized for accessing reproductive health care. Please vote to decriminalize abortion in Dekalb County. Thank you.

39. Greg Loughlin, 671 Gresham Avenue, SE Atlanta, Georgia 30316- Dear Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, I am a DeKalb County resident and voter, and I support the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. Please vote YES today! From 2001 up until this year, I worked and volunteered with Men Stopping Violence in DeKalb County. I learned about and saw reproductive coercion firsthand as men discussed their common use of sexual violence and control within their relationships with women and girls. Limiting access to abortion is just one more form of reproductive coercion. DeKalb County is better than that. No one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. Each of us should be able to live, work, and make decisions about our health and our future with dignity and without fear of criminalization. Dekalb County should make a commitment to NOT put any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same. Please vote YES in support of the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. Sincerely,

40. Lindsay Hodgson, 130 Bucher Dr, Decatur, GA 30030- Dear DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, My name is Lindsay Hodgson. I am a lifelong Georgian and resident of DeKalb County. As the mother of a 9 year old daughter, I am very concerned about the rights and freedoms of not only my generation, but the rights and freedoms of my daughter and her peers. I am writing today to advocate for reproductive freedom and to insist that tax dollars not be spent on criminalizing essential health care. Abortion is healthcare and should remain a legal and safe choice for all women. DeKalb must stand with women and reproductive rights advocates. The dystopian views of those who would take away choices and criminalize personal decisions are dangerous for all of us. Dekalb County should make a commitment to NOT put any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same. This commission has a responsibility to preserve and expand opportunities for all to thrive, which includes the ability to access sexual and reproductive health care. Sincerely,

41. Rebecca Magee, 1588 Linda Way SW Atlanta, GA 30310- Dear Council, I'm writing to implore the council to please vote YES to the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. Every person should have authority and freedom of choice of their body. It is a basic human right and essential to our dignity and sovereignty. And it's an issue that is personally creating an incredible amount of fear, debilitating anxiety and distress for myself and women all over Georgia. Outcomes that will drive people out of Georgia in search of places that recognize the rights of women. I am a current Atlanta resident who is hoping to start a family with my partner next year, and we have been having serious conversations about whether we will stay in the state of Georgia now that abortion has been criminalized. As a woman in my late 30s, I know my chances of pregnancy complications are high. I want to feel safe and know that I will get the essential healthcare I need in the event that my life is at risk. Because many interventions in the event of pregnancy complications are the same procedures used in abortions, we know from stories around the country that doctors will hesitate or be unable to provide these procedures out of fear of criminal suit. I want to have a child, and I don't want to die trying. Please vote to pass this declaration, so I can stay in Georgia and feel safe building a family here. Sincerely,

42. Carolyn Lyden (No Address)- Hello, I am Carolyn Lyden from 403 Pinoak Drive in Woodstock, GA, 30118. I want to show my support for reproductive healthcare in Dekalb and Georgia. A woman's right to choose should be a decision between her and her doctor. The government has NO PLACE interfering in medical decisions. HB 481 was allowed to go into effect in July. This bill bans abortion after fetal cardiac activity, around 6 weeks of pregnancy, and defines a fetus as a person under Georgia law. The bill explicitly criminalizes abortion providers and could be used to criminalize people who seek or support others to get abortion care. Counties and cities have a responsibility to prevent the criminalization of their constituents for pregnancy-related decisions. Dekalb County should commit to NOT putting any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same. I recommend anyone making this decision listen to this podcast to know why it's so important for women to have legal access to abortion care. Thank you,

43. Kirk Campbell, 1604 Rochelle Dr. Dunwoody, GA 30338- Dear Commissioners; I write you today to voice my support for the Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. In October 2019, My wife and I made the heart-wrenching decision to end the suffering of our beloved son. At the 20-week ultrasound, he was diagnosed with a Posterior Urethral Valve. Urine was unable to exit his body and his bladder was so distended that it completely filled his abdominal cavity and was pushing against his heart. Subsequent testing revealed that

he also had Atrial Ventricular Septal Defect (his heart was one large chamber instead of four separate chambers) and Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (the left side of his heart was dramatically smaller than the right side). These two diagnoses guaranteed him (at best) a life full of hospital stays, surgeries, and pain. At worst, and the most likely outcome, he would have died in utero or in our arms near hours after birth. Because these diagnoses were finalized around 21 weeks and 2 days and because Georgia's law then allowed abortion care up to 22 weeks, we were forced to make the most terrible and significant decisions of our lives in less than 24 hours. But at least we had the right to make that decision, the best choice among a field of truly terrible options. Our decision was an act of love - for our living daughter, for ourselves, and for our sweet Rowan Harris Campbell. Our decision also represented an important healthcare decision for my wife and for our unborn son. Healthcare is a fundamental right and no one deserves to be criminalized for exercising a fundamental right. As one of the largest counties in Georgia, DeKalb has the opportunity to play a pivotal role in ensuring that Georgians have access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion care. As such, DeKalb County should commit to NOT putting any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of anyone providing or accessing abortion care. Please vote YES in support of the Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your vote.

44. Galit Deitel, 217 Willow Ln Decatur, GA 30030- Hello, Please vote YES on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. Abortion is healthcare. Nobody should be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. Access to abortion has been proven to decrease maternal mortality. Georgia already has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the country; we should be taking action to decrease, not increase it. Sincerely,

45. Carol Knech, 745 Hansell Street, 30312, Atlanta- Women must be able to make decisions about our health without fear of criminalization. No one should be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare, but we all know this is targeted at oppressing females specifically - and it is unconscionable to enable that.

46. Melonie Yeats, 2357 Dunwoody Xing Apt. B, Atlanta, GA 30338- Dear Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, From resident Melonie Yeats residing at 2357 Dunwoody Xing Apt. B, Atlanta, GA 30338 whom you may contact via phone at (404) XXX-XXXX. I am writing today to ask you to pass the declaration for reproductive freedom for Dekalb County. HB 481 was allowed to go into effect in July. This bill bans abortion after fetal cardiac activity, around 6 weeks of pregnancy, and defines a fetus as a person under Georgia law. The bill explicitly criminalizes abortion providers and could be used to criminalize people who seek or support others to get abortion care. Counties and cities have a responsibility to prevent criminalization of their constituents for pregnancy related decisions. Criminalizing abortion disproportionately impacts low-income people and people of color. Dekalb County is majority minority and needs to take swift action to protect its constituents. As a resident who has multiple health issue that could complicate a pregnancy, I urge you to pass the declaration.

47. Daphne Nicely, 1785 Pierce Arrow Pkwy Tucker, GA 30084- Honorable Commissioners of DeKalb County Georgia, I am taking time out of my very busy day to submit a public comment and to urge you to vote NO on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. DeKalb County Georgia has a wealth of resources and services available to provide appropriate material assistance, emotional support and medical care during pregnancy. Many of these resources and services are available at no charge. One such resource is Atlanta Morning Center (ATLMC) which provides evidence-based, patient-centered, compassionate, routine prenatal

and postpartum medical care and education at no charge. This includes routine exams, labs, and ultrasounds provided by experienced, licensed/certified, and insured medical professionals - employing a midwifery model of care. According to a Lancet series on midwifery and other studies, universal coverage of essential interventions that fall within the scope of midwifery practice could prevent 83% of all maternal deaths, stillbirths, and neonatal deaths. This is particularly relevant to the needs of the state of Georgia, Metro Atlanta, and specifically DeKalb County. Doula services are also provided, including but not limited to birthing classes, the creation of birthing plans and lactation support. Atlanta Morning Center was conceived and birthed to provide affordable, accessible, evidence-based, patient-centered care to improve maternal, pregnancy, and infant health as well as to influence positive life-affirming birth outcomes for both patients. Unlike abortion providers, Atlanta Morning Center does not profit from the medical services it provides at no charge and it does not receive any government funding. We could use more organizations such as Atlanta Morning Center. Please vote NO on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. Abortion is not healthcare. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

48. Karen Campbell, 1604 Rochelle Dr. Dunwoody, GA 30338- Dear Commissioners; I write you today to voice my support for the Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. In October 2019, my daughter made the heart-wrenching decision to end the suffering of her beloved son before it had a chance to begin. At the 20-week ultrasound, he was diagnosed with a Posterior Urethral Valve as well as Atrial Ventricular Septal Defect and Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. Because of the severity of the Urethral blockage, it was likely that he would have died in utero, but there was no guarantee that this would happen before he reached 29-weeks gestation, when pain receptors are large thought to begin to register pain. In the off chance that he should have survived, we were told by the head of fetal medicine at Children's Hospital of Atlanta that he would not have been deemed a viable candidate for the life-prolonging surgery he would require. This means he would have been left to suffocate in his parents' arms sometime in the first 24 hours after birth. Because these diagnoses were finalized around 21 weeks and 2 days and because Georgia's law then allowed abortion care up to 22 weeks, they were forced to make the most terrible and significant decisions of their lives in less than 24 hours. But at least they had the right to make that decision, the best choice among a field of truly terrible options. Their decision was an act of love. Their decision also represented an important healthcare decision for my daughter and for her unborn son. Healthcare is a fundamental right and no one deserves to be criminalized for exercising a fundamental right. As one of the largest counties in Georgia, DeKalb has the opportunity to play a pivotal role in ensuring that Georgians have access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion care. As such, DeKalb County should commit to NOT putting any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of anyone providing or accessing abortion care. Please vote YES in support of the Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your vote.

In Person Public Comments- October 25, 2022

Diana Berman- 128 Champlain Street Decatur GA 30030, Pamela Privette- 111 Mockingbird Lane Decatur GA 30030, Stephen Binney- 1083 Seville Drive Clarkston GA 30021, Mirna Garnes (No Address), Desirrae Thomas 1017 Margaret Place Northwest Atlanta GA 30318

Walk-On

2022-2413**Commission District(s): All**

Add an Item

Approved**2022-2414****Commission District(s): All**

To provide notice of Transition Procedures to allow public participation via email while the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners returns to in-person meetings and technological upgrades are made to the Maloof Auditorium.

Approved**D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING**

Citizens may speak for or against an item that is considered by law to be a zoning ordinance and each side will have ten minutes to present its case. Citizens may also speak for or against an item that is placed on the public hearing agenda but is not a zoning ordinance. In that case, each side will have five minutes to present its case. In the event there is more than one speaker per side, speakers must divide their time in order to complete their full presentation within the ten-minute time allotment, or the five minute time allotment. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to leave the podium area. Prior to speaking, a speaker shall complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If a speaker has any documents for the commissioners, the speaker shall provide 10 copies when approaching the podium. Seven copies are for the commissioners and the remaining copies are for the planning director, the county attorney and the clerk. In all zoning ordinance and traffic calming cases, staff shall make their recommendation for action to the Commission first followed by applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item. Applicants in zoning ordinance cases shall have the right to reserve time for rebuttal. Opponents of a zoning ordinance item shall have no right of rebuttal. For all other items placed on the public hearing agenda, applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item shall speak first followed by opponents of the item. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the Commission. At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2022-2387](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Set a Public Hearing for November 8, 2022, for Consideration of Approval of the DeKalb County Tax Allocation District #4: Market Square TAD Redevelopment, a Precursor Step to the Creation of the Market Square TAD.

Deferred the substitute, until November 08, 2022 for Public Hearing

Finance

[2022-2054](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Home Rule Ordinance to amend the Pension Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, 1962 Ga. Laws 3088, as amended, to provide for an increase in monthly pension benefit amount to specified eligible retirees, joint annuitants, and beneficiaries.

Approved

GIS Department

[2022-2278](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution for the Consideration of Abandonment of a 4,681.24 Square Feet Section of Right of Way at 1069 Mountain View Way, Conley, GA 30288.

Deferred to the next meeting, until November 8, 2022 for Decision Only

Public Works - Transportation

[2022-2199](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

Traffic Calming Petition - East Drive between Second Avenue and Mark Trail.
No Cost to County.

Approved

[2022-2201](#)**Commission District(s):** 3 & 6

Traffic Calming Petition - Eleanor Street between Liberty Avenue and Wilkinson Drive. No Cost to County.

Approved**“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING****Planning & Sustainability**[2022-1941](#)**Commission District(s):** County-wide

Public Hearing to Authorize Adoption of the 2022 Service Delivery Strategy

Deferred for 30 days, until November 15, 2022 for Public Hearing.**E. APPEALS**

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS**Chief Executive Office**[2022-2368](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Reappointment to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County - Ms. Carleen Cumberbatch

Approved[2022-2369](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Reappointment to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County - Dr. Thomas Coleman

Approved

[2022-2370](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Reappointment to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County - Mr. Charles Yi

Deferred to the next meeting, until November 8, 2022

[2022-2371](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Reappointment to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County - Ms. Eloise Hudson

deferred to the next meeting, until November 8, 2022

[2022-2372](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Reappointment to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County - Dr. Glenwood

Ross

Approved

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

[2022-2331](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes for the October 18, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2022-2388](#)**Commission District(s):** District 3

Allocation to appropriate American Rescue Plan Award funds assigned to POETA Account #105744.63258.521209.01.03.602479 reserved for District 3 (Amount Not to Exceed) \$40,500 to Juvenile Court, Community Boutique and South DeKalb YMCA to build stronger communities and to help mitigate efforts for those impacted by COVID-19 by educating and bringing awareness of the public health emergency, or its negative economic impacts and any other essential needs caused by the global pandemic

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 5[2022-2362](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

Acceptance of a monument to the late Congressman John Lewis as arranged by the John Lewis Commemorative Task Force for placement on county owned property in Decatur, Georgia.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 7[2022-2355](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

To Appropriate American Rescue Plan Grant Funds In The Amount Of \$32,000 Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation To The DeKalb County Library Foundation To Mitigate The Public Health Emergency Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic

Approved

[2022-2356](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

To appropriate a total of \$22,000 from the District 7 Reserve for Appropriation to the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs Department for the development of the Peaceland Park Master Plan

Approved

[2022-2357](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

To Appropriate American Rescue Plan Grant Funds In The Amount Of \$40,000 Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation To The United Way of Greater Atlanta To Mitigate The Public Health Emergency Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic

Approved

[2022-2358](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

To Appropriate \$100,000 In American Rescue Plan Grant Funds Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation To The Safe America Foundation To Mitigate The Public Health Emergency Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic

Approved

[2022-2359](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

To Appropriate A Total of \$11,000 From The District 7 Reserve For Appropriation To The New Birth Missionary Baptist Church For Senior Programming

Approved

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2022-2288](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Zoning Meeting of
October 04, 2022

Approved[2022-2335](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of October 4, 2022

Deferred to the next meeting, until November 8, 2022[2022-2344](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of October 11,
2022

Approved

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Chief Executive Office

[2022-2376](#)**Commission District(s): Districts 3 and 7**

Complete the Purchase of 2.46 Acres of Land to Construct Fire Station No. 16.

Approved[2022-2389](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding to Eligible Programs and
Operating Expenses

Normal course

Finance

[2022-2366](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Adoption of the Series 2022 Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance by the County of its Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$540,000,000 for the purpose of (1) refinancing the County's tax anticipation note in the principal amount of \$70 million issued on February 17, 2022 and scheduled to mature on December 15, 2022, (2) refunding all of the County's outstanding Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 to achieve debt service savings, and (3) financing the cost of the acquisition, construction and equipping of certain improvements to the County's water and sewerage system.

Deferred to the next meeting, until November 8, 2022

Fire & Rescue[2022-2015](#)**Commission District(s):** Commission District 4

Contract with Breit Stone Mountain Owner LLC to lease ± 30,400 Square Feet of space, total cost \$3,253,986.27

Approved

Human Services[2022-2207](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Awarding of the 2022 Human Services Grants to Local Non-Profits- At a Cost of \$617,808 to the County

Approved

[2022-2212](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Awarding of the Victim Assistance Grants for 2022 to State Certified Victim Assistance Non-Profit Agencies- Transfer Funds from the Victim Assistance Fund 206 to the Human Services Grant Fund-Cost Center 67510- At a Cost of \$139,644 to the County

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*[2022-1946](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA-Cooperative Agreement-Police Mobile Precinct: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Police Services. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Omnia Partners Contract No. 128867 to purchase one (1) police mobile precinct. Awarded to: Farber Specialty Vehicles. Amount Not To Exceed: \$293,674.00.

Approved[2022-2168](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Technology Products, Services, Solutions and Related Products and Services: for use by the Department of Police Services (PS). This contract consists of the purchase of Laptops for Police Services Moto Units & Vehicle Fleet. Awarded to Insight Public Sector, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$315,312.38.

Approved[2022-2218](#)**Commission District(s): District 3**

CA-Cooperative Sourcewell Agreement Contract No. GA-A09-040820-LIY for Indefinite Quantity Construction Services for use by the Department of Fire Rescue Services (FR). This contract consists of the conversion of a storage unit to a gym facility at the Fire Academy. Awarded to: Lichty Commercial Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$25,162.95.

Approved

[2022-2232](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1082514 Pre-Employment Drug and Alcohol Testing Services (Annual Contract with 4 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Human Resources and Merit System (HRMS). This contract consists of providing post-offer pre-employment and fitness for duty physicals to candidates for employment and/or employees. This request is to increase the contract funding and term through April 31, 2023. Awarded to Caduceus USA Medical Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$142,225.02.

Approved

[2022-2238](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1010560 for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System (Multiyear): for use by Emergency 911 and Fire Rescue (FS). This contract consists of providing an enhanced CAD system for receiving and responding to the County's emergency E911 calls and Fire Rescue. Awarded to CentralSquare Technologies, (formerly, TriTech Software Systems). Amount Not To Exceed \$14,060.48.

Approved

[2022-2241](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1257650 Body Worn™ Body Camera System (Multi-Year): for use by the Marshal's Office, and Departments of Public Safety Police Services (PS) and Animal Services. Consists of the purchase of the BodyWorn™ Comprehensive Body Camera System and supporting hardware and software accessories. Awarded to Utility Associates, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$156,209.26.

Approved

[2022-2243](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to General Services Administration (GSA) Contract (GS-35F-0253W) No. 1263615 for Information Technology Software: for use by DeKalb Emergency Management Agency (DEMA). Consists of the piggybacking off the competitively let contract for the CodeRED Emergency Notification Solutions. Awarded to OnSolve, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$56,700.00.

Approved

[2022-2248](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing: for use by Police Services (PS) to be utilized by all County departments. Consists of Uniforms and Accessories and requests authorization to contract with BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative and to approve the purchase of ballistic vests for police officers. Awarded to: Galls, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$325,000.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until November 8, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

[2022-2365](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 22-500623 Financial Advisory Services (3 Year Multiyear Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Finance Department. Consists of providing financial advisory services in connection with various financing transactions and programs. Services will also require acting as the County's "municipal advisor" as contemplated by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank") and the Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 15bA-1 (the "Municipal Advisor Rule"). Recommend award to: PFM Financial Advisors, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,664,500.00.

deferred the substitute, until November 8, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2022-2197](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO-Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1280879 for Repair of Equipment: All Automobiles, On-the-Road, Off-the-Road, Vehicles, Motorcycles, Trucks, Trailers & Motorized Equipment (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew) for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. Consent to Assignment to transfer the remaining balance and contract terms from CS Truck & Repair Services, Inc. to CS Truck & Trailer Repair, Inc.: **CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT ONLY.**

Approved

[2022-2215](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101527 Inspection and Maintenance of Fire Suppression System (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing equipment inspection and repair services for the County's existing fire suppression systems. Recommend award to the sole responsive and responsible bidder: VSC Fire & Security, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00.

Approved

[2022-2219](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1092092 GOV CX 311 Accelerator Services (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). This contract consists of the implementation of the 311-system modernization. This request is to increase the scope of work and funding. Awarded to Speridian Technologies. Amount Not To Exceed: \$336,760.00.

Approved

[2022-2225](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA-Diesel Powered Truck & Cab with Grappler and Dump Body: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract No. 99999-001-SPD00000155-0001 to purchase one (1) diesel powered truck & cab with grappler & dump body. Awarded to Rush Truck Centers of Georgia, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$239,943.00.

Approved[2022-2230](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB-Invitation No. 22-101531-Trailer Mounted Diesel Powered Trommel Screen: for Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of one (1) trailer mounted diesel powered trommel screen for the purpose of processing compost material such as wood and rock. Recommend Award to Powerscreen of Florida, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$490,000.00.

Approved[2022-2245](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 7 to Contract No. 1147259 for Elevator Maintenance Services: for use by Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of monthly preventative maintenance, inspections, testing and modernization of the County's elevators and associated equipment. Awarded to KONE, Inc. (OMNIA Partners Cooperative Agreement). CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

Approved[2022-2287](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1137958 for Landscape Maintenance Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of professional landscape maintenance and emergency services. Awarded to Residential Enhancements, Inc. dba RE Global. Amount Not To Exceed: \$645,290.00.

Approved

[2022-2303](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1264045 Sole Source for Microsoft Consulting Services: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of the design and implementation of an Active Directory Migration Services (ADMS). This request is to increase the contract funding and term through April 30, 2023. Awarded to Microsoft Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$202,720.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2022-2242](#)**Commission District(s): 3 & 6**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1233520 for Glen Emerald Lake Dam Repair (365 days): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the rehabilitation of the dam located at Glen Emerald Lake Park. Awarded to: Reeves Young, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$525,000.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2022-1833](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 21-101366 Ductile Iron Water Main Fittings (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of ductile iron water main fittings. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: Ferguson Waterworks, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed: \$2,857,051.53.

Approved

[2022-1919](#)**Commission District(s): 1 and 6**

CO-Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1238641 Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant - Ozone Generators Design and Installation: for use by The Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the design, installation, and the commission of two (2) ozone generators, including all supporting components, to operate in parallel with two existing generators. This request is to increase the contract term through December 31, 2023. Awarded to Heavy Constructors, Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

Approved

[2022-2130](#)**Commission District(s): 5 and 7**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1268898 Kensington Pump Station and Pipeline Project: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the construction of the new Kensington Road Sanitary Sewer Pump Station to replace a network of failing gravity sewer mains. This request is to increase funding to allow for the completion of existing scope of work. Awarded to Ruby Collins, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$174,420.29.

Approved

[2022-2304](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 10 to Contract No. 14-902868 for Engineering and Design Services: for use by Public Works-Transportation and Infrastructure Projects. This contract consists of design and construction of various highway projects for the County. Awarded to Kimley-Horn and associates, Inc. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

Approved

Solicitor-State Court

[2022-2286](#)**Commission District(s):** All

To Authorize the addition of Two Vehicles to the County Fleet for the
Solicitor-General's Office

Deferred to the next meeting, until November 8, 2022

Walk-On**2022-2415****Commission District(s):** District 7

To add an item to the agenda

Approved

2022-2416**Commission District(s):** District 7

To Appropriate American Rescue Plan Grant Funds Assigned to POETA
Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7
Appropriation to The Atlanta Community Food Bank To Mitigate The Public
Health Emergency Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic.

Approved

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Board of Commissioners - District 1[2021-2851](#)**Commission District(s):** All

A Request to Consider Establishing an Annual Traffic Count Program

Withdrawn

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2022-2308](#)**Commission District(s):** District 3

Senator Emmanuel Jones to Request the Senate Appropriations Committee for Inclusion in the Bonding Projects for the State of Georgia in the Amount of \$2 Million for Improvements and Pathway forward to Restore the South DeKalb Y to Vibrancy for the Community.

Approved substitute submitted from the floor

Board of Commissioners - District 6[2022-2004](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Protect Abortion Access and Protect Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice for DeKalb County Citizens

Deferred the substitute, until November 15, 2022

[2022-2060](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

A Resolution Supporting the Creation of a Task Force to Honor the Life of Reverend Dr. Hosea Lorenzo Williams, Sr., and Recognizing His Accomplishments as Worth of an Enduring Memorial

Deferred for 30 days, until November 15, 2022

Board of Commissioners - District 7[2022-1765](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Acknowledge an Affordable Housing Crisis in DeKalb County and to Call upon Federal, State and Local Legislators and Elected Officials to Pass Legislation Supporting Home Ownership and Rent Stabilization.

Deferred for 30 days, until November 15, 2022

Chief Executive Office

[2022-2133](#)**Commission District(s): All**

To Appropriate \$1,860,000 from the Tourist Product Development CIP Account to Fund Various Projects

Approved the substitute

[2022-2321](#)**Commission District(s): All Commission Districts**

To enter into a Second Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between DeKalb County and the City of Doraville for Economic Development Purposes.

Deferred to the next meeting, until November 8, 2022.

[2022-2324](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approve Amendment No. 5 to the Emergency Agreement for Provision of Professional Services with Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc., for assistance with the Tenant Landlord Assistance Coalition.

Approved

Planning and Sustainability[2022-2066](#)**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 5 & 7**

Request for deviation from the Requirements of Section 14-191 (b) Improvements, Right-of-Way Dedication at 2700 Turner Hill Road, Lithonia, GA 30058

Denied

2022-2068 COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 & 7

Request for deviation from the Requirements of Section 14-190 (Street Classification and Right-of-Way Width) at/near 2425 Mellville Avenue, Decatur, GA 30032

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

2022-2099 Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 966523 Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Certification and/or Contract Compliance Services: for use by the Department of Purchasing and Contracting (P&C). This contract consists of the outsourcing of certification and compliance services in accordance with the DeKalb First LSBE Ordinance. This request is to increase the contract funding and term through February 28, 2023. This request also includes a request to ratify an emergency contract extension. Awarded to Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council (GMSDC). Amount Not To Exceed: \$142,577.46.

Approved the substitute submitted from the floor

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

2022-1826 Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No.: 1116360 for Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Program Management Services: for use by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). This contract consists of providing program management services for projects funded by SPLOST. Awarded to Atlas Technical Consultants LLC. Inc., for an Amount Not to Exceed: \$2,764,502.36.

Deferred to the next meeting, until November 8, 2022

[2022-2132](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101521 On Call Roof Maintenance, Repair & Replacement Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the maintenance, repair and installation of various types of roofs at County owned facilities. Recommend award to all responsive and responsible bidders: Hawk Construction Company, LLC and National Building Contractors, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,930,000.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2022-1994](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1194236 Small Domestic Brass Fittings and Gate Valves (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the purchase of small domestic brass fittings and gate valves. This request is to increase contract funding and the term through May 31, 2023. Awarded to Delta Municipal Supply Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,900,000.00.

Approved substitute submitted from the floor

[2022-2043](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1172163 Water Meters and Parts (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the purchase of water meters and parts. This request is to add funding and to extend the contract term to January 31, 2023. Awarded to Kendall Supply, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,150,000.00.

Approved

[2022-2082](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1181007 for Fence and Gate Installation and Repair (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for the use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of the installation and repair of fences and gates. This request is to increase funds as well as ratify a contract term extension through January 31, 2023. Awarded to A.S.A.P. Management Group. Amount Not To Exceed: \$225,000.00.

Approved

[2022-2175](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order 1 to Purchase Order No. 1283762 Animal Crematory (Emergency): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of the purchase of an incinerator to replace the existing incinerator that reached its end of life. This request is to increase the purchase order amount. Awarded to Bestech Environmental Recourse, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$53,044.00

Approved

[2022-2224](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101480 Storm Drainage Infrastructure System Construction for Public Works Stormwater Project (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing storm drainage system construction services. Recommend award to all bidders who are responsive and responsible: Kemi Construction, Inc., A&S Paving, Inc., Site Engineering, Inc., and GS Construction, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$36,894,102.00.

Approved the substitute

Watershed Management

[2022-2194](#)**Commission District(s): 1 & 6**

Change Order to Agenda Item 2020-0964 Georgetown Gateway project for City of Dunwoody CS 5156/Chamblee Dunwoody Road from Cotillion Drive to Peeler Road for additional \$10,477.50

Approved

[2022-2208](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Proposed settlement of property damage settlement claim against DeKalb County CIP OCIP Insurance Policy for \$250,000

Approved

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION****POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.**

DeKalb County Government does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities or exclude them from participating in or receiving benefits of its services, programs, or activities, based on disability. Janet Essix, DeKalb County Government's Employee Relations Manager and ADA Coordinator, is designated to coordinate the County's compliance with Part 35 of the Department of Justice regulations regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. Janet Essix may be contacted at 1300 Commerce Drive, 1st Floor, Decatur, GA 30030, 404.371.2309, to request information about access for persons with disabilities to County services, programs and activities, or to discuss a grievance regarding an impediment to such access. Ten days' notice is requested for special accommodations.