

Please let the DeKalb County Commissioners know that far more than just “a few naysayers” are concerned about the damage that PDK Airport expansion could do to our neighborhoods. It’s crucial that you share your concerns with the Commissioners as soon as possible, hopefully within the next week. The Commissioners need to hear soon from hundreds of concerned citizens (more about that below) so that they will realize that the public does have serious concerns that must not be ignored.

It’s easy to write your County Commissioners. Here’s how:

HOW TO WRITE YOUR COMMISSIONERS:

1. Remember that an outpouring of many brief messages, not lengthy or highly argumentative ones, are likely to be most effective. Try to limit your email message to a paragraph or two. Identify yourself and where you live and then share any reasons why you have been disturbed by airport operations and why you are concerned about the Master plans proposals for expansion. Please be courteous in addressing the commissioners (we’ll need their support to be successful), but also speak from the heart about your personal frustrations and mention any specific concerns you may have.

2. Begin by writing one generic email letter to serve as the template for all the email letters you will then customize and send it separately to each of the seven commissioners. All you need to do is to change the email heading for each letter, inserting the commissioner’s last name in your greeting (Dear Commissioner ____) and being sure to use each commissioner’s correct email address (provided below). Please note that any messages directed to all seven commissioners as a group will not be delivered because DeKalb County has installed anti-spamming devices. In addition, even if a group email message should get through, it would be dismissed as spam by its recipients.

3. The reason you must send your letter to every one of the commissioners rather than only to the two commissioners representing your district, is that in order to be successful we must convince at least four of the seven commissioners to support us. The commissioners are busy people who deal with many difficult problems impacting their constituents, so they *all* need to realize how important this issue is to us.

4. After writing the commissioners yourself, please also circulate this information and the email as widely as possible to your friends, neighbors, and civic associations. Also spread the word on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other internet communication sites. Increasing public awareness and mobilizing others to act too are the most important ways we can win this fight, short of undertaking a complex and prolonged public lawsuit. We’ll also be setting up an on-line petition as soon as we can and taking additional steps to spread our message as widely as possible.

5. Here is the information you need to easily send your email letters to *all* of the Commissioners:

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| District 1—Robert Patrick | rjpatrick@dekalbcountyga.gov |
| District 2—Jeff Rader | jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov |
| District 3—Larry Johnson | larryjohnson@dekalbcountyga.gov |
| District 4—Steve Bradshaw | srbradshaw@dekalbcountyga.gov |
| District 5—Mereda Davis Johnson | mdjohnson@dekalbcountyga.gov |
| District 6—Ted Terry | Ted@DeKalbcountyga.gov |
| District 7—Lorraine Cochran-Johnson | LCJohnson@dekalbcountyga.gov |