



## NEWS RELEASE

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The Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Saturday declared its support of an extension of the Atlanta city limits to include all or part of the North Fulton County area of Sandy Springs.

In a resolution setting out its position, the Board said it is apparent that the inclusion of Sandy Springs as part of the city would be of mutual benefit to that community and the City of Atlanta.

The Board said such a move should be based on a favorable expression on the part of the residents involved. It recommended that the residents of Sandy Springs be given the opportunity in a referendum during 1966 to express their preference on whether their area should become part of the city.

The Board's resolution was announced by Pollard Turman, outgoing president of the Atlanta Chamber.

The Chamber Board urged that Sandy Springs citizens consider all aspects of the question, particularly the advantages to be gained by residents of the area, and that they accept the opportunity to join the city. "Undue delay in giving this matter thorough and complete consideration would be detrimental to the best interest of both the Sandy Springs area and the City of Atlanta," the Board added.

Cited in the resolution as advantages to Sandy Springs residents by joining the city were an improved level of urban services, such as sewers, sanitation services, and fire protection; addition of kindergartens to the public schools; parks and recreational facilities, and others.

Additionally, the Board said, Sandy Springs residents would be able to participate in the affairs of the city, around which many of their activities and interests are centered, by voting on officials and programs undertaken by the city.

The actual increase in cost to residents for improved services and other advantages would be moderate, the Board said. Although the ad valorem taxes on homes would be higher, this would be partially offset by reduced service charges and lower fire insurance rates, once fire protection facilities had been upgraded to City of Atlanta standards.

Based on the latest available information, the Board found that the owner of a typical single-family frame residence, with a value of \$20,000 and located on a 100-foot lot, would pay only about \$38.00 more annually. Taxes and service charges would be about \$64.00 higher but fire insurance rates some \$26.00 lower.

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