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**Renaissance 2.0 Economic Development Forum:
Breaking Through How We See Our Community**

DECATUR – All roads led to the Porter Sanford III Performing Arts & Community Center on November 6, 2015 for Commissioner Larry Johnson's Renaissance 2.0 Economic Development Forum: *Breaking Through How We See Our Community*.

The Renaissance is part of Commissioner Johnson's vision of bringing beautification, commercial development and economic empowerment through education, economic incentives and coordination among community groups to District 3. The forum was headlined by major developers who discussed how to attract new businesses to our communities. Stealing the show, were a group of community residents who were able to pitch their ideas of what they would like to see in the community and why DeKalb County-District 3 is a place that is primed and ready for an economic emergence. Rounding things out, over 150 residents who registered for the event were able to network with business owners, vendors, county officials and potential employers.

Commissioner Johnson urged that we must continue to link residents to public and private resources, leverage partnerships and empower our residents through education and awareness to build a strong and self-sustaining community. Commissioner Johnson, looking to continue the momentum of Renaissance 2.0 is already planning to have another forum in the spring of 2016 to ensure that we continue to nurture appropriate relationships and implement innovative ideas in our communities.

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About Commissioner Larry Johnson

Commissioner Larry Johnson was elected as the DeKalb 3rd District Commissioner in November 2002 with the overwhelming support of the community. He won with 92 percent of the vote, making him one of the youngest Commissioners elected to serve on the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Johnson's leadership is exemplified in many ways including services that benefit youth, seniors and improved public health. His commitment to helping children succeed is evidenced by his selection as Chair of the Early Learning/School Readiness Commission and his nomination to serve on the Early Education Commission. Commissioner Johnson is a long-term advocate of health and health-related initiatives. Accordingly, he spearheaded "DeKalb Walks...For the Health of It!" where he designated walking as the official exercise of DeKalb --- the only locality in Georgia or the U.S. to do so. His commitment to health further captured the attention of First Lady Michelle Obama and he was invited to be involved with her national "Let's Move!" campaign. In 2005, Commissioner Larry Johnson was appointed to chair the Health Disparities Subcommittee of the Health Steering Committee of NACo, the National Association of Counties. He has continued to work in number of leadership capacities with NACo from 2005 to the present, including his current role as Chair of the Health Steering Committee. Commissioner Johnson graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a BS in Community Health and later earned his Masters in Public Health from the University of Northern Colorado.

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