

Council for Quality Growth Congratulates Dana Johnson on New Position as Cobb County Community Development Agency Director



On September 8th, Dana Johnson was appointed Director of the Cobb County Community Development Agency by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Johnson holds a Masters in City Planning from Georgia Tech and has worked for the City of Marietta and Cobb County for over fifteen years. His expertise is in large scale and neighborhood planning strategies, urban design, economic development, redevelopment, and administration. Prior to his appointment, he served as Deputy Director of Community Development and Planning Division Manager of Cobb County. He replaces Mr. Rob Hosack, who after 28 years of service, leaves Cobb County in order to form consulting practice that will serve the development community and local governments.

When asked how he felt about his appointment and what he views as Cobb's future, Mr. Johnson said, "I am honored to have this opportunity to lead the Cobb County Community Development Agency. This agency is a well-run engine thanks to the superior service provided by our employees and the superb stewardship of Mr. Rob Hosack. It is an exciting time to be part of the Cobb Team with the construction of SunTrust Park and the stadium entertainment district, growth at Kennesaw State University, a recovered housing market, new office towers being built, and redevelopment in the South Cobb. I look forward to working with the development community to continue making Cobb a great place to live, work, play, and learn."

As Mr. Johnson takes the helm at Cobb, Michael E. Paris, President and CEO of the Council for Quality Growth congratulates the new director, saying:

"Having worked with Dana for many years at Cobb I can say he is a consummate professional. He has a "get it done attitude" that will continue and growth Cobb's customer service tradition. He is the perfect choice for building on Rob Hosack's proud accomplishments at Cobb Community Development."

Mr. Rob Hosack, former Director of the Cobb County Community Development Agency supports the sentiments expressed by the Council, saying:

"I applaud the County Commission for appointment Dana Johnson as new community planning director and I would like to think I had a small part in mentoring him for this position. Dana will be a true partner going forward in serving the county and the development industry. He is the best guy for the job."

When asked about his own plans for the future, Mr. Hosack responded:

"I enjoyed all the partnerships I established in assisting customers in community development and I look forward to working with them in my new consultancy role."

The Council for Quality Growth wishes both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hosack the best of success as they move forward in their new positions.