

Resolution
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
Gwinnett County 2023 SPLOST Referendum
September 8, 2022

WHEREAS, since 1985, SPLOST has generated over \$4 billion in funds, and

WHEREAS, past SPLOST-funded projects have contributed greatly to Gwinnett's economic and community development by improving the county's roadways, bridges, sidewalks, recreational and public safety facilities, and libraries, and

WHEREAS, if renewed, anticipated SPLOST revenue over the next 6 years is \$1.35 billion, and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett County and the 16 cities within Gwinnett have agreed to share the funds, and

WHEREAS, for 20 consecutive years, Gwinnett County has received the highest credit rating from the top three bond rating agencies, and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett County boasts the lowest sales tax in the state of Georgia at 6% and will continue to do so, and

WHEREAS, sustained and adequate funding for capital improvement projects is key to Gwinnett County's ability to build nationally recognized parks, award winning public safety facilities, and state of the art libraries and courts, and

WHEREAS, these assets strongly contribute to Gwinnett's ability to attract and retain businesses and talent, and

WHEREAS, the extension of the one-penny sales tax on retail sales incurs no tax increase nor new tax for the citizens of Gwinnett County,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors supports the referendum to extend the one-cent sales tax on retail sales through March 2029 for Gwinnett County and encourages all registered voters in Gwinnett County to vote in favor of the referendum scheduled for November 8, 2022.

Nick Masino, President & CEO

Jill Edwards, 2022 Board Chair