



DeKalb County Government

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Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners - District 7

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia, To Provide Annual Funding To DeKalb Pro Bono

Information Contact: Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Phone Number: District 7

PURPOSE:

To adopt a resolution requesting that the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia provide annual funding to DeKalb Pro Bono.

NEED/IMPACT:

DeKalb Pro Bono is a nonprofit that provides free legal help to low-income individuals in DeKalb County, GA. DeKalb Pro Bono represent individuals that make 3 times the poverty level who cannot afford an attorney. The organization has assisted more than 12,000 clients with civil, legal matters. DeKalb Pro Bono is staffed by a network of volunteer lawyers to who provides legal support and representation. More than 1000 lawyers have given their time to benefit DeKalb communities. Due to the increase in a consistent and steady demand for legal assistance by DeKalb County resulting from evictions, landlord/ tenant issues, domestic and family violence, family, and other legal matters, yearly funding is being requested to handle increased services, the need for increased full-time staffing, and additional fixed costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding to be determined.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the resolution and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.