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LIFELONG DEKALB TASK FORCE

CEO Ellis and Commissioner Rader Debut New Senior Task Force

DECATUR – DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis and Commissioner Jeff Rader announced today the formation of the county’s new senior task force, **Lifelong DeKalb**. The task force, made up of community members and professionals involved with serving the needs of seniors in the county, will focus on ensuring equitable access and optimal delivery of services to DeKalb seniors.

“Seniors are an integral part of our community and we have an utmost responsibility to care for those who are aging in our county,” said CEO Ellis. “As we continue to fund programs in other areas of our community, our administration is committed to maintaining services and creating new innovative opportunities geared towards our seniors.”

The task force is based on recommendations from the Atlanta Regional Commission’s Lifelong Communities initiative, which works with partners around the state to develop communities that can meet the needs of its residents throughout their lifetimes. The initiative focuses on promoting housing and transportation options to residents, encouraging healthy lifestyles and expanding information and access to services in the community.

“People across our community should be accommodated at all stages of their lives,” said Commissioner Rader, who chairs the committee. “We want people to feel DeKalb serves them as well at 62 as it did when they were 22, and the task force will enable us to do that.”

The Lifelong DeKalb task force consists of a steering committee and a technical advisory committee. Members of the steering committee, who are appointed for two years, are senior volunteers from the community who will serve in an advisory capacity.

Steering Committee members include:

- Ellen Clymer
- Carleen Cumberbatch
- Alma Dowdakin
- Evelyn Johnson
- Bev Warner

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- Chris Valley
- Harvey Nation

Technical Advisory committee members include:

- Karen Harvell, Jewish Family and Career Services
- Carolyn Rader, Atlanta Regional Commission
- Chaiwon Kim, The Center for Pan Asian Community Services
- Almas Akalewold, Clarkston Community Center
- Karl Williams, DeKalb Human Development
- Chris Morris, DeKalb Community Block Grant
- Revonda Moody, DeKalb Parks and Recreation



Left to right: DeKalb County Human Services Director Dale Phillips, ARC Area Agency on Aging Director Cathie Berger, Super District 6 Commissioner Kathie Gannon, CEO Burrell Ellis, District 2 Commissioner Jeff Rader, and District 4 Commissioner Sharon Barnes-Sutton at press conference to announce Lifelong DeKalb Task Force

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