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## The DeKalb Republican Party

Legislative Update: The DeKalb GOP is Ensuring FITness – Faith, Integrity & Trust in our Elections

**The DeKalb Republican Party is Working to Ensure FITness- Faith, Integrity and Trust in our Election Laws both at the Georgia State Capitol and at the DeKalb Elections Board Meetings**



### GEORGIA STATE SENATE ACTIONS

It has been a busy week in the Georgia State Senate with key legislative proposals being considered and passed through the Senate Ethics Committee. The DeKalb GOP has been there every step of the way--- communicating with key Senators and testifying to stop the “Zuckerbucks” engagement and influence in our elections. [SB 222](#) which directly prohibits this type of outside funding to our elections was adopted and reported out by the Senate Ethics Committee by a vote of 4-2 on Monday, February 27, 2023. This could not have been done without the leadership of **Senator Max Burns**, and without the team efforts on the Capitol which the **Chairman of the DeKalb GOP, Marci McCarthy** was actively engaged in. We are proud also of our DGOP members who have been working together to communicate positions, who have shown up at the Capitol to show support, and who have testified. Our team was instrumental in working with Senator Burns to clarify that the” Zuckerbucks” that have already been received in 2023 need to be returned as a requirement of the legislation. This means DeKalb Registrations and Election Board which received \$2 Million indirectly from the U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence (funded by Zuckerberg) will have to be returned. As noted by the [Heritage Action](#), [SB222](#) is “**a blueprint for stopping 3<sup>rd</sup> party money from influencing our elections.**”

The Senate Ethics Committee continues their hard work on election laws improvements with [SB 221](#) which successfully added language by Senator Williams to eliminate all absentee

ballot drop boxes due to costs of video for drop boxes and complaints about inconvenience of such drop boxes. The bill also addresses voter residency and voter challenges, --- so you must be a resident, have proof, and if you move permanently to another state, you cannot vote in Georgia. Additionally, this bill allows for the usage of paper ballots. [SB 221](#) was passed out of Committee on Tuesday, February 28.

**DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING- MARCH 1, 2023**



**DeKalb GOP Members show up in numbers at the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections Meeting on March 1, 2023. We outnumbered the Democrats 6-1.**

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Six DeKalb GOP Members attended and provided public comment at the hastily called Board meeting of the DeKalb Registrations and Elections Board, held on March 1. DGOP was ready and on the day before the meeting had submitted a detailed report responding to the Board's request for comments on how DeKalb County elections' operations in 2022 went. The DeKalb GOP was organized and prepared to provide comments on (1) what went well (2) what did not go well and (3) what could have been done differently. DeKalb elections board is seeking to ensure the integrity of elections and improve operational efficiencies. Our team was well prepared while the Democratic view point included only one person providing public comments and no formal report filed. DeKalb GOP continues to lead in working with the Board and being actively engaged in large numbers with the operational aspects of elections in our county. A shout out to the DGOP that were there: **Bonnie Chappell, Deborah Baker, Mary Benefield, Gail Lee, Jim Duffie and Julie Adams (Tea Party Patriots).**

Thank you!

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marci McCarthy".

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