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October 16, 2017

Mayor and Council Members of
all Georgia Municipalities

**Re: Request for Resolution in Support of Georgia Municipal Association
Legislative Policy Regarding De-annexation Legislation to Create New
Municipalities**

Dear Colleagues:

We are writing to express our sincere gratitude for the overwhelming support we received from the entire membership of the Georgia Municipal Association at our June Convention.

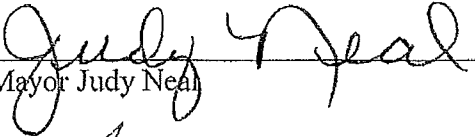
As you will recall, a number of bills have been introduced in the General Assembly which would de-annex large portions of the City of Stockbridge in order to create a new city of Eagles Landing. This would have a devastating impact on the City of Stockbridge, taking away nearly 45 percent of the City's acreage and an estimated 58 percent of the City's operating revenue.

This unprecedented legislation is not just a local matter only of concern to Henry County and the Stockbridge area. This could set a very dangerous precedent for every municipality in the State of Georgia and could potentially pit cities against each other, breaking up long-standing communities.

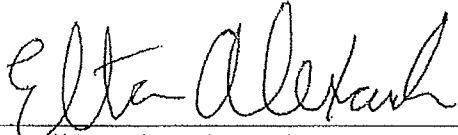
The entire membership of the Georgia Municipal Association was unanimous in supporting the position in the GMA 2018 Legislative Policies that portions of existing municipalities should not be de-annexed to create new municipalities unless consented to by the governing body of the existing municipality or the voters of the existing municipality. We greatly appreciate what was done in Savannah and are now asking that our sister cities continue to support our efforts by adopting a resolution reaffirming the vote that was taken by the GMA membership in June.

We have attached a sample resolution which we are humbly requesting that your Mayor and Council adopt at their earliest opportunity. Again, we thank you for your help in this very important effort.

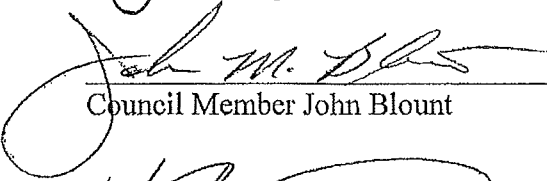
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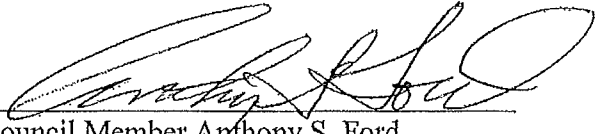
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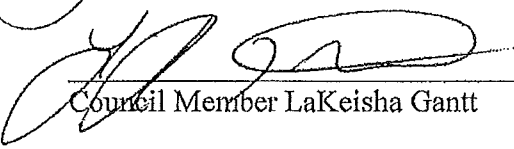
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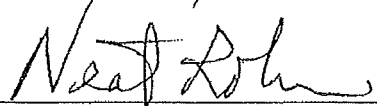
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Council Member LaKeisha Gantt



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RESOLUTION URGING THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO OPPOSE DE-ANNEXATION LEGISLATION TO CREATE NEW MUNICIPALITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge is a municipal corporation located within Henry County, Georgia duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents located within its corporate limits;

WHEREAS, under the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, the General Assembly may amend the corporate limits of any municipal corporation;

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the Georgia General Assembly to de-annex portions of the City of Stockbridge in order to create a new municipality;

WHEREAS, neither the governing body of the City of Stockbridge nor the voters of the City of Stockbridge have consented to the introduction or passage of this legislation;

WHEREAS, the entire membership of the Georgia Municipal Association was unanimous in supporting the position in its 2018 Legislative Policies that portions of existing municipalities should not be de-annexed to create new municipalities unless consented to by the governing body of the existing municipality or the voters of the existing municipality; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of _____ wishes to express its support for and solidarity with the City of Stockbridge in opposing the de-annexation legislation that has been introduced.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____ HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS;

Section 1 Opposition to De-Annexation Legislation to Create New Municipalities. – The Mayor and Council of the City of _____ hereby urges the members of the Georgia General Assembly to oppose any de-annexation legislation that is inconsistent with the 2018 Legislative Policies adopted by the Georgia Municipal Association.

Section 2. Approval of Execution - The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents and to perform all other acts necessary to effectuate this Resolution on behalf of the City of _____. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any document which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 3. Severability - To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 4. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. **Effective Date** - This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the City Council and Mayor as provided in the City Charter.

SO RESOLVED, this the _____ day of _____, 2017.

CITY OF _____, GEORGIA

MAYOR

COUNCIL MEMBER

COUNCIL MEMBER

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ATTEST:

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