CITY OF DORAVILLE

Ray Jenkins
Mayor

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MEMO **FEBRUARY 11, 2010**

TO: **CITY COUNCIL & STAFF**

FROM: **MAYOR JENKINS**

RE: **CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT REFERENDUM**

The discussion of the merits of our current government structure versus the city manager form has been ongoing for years and continues to be discussed today. We are entering a defining moment in our City's history and the time has arrived that we resolve the form of government debate.

In order to continue the forward momentum our government has achieved, I believe that we should hear the voice of the citizens on whether the City of Doraville should continue with the current form of government or whether the City should move to the city manager format.

At the February 16 Council meeting, I will propose a Mayor and Council Resolution, asking the General Assembly to authorize a City-wide referendum on the form of government. This referendum will give the citizens of Doraville the opportunity to cast a vote between our current form of government and the city manager alternative. If the Legislature approves referendum, the issue would be placed on the November 2, 2010 General Election ballot.

In doing so, those seeking the Office of Mayor in the November 2011 election will know whether they are running for a full-time or part-time position. If the city manager form and the necessary Charter revisions prevail, the new governmental organization would be effective January 2012.

Because of my administrative role as Mayor, I will not take a position on either form of government. It is my belief, that it's the people's decision. Under either form, it is my sincere hope that our City government will continue our important and unique tradition of citizen accessibility to their elected representatives and to their government.

Sincerely,

Ray Jenkins

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