COBB MUNICIPALITIES UNITED FOR SPLOST REFERENDUM  
May 15, 2020

To: Chairman Mike Boyce  
Commissioner Keli Gambrill, District 1  
Commissioner Bob Ott, District 2  
Commissioner JoAnn Birrell, District 3  
Commissioner Lisa Cupid, District 4

RE: SPLOST REFERENDUM

The underlining Mayors, constituting all of the Mayors of the six cities in Cobb County join together UNANIMOUSLY to strongly urge the Cobb Board of Commissioners to vote in favor of allowing the citizens of Cobb County the opportunity to approve the SPLOST in the November 2020 election.

The SPLOST is important, not only for our individual cities, but also for the County as a whole. The County and our cities have benefited greatly from the revenues derived from the SPLOST – a good deal of which come from non-county residents who use our services collectively. No matter where you look in the county and six cities, you can see the benefits of prior SPLOSTs. There is no question that our communities have been greatly enhanced because of these funds and discontinuing such will surely regress our continuous infrastructure improvements without the SPLOST for years to come.

We are simply urging you to allow the citizens of Cobb the opportunity to decide for themselves if they wish to use the funds derived from the SPLOST to continue to improve our communities. The SPLOST projects have enhanced our County and City since 2005 making Acworth, Austell, Cobb County, Kennesaw, Marietta, Powder Springs, and Smyrna desired places for people to live, businesses to flourish, and for tourists to visit. To retrench now without the SPLOST referendum would be a step backwards for all of our citizens.

Mayor Tommy Allegood, City of Acworth
Mayor Derek Easterling, City of Kennesaw
Mayor Al Thurman, City of Powder Springs

Mayor Ollie Clemons, Jr., City of Austell
Mayor Steve Tumlin, City of Marietta
Mayor Derek Norton, City of Smyrna