

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 7th day of November, 2017, an election will be held at the regular polling places in all of the election districts of DeKalb County, Georgia, (the “County”), at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the County for their determination two questions. The first question will be whether an equalized homestead option sales and use tax (the “EHOST”) be levied and the regular homestead option sales and use tax be suspended within the special district of the County for the purposes of reducing the ad valorem property tax millage rates levied by the County and municipal governments on homestead properties. The second question will be whether a one percent county special purpose local option sales and use tax (the “SPLOST”) shall be imposed on all sales and uses in the special district created in the County for a period of six (6) years for the raising of approximately \$636,762,352 for the purpose of funding certain County and Municipal capital outlay projects (“the Projects”) specified in the form of the ballot set forth below.

If imposition of the taxes is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of **DeKalb County, Georgia** secured by the portion of the proceeds of the SPLOST received by the County, in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$40,000,000 (the “County Debt”). The proceeds of the County Debt, if issued, shall be used to pay a portion of the costs of the DeKalb County Projects (as set forth in the form of the ballot below) and the costs of issuing the County Debt. The County Debt shall bear interest from the date of issuance of the County Debt or from such other date as may be designated by the County prior to the issuance of the County Debt, at a rate or rates to be determined in a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the County prior to the issuance of the County Debt, which rate shall not exceed five percent (5%) per annum. The amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of the County Debt shall be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$0
2020	\$0
2021	\$10,000,000
2022	\$10,000,000
2023	\$10,000,000
2024	\$10,000,000

If imposition of the taxes is approved by a majority of the voters within the **City of Brookhaven**, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Brookhaven secured by the portion of the proceeds of the SPLOST payable to the

City of Brookhaven in a maximum aggregate principal amount of up to \$34,295,000 (the “Brookhaven Debt”). The proceeds of the Brookhaven Debt, if issued, shall be used to pay all or a portion of the City of Brookhaven Projects (as set forth in the form of the ballot below), costs of issuing the Brookhaven Debt and capitalized interest. The Brookhaven Debt shall bear interest from the first day of the month during which the Brookhaven Debt is to be issued or from such other date as may be designated by the City of Brookhaven prior to the issuance of the Brookhaven Debt, which rates shall not exceed two point eight percent (2.8%) per annum. The actual rate or rates shall be determined in a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the City of Brookhaven prior to the issuance of the Brookhaven Debt. The maximum amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of such Brookhaven Debt shall be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$5,505,000
2020	\$5,590,000
2021	\$5,670,000
2022	\$5,755,000
2023	\$5,845,000
2024	\$5,930,000

If the imposition of the taxes is approved by a majority of the voters within the **City of Clarkston**, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Clarkston secured by the portion of the proceeds of the SPLOST payable to the City of Clarkston in a maximum aggregate principal amount of up to \$8,735,000 (the “Clarkston Debt”) (in whole or in part and in one or more series). The proceeds of the Clarkston Debt, if issued, shall be used to pay a portion of the City of Clarkston Projects (as set forth in the form of the ballot below), costs of issuing the Clarkston Debt and capitalized interest. The Clarkston Debt shall bear interest from the first day of the month during which the Clarkston Debt is to be issued or from such other date as may be designated by the City of Clarkston prior to the issuance of the Clarkston Debt, which rates shall not exceed five percent (5.0%) per annum. The maximum amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of such Clarkston Debt shall be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$730,000
2020	\$750,000

2021	\$780,000
2022	\$2,070,000
2023	\$2,155,000
2024	\$2,250,000

If the imposition of the taxes is approved by a majority of the voters within the **City of Decatur**, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Decatur secured by the portion of the proceeds of the SPLOST payable to the City of Decatur, in a maximum aggregate principal amount of up to \$7,000,000 (the “Decatur Debt”) (in whole or in part and in one or more series). The proceeds of the Decatur Debt, if issued, shall be used to pay a portion of the City of Decatur Projects (as set forth in the form of the ballot below), the costs of issuing the Decatur Debt and capitalized interest. The Decatur Debt shall bear interest from the first day of the month during which the Decatur Debt is to be issued or from such other date as may be designated by the City of Decatur prior to the issuance of the Decatur Debt, which rates shall not exceed five percent (5.0%) per annum. The maximum amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of such Decatur Debt shall be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$1,060,000
2020	\$1,095,000
2021	\$1,125,000
2022	\$1,180,000
2023	\$1,240,000
2024	\$1,300,000

If the imposition of the taxes is approved by a majority of the voters within the **City of Dunwoody**, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Dunwoody secured by the portion of the proceeds of the SPLOST payable to the City of Dunwoody, in a maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$36,000,000 (the “Dunwoody Debt”). The purpose for which the Dunwoody Debt is to be issued shall be to pay all or a portion of the cost for the capital outlay projects of the City of Dunwoody (as set forth in the form of the ballot below), the cost of issuing the Dunwoody Debt, and capitalized interest. The maximum rate or rates of interest on such Dunwoody Debt shall not exceed six percent

(6.0%) per annum. The maximum amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of the Dunwoody Debt shall be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$6,000,000
2020	\$6,000,000
2021	\$6,000,000
2022	\$6,000,000
2023	\$6,000,000
2024	\$6,000,000

If the imposition of the taxes is approved by a majority of the voters within the **City of Stonecrest**, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Stonecrest secured by the portion of the proceeds of the SPLOST payable to the City of Stonecrest in a maximum aggregate principal amount of up to \$25,515,000 (the “Stonecrest Debt”) (in whole or in part and in one or more series). The proceeds of the Stonecrest Debt, if issued, shall be used to pay all or a portion of the City of Stonecrest Capital Improvement Projects (as set forth in the form of ballot below), the costs of issuing the Stonecrest Debt and capitalized interest. The Stonecrest Debt shall bear interest from the first day of the month during which the Stonecrest Debt is to be issued or from such other date as may be designated by the City of Stonecrest prior to the issuance of the Stonecrest Debt, which rates shall not exceed three point seventy-five percent (3.75%) per annum. The actual rate or rates shall be determined in a resolution to be adopted by the City of Stonecrest prior to the issuance of the Stonecrest Debt. The maximum amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of such Stonecrest Debt shall be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$3,995,000
2020	\$4,095,000
2021	\$4,195,000
2022	\$4,300,000
2023	\$4,410,000

2024	\$4,520,000
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The ballots to be used at said election shall have written or printed thereon substantially the following:

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: Unless **BOTH** the equalized homestead option sales and use tax (EHOST) **AND** the special purpose local option sales and use tax (SPLOST) are approved, then neither sales and use tax shall become effective.

<input type="radio"/> YES	Shall an equalized homestead option sales and use tax be levied and the regular homestead option sales and use tax be suspended within the special district within DeKalb County for the purposes of reducing the ad valorem property tax millage rates levied by the County and municipal governments on homestead properties?
<input type="radio"/> NO	

<input type="radio"/> YES	Shall a special 1 percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of DeKalb County for a period of time not to exceed 6 years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$636,762,352 for the purpose of: (A) DeKalb County projects to be funded from DeKalb County's share of the proceeds to (1) plan, design, construct, demolish, add to, acquire, relocate, renovate, replace, repair, improve, furnish, and equip projects for (a) transportation purposes to include roads, bridges, sidewalks, bicycle paths, road repaving, public transit, rails, airports, buses, and other road, street, and bridge purposes and (b) public safety purposes to include fire stations and police facilities, and (2) repair capital outlay projects, and (3) pay expenses incident to accomplish all of the foregoing (collectively the "DeKalb County Projects"); (B) Avondale Estates projects to be funded from the City of Avondale Estates' share of the proceeds related to (1) transportation, including the planning, acquisition, construction, repair or improvement of roads, streets, bridges, bicycle paths, and sidewalks, (2) road resurfacing and paving, (3) public safety facilities and related capital equipment used in the operation thereof, and (4) paying expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing; (C) Brookhaven Capital Improvement Projects to be funded from its share of the proceeds related to (1) the construction or repair of City roads, streets, bridges, bicycle paths, and sidewalks, (2) acquisition of real
<input type="radio"/> NO	

	<p>property and the construction of public safety facilities and equipment; (3) maintenance of existing capital assets subject to the 15% cap authorized by statute; and (4) paying expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing (collectively the “City of Brookhaven Projects”); (D) Chamblee capital outlay projects related to transportation improvements, including roads, streets and bridge purposes, sidewalks, bicycle and pedestrian paths, intersection improvements, streetscapes as well as payment of expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing; (E) Clarkston capital outlay projects to be funded from its share of the proceeds related to transportation, including the planning, acquisition, construction and repair of roads, streets, bridges, bicycle paths, and sidewalks, and paying expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing (collectively the “City of Clarkston Projects”); (F) Decatur projects to be funded from the City of Decatur’s share of the proceeds related to (1) debt service for the acquisition, through installment purchase, of Fire Station No. 1, the Leveritt Public Works Building, and the Decatur Recreation Center from the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Decatur; (2) debt service for the acquisition, through installment purchase, of the Beacon Municipal Complex from the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Decatur, including the Beacon stormwater projects, but not including the administrative facilities for the City Schools of Decatur; (3) transportation improvements to the Atlanta Avenue/W. Howard Avenue/W, College Avenue intersection; and, (4) bicycle, pedestrian improvements and traffic calming improvements (collectively the “City of Decatur Projects”); (G) Doraville related to transportation improvement projects including, but not limited to Infrastructure Preservation (road resurfacing, replacement and rehabilitation of bridges and drainage systems); Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Improvements (addition of sidewalks, streetscapes, bike lanes, and multi-use trails); Congestion Relief (intersection improvements, road widenings, traffic management, and signal upgrades); Safety and Operational Improvements (addition/extension of turn lanes, elimination of sight distance problems and other safety concerns, as well as widened lanes and shoulders); Public Safety Facilities and Related Capital Equipment; and Repairs of Capital</p>
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	<p>Outlay Projects up to 15% of the total tax collected by the City of Doraville; (H) Dunwoody related to transportation improvement projects including, but not limited to Infrastructure Preservation (road resurfacing, replacement and rehabilitation of bridges and drainage systems); Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Improvements (addition of sidewalks, streetscapes, bike lanes, and multi-use trails); Congestion Relief (intersection improvements, road widenings, traffic management, and signal upgrades); Safety and Operational Improvements (addition/extension of turn lanes, elimination of sight distance problems and other safety concerns, as well as widened lanes and shoulders); Public Safety Facilities and Related Capital Equipment; and Repairs of Capital Outlay Projects up to 15% of the total tax collected by Dunwoody (collectively the “City of Dunwoody Projects”); (I) Lithonia to construct, demolish, add to, acquire, relocate, renovate, replace, repair, improve, furnish, and equip projects for (1) transportation purposes to include roads, sidewalks, bicycle paths, road repaving and other road and street purposes; and (2) public safety purposes to include funding of related capital equipment; and for (3) the repair of capital outlay projects and paying expenses incident to accomplish the foregoing; (J) Pine Lake capital improvement projects to be funded from the City of Pine Lake’s share of the proceeds related to (1) the renovation/expansion/relocation of public safety facilities, purchase of a police vehicle and police dash cameras, (2) rebuilding of Oak Road from Forrest Street to Spring Street, along with road and street repair and improvements including paving, curb resetting and storm water outlet repair/installation on local surface streets on a priority basis according to need, and (3) renovation, and/or repairs of city hall, public works restroom facilities and gate repairs to public works building; (K) Stonecrest Capital Improvement Projects to be funded from its share of the proceeds related to (1) the construction, repaving, improvement or repair of City roads, streets, bridges, bicycle paths, and sidewalks, (2) acquisition of real property and the construction and equipping of public safety facilities; (3) improvement, renovation and repairs to City parks and other existing capital improvements; (4) paying expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing (collectively the “City of Stonecrest Projects”); (L)</p>
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Stone Mountain transportation improvements, including, but not limited to, roads, streets, bridges, and sidewalks; police vehicles and related equipment, fire facilities and related equipment, renovation and repairs of park buildings and facilities as well as payment of expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing; and **(M) Tucker** projects to be funded from its share of the proceeds consisting of (1) at least 65% of the proceeds for roads and drainage; (2) at least 20% of the proceeds for multi-modal transportation consisting of sidewalks, paths, and bikeways; and (3) up to 15% for projects for fire facilities and Citywide safety equipment, capital outlay projects for the parks and recreation system, and capital outlay projects for public facilities (collectively the “City of Tucker Projects”)?

If imposition of the taxes is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of **DeKalb County, Georgia** in the principal amount of \$40,000,000 for a portion of the above DeKalb County Projects, to pay capitalized interest incident thereto, and to pay expenses incident to accomplish the foregoing.

If imposition of the taxes is approved by a majority of the voters within the **City of Brookhaven**, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Brookhaven in the principal amount not to exceed \$34,295,000 for a portion of the City of Brookhaven Projects.

If imposition of the taxes is approved by a majority of the voters within the **City of Clarkston**, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Clarkston in the principal amount not to exceed \$8,735,000 for a portion of the City of Clarkston Projects.

If imposition of the taxes is approved by a majority of the voters within the **City of Decatur**, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Decatur in the principal amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 for the portion of the City of Decatur Projects related to transportation improvement and bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects.

	<p>If imposition of the taxes is approved by a majority of the voters within the City of Dunwoody, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Dunwoody in the principal amount not to exceed \$36,000,000 for the above-described City of Dunwoody Projects.</p> <p>If imposition of the taxes is approved by a majority of the voters within the City of Stonecrest, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the City of Stonecrest in the principal amount not to exceed \$25,515,000 for a portion of the City of Stonecrest Projects.</p>
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Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the statement and ballot questions above shall precede any and all other special election ballot questions which are to appear on the same ballot. O.C.G.A. § 48-8-109.4.

All persons desiring to vote in favor of levying the taxes shall vote “Yes”, and persons opposed to the levying of the taxes shall vote “No”. If more than one-half of the votes are cast in favor of levying the taxes, then both of the taxes shall be levied in accordance with applicable state law, otherwise the taxes may not be levied.

The last day to register to be eligible to vote in this election is October 10, 2017. The referendum will be held in all the regular polling precincts and election districts of DeKalb County, Georgia. The polls will open at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Those residents qualified to vote at said election shall be determined in all respects in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia.

This notice is given pursuant to a resolution of the DeKalb County Governing Authority and the DeKalb County Board of Elections and Registration.

This 5th day of October, 2017

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For: The DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections

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