

June 28, 2023

Dear Mayor Ernst and Members of the Brookhaven City Council:

It is my understanding that the City of Brookhaven is considering enacting an Annexation Ordinance in June or July 2023 that would annex approximately 600 acres of current unincorporated DeKalb County land, including Toco Hills Shopping Center – a property owned by EDENS, into the boundaries of the City of Brookhaven. Please be advised that EDENS opposes the Petition and the inclusion of EDENS-owned property in the annexation without our consent.

For nearly two decades, we have enjoyed a strong working relationship with DeKalb County, its Chief Executive Officer and the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and have appreciated their approach to economic development and community building.

DeKalb County and its officials have worked closely with EDENS during our ownership to redevelop this vital corridor of the county into a thriving commercial district for the community, business owners, and all residents people who live, work and recreate in the area. There has been tremendous progress made in this corridor and more to come.

It is our desire that we continue to operate as part of DeKalb County and EDENS owned properties be removed from the area being considered for annexation.

We also request that this correspondence and request for removal from the Petition be recorded by the City Clerk in the City's record/minutes related to the Petition, the Annexation Ordinance and any item considered by City officials related to any proposed Annexation Ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  


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