



## ***For Immediate Release***

### **DeKalb Citizens Advocacy Council Shares District 90 Questionnaire Results**

DeKalb Citizens Advocacy Council (DCAC) issued a questionnaire to the seven candidates who qualified to run for House District 90 as registered with the Georgia Secretary of State's office. Five candidates completed the brief questionnaire; two did not. The questionnaire was sent via email to the email addresses provided by the candidates to the Secretary of State on their qualification forms.

Two of the candidates, Valerie Murphy and Stan Watson, did not provide any contact information on their qualifying documents. Numerous attempts were made to seek email addresses and phone numbers, but the candidates did not respond to those queries.

The answers from the five candidates who responded demonstrate a broad range of educational and professional experiences available to voters in District 90. As a potential representative for the residents in House District 90, the candidates' top priorities range from improving funding for public education to helping provide for economic development, especially support for small businesses. Environmental justice, COVID-19 economic relief, and public transportation access were also highlighted in their responses.

Of the two candidates that did not respond, *The Atlanta Journal Constitution* reported on October 26, 2017 that former DeKalb County Commissioner Stan Watson pleaded guilty in 2017 to receiving about \$3,000 in advances for government trips and using the money for personal purposes.

"Our mission is to educate and advocate for informed citizen engagement in county governance," stated Mary Hinkel, Chair of DeKalb Citizens Advocacy Council. "We believe that the residents of District 90 need information on the candidates' priorities in order to make the best choice for their district."

The complete survey results can be viewed [here](#).

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For more information, visit [www.dekalbcitizens.org](http://www.dekalbcitizens.org).

#### ***About DeKalb Citizens Advocacy Council***

The DeKalb Citizens Advocacy Council (DeKalb Citizens) is registered as a nonprofit corporation in the state of Georgia and is recognized for exemption under IRS Section 501(c)4. DeKalb Citizens Advocacy Council is a group of community members from throughout DeKalb County,

Georgia, whose mission is to educate the citizens of DeKalb County about county governance issues and to advocate for informed citizen engagement. The organization's members research topics, including filing open records requests and seeking out best practices from other jurisdictions. The goal is for DeKalb County to model excellence in citizen engagement and county responsiveness to citizen concerns.

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