

March 2, 2022

The Honorable Emanuel Jones
Senate District 10
P. O. Box 370244
Decatur, Georgia 30037

Re: Senate Bill 465

Dear Senator Jones:

Monday's Atlanta Journal Constitution article reported that you are continuing to pursue separate legislation to re-form the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners. We would like to understand your point of view on this matter. For that reason, we are asking you the following questions:

Who has requested that the General Assembly propose this change?

What problem does this change aim to address?

Why has public input not been sought regarding the need for this referendum?

Since the charter is about to be reviewed, why are you proposing a single change separate from the overall review?

We remain concerned about the motivation and timing of this legislation. We are also concerned about the public confusion it may cause at the ballot box should there be Charter Review Commission recommendations approved by the DeKalb Delegation for the same referendum.

If you are available to discuss these questions via Zoom, we would be happy to work with your staff to schedule such a meeting. Otherwise, we look forward to receiving your responses via email (info@dekalbcitizens.org) or U.S. mail (1718 Mason Mill Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329).

We appreciate your service to DeKalb County.

Sincerely,

Mary S. Hinkel
Chair

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