

Citizens for Governmental Transparency

Cobb County Board of Commissioners
100 Cherokee St.
Marietta, GA 30090

November 21, 2013

Re: Request for 60 day delay of Braves Stadium Vote

Dear Board of Commissioners:

“Citizens for Governmental Transparency” is an ad hoc committee comprised of individuals and organizations representing various interests in Cobb County. Additionally, we are residents and tax payers who believe that citizens should be appropriately informed and engaged when significant tax dollars are obligated or expended by our elected officials.

Although we include members who are both for and against the proposed Braves stadium deal, we are unified in our belief that Cobb citizens should be given time to review and publicly comment on any Braves stadium deal that will require the use of significant county tax dollars. **Therefore, we the “Citizens for Governmental Transparency” respectfully request that the Cobb County Board of Commissioners delay the Tuesday, November 26, 2013 proposed Braves stadium vote for a minimum of 60 days.**

It is our expectation that Cobb Commissioners, during the requested 60 days, will meet with and educate Cobb constituents, including our group, about the specifics of the proposed Braves stadium deal. Furthermore, we request that Cobb Commissioners are transparent about all aspects of the proposed Braves stadium deal to include tax implications for citizens; anticipated community benefits; transportation plans for the proposed site; and benefits to developers and the Atlanta Braves franchise.

As representatives of countless citizens and registered voters in Cobb County, we hope that the Cobb Board of Commissioners will honor our request to delay the Braves stadium vote for a minimum of 60 days. Cobb County government has enjoyed a reputation for making prudent and fiscally sound decisions. We trust that our Commissioners will uphold this tradition and not disappoint us by acting in haste and without the support of the citizens they swore to serve.

Sincerely,

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