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We need you to help us fill the auditorium for this event.

What: Atlanta Regional Commission is updating their governing bylaws

When: Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 1:00 PM

Where: Loudermilk Center, 40 Courtland Street, NE, Level C, Atlanta, GA

- ⇒ If you live in the 10 county Atlanta Regional Commission, ask your county commission chairman and / or mayor how they plan to vote on October 22nd.
- ⇒ If they don't sit on the ARC Board now, ask them did they know that their counterparts are voting on governing bylaws that could take away their local authority.
- ⇒ Ask them if they want an appointed committee picking winners and losers in the Atlanta Metro area.

CRITICAL BYLAWS ISSUES

- Bylaws don't provide term limits for appointed members. Some citizen members have served for 15 years.
- Past and current ARC Chairmen are appointed chairmen of Community Improvement Districts. The Georgia Constitution and Georgia Law prove that CID's are political subdivisions. The ARC has violated its own bylaws since citizen "members at large may hold no elective or appointed public office nor be employed by any political subdivision of the area".
- New Governance Committee creates an excessive centralization of power into the chairman's role with no established term limits. Chairman may appoint members outside of the current duly elected county commissioners and mayors.
 Removes accountability to the public.
- ARC directs federal money toward transportation projects within CID's. When
 the chairman of the ARC can be the chairman of a CID and also be employed by a
 firm that has major real estate investments in the CID, this creates a potential for
 inside deals to favored business interests and inhibits free market competition.

