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Deny 5655 Lake Forrest Dr. convert single family home to church	Convert single family home to church	Disregard of the existing zoning. Intrusion into residential area	This vote for Denial is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve denial 6-0	1		1		1		1		1		1			08/19/08	350	6
Holy Spirit School Sports Complex Expansion U08-005/CV08-007	Petition to convert land designated as protected neighborhood to Holy Spirit School sports complex and offices	Disregard for protected Neighborhood concept; increased traffic congestion; Lighted stadium, loud speakers.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 4-2		1	0		0		0		0			1		08/19/08	349	6
Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) - Creation of traffic and visual improvements to Roswell Road & neighborhoods adjacent to Roswell Rd. inside I285.	Creation of traffic and visual improvements to Roswell Road & neighborhoods adjacent to Roswell Rd. inside I285.	Traffic and visual enhancements to neighborhoods in southern Sandy Springs	This vote for Approval is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 6-0	1		1		1		1		1		1			07/15/08	338	All
Deny 5775 & 5795 Glenridge Drive, Lakeside , To rezone the subject property from O-I conditional and R-2 to MIX for the development of 300 residential units, 1,125,000 square feet of new and existing office space, 50,000 square feet of retail space, and a 200-room hotel, with concurrent variances and a use permit to exceed the maximum district height.	Applicant wanted a MIX use for development of 300 residential units, 1,125,000 square feet of new and existing office space, 50,000 square feet of retail space, and a 200-room hotel and wanted to exceed the maximum district height.	Project would have added 11,000 vehicle trips/day to an already congested Glenridge and forcing cut throughs into a Protected neighborhood.	This vote for Denial is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve Denial 3-2 1 NP		0		0		N P	1		1		1			06/17/08	329	5

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Approve the rezoning of 8475 Roswell Road (SR 9), Applicant: SecurCare Properties, LLC, from C-1 conditional and M-1 conditional to C-1 to allow the existing storage facility to remain, approval of the use permit to allow for the existing storage facility in the C-1 district, and approval of the variance to allow the existing storage facility within the Sandy Springs Overlay District subject to the removal of the existing on-site manager's apartment and to carry forward the site plan and zoning under Fulton County. RZ07-044/ U07-018/CV07-032-8475 Ordinance No. 2008-05-19	Applicant wanted to enlarge existing storage facility with a request for approval of on site manager's residence.	Change to commercial only with no manufacturing (M) in compliance with current overlay standards; remove onsite manager's apartment.	This vote for Approval is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 6-0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		05/20/08	322	1
Approve 1140 & 1150 Hammond Drive, Applicant: Corporate Campus , LLC, to rezone the subject property from MIX conditional to MIX for the development of 753,000 square feet of commercial and office space, a 160-room hotel, and 400 residential units, with concurrent variances and a use permit to exceed the maximum district height. Motion amended to have the owner/developer attempt to provide interparcel access with adjacent properties to the north and east. RZ07-038/U07-015/CV07-028 -	This lot at the northeast corner of Hammond and Peachtree Dunwoody would be rezoned to allow maximum density usage converting older office units to MIX usage buildings.	Growth and density permitted in the appropriate area	This vote for Approval is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 6-0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		04/15/08	314	5
REVOTE 9670,9680,9710 Roberts Dr expansion of density. RZ07-042 Ordinance No. 2008-01-03	City Council reconsidered original vote in light of a lawsuit brought by applicant. Still limited degree of expansion.	Approval of compromise was better for neighborhoods than the original application request.	This vote for Approval is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 6-0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		01/15/08	293	1

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5619 Lake Forrest to rezone the subject property from TR conditional to O-I for the development of a 22,000 square feet office building, RZ07-040/CV07-030 Ordinance No. 2008-01-01	Original rezoning to townhomes restricted use to residential. Same developer now requesting office zoning approval.	Office encroachment into residential area.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 4-3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	01/15/08	291	6	
Approve 605 Dalrymple Road, Applicant: Simion Termure, To rezone the subject property from R-2 to R-3 for the development of 2 single family lots at a density of 1.82 units per acre.	1 residential lot split into 2 single family homes.	Encroachment into a protected neighborhood.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 5-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	12/18/07	283	3	
Approve The Enclave at Jett Ferry – John Wieland Homes & Neighborhoods RC 07-02SS –	Approve request of Enclave at Jett Ferry to allow John Wieland developer to build on more land than previously approved by Fulton Co. which rezoned 50 .63 acres from agricultural use to high density single family residential use.	New site plan added encroachment into previously unbuildable watershed area, decreasing previously permeable surface, increasing greater storm runoff into the streams.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 6-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12/18/07	272	1	
Approval for mayor to authorize construction of a half diamond interchange at Hammond Drive and Roswell Road. Consent Agreement Approved Resolution No. 2007-11-71	The Hammond Half Diamond plan was created to benefit Alpharetta/Perimeter commuters. This project has significant funding from the Perimeter Community Improvement District and most vehicle traffic will be directed toward the Perimeter retail and office complexes.	No prior public input. Encourages use of city for cut through traffic at the expense of & intrusion into existing, stable neighborhoods. It will increase Hammond Drive/neighborhood traffic west of GA-400 as well. It is the beginning of forced Hammond Dr. widening & adversely effects the unity of the neighborhoods.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 6-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11/20/07	252	All	

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All District 1 Votes below (Nov 2005 thru Oct 16, 2007) were made by D. Greenspan																				
Approve 5416 & 5424 Glenridge Drive , to allow for the installation of decked parking . ZM07-004/CV07-015 Ordinance No. 2007-10-59	Office requested deck parking in rear which would locate deck against back yards of Benton Woods homes.	City Council approval decreased lot setback from 100 feet to 0 feet abutting a residential neighborhood. Parking deck in back yards is unfavorable.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 3-1 2 NP	N	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	N	P		10/16/07	244	5
Deny 5270 Greenland Road, Applicant: Southern Gentry Development, LLC, To rezone from CUP conditional to CUP to allow for the development of 31 single family residential lots and a church, with concurrent variances. RZ07-010/CV07-010	Applicant requested a 9 person church group home with applicable parking in a newly zoned residential area.	Church offices, group home, and applicable parking in area zoned residential. There were 2 significant homeowner groups that had opposing positions on this Item. One group supported and one group opposed the applicant. The MCC vote was favorable for those who wanted to deny the application. The MCC denial was not favorable for those who supported the Church.	Because of the neighborhood split opinion, this vote is considered "neutral"	Approve denial 4-1 1 NP	N	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		09/18/07	230	5
Approve 6030, 6050, 6060, 6080, 6090, 6100, & 6116 Glenridge Drive , RZ07-015/CV07-016 Ordinance No. 2007-08-50	To rezone the subject property from R-2 & R-3 to R-5 for the development of 28 single family lots.	28 homes on 5 single family lots; increased density; increased traffic; encroached into Protected neighborhood.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 4-3	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0		08/21/07	221	3
Deny 6058, 6068, 6078 Harleston Road RZ07-007	To rezone from R-3 to R-5 for the development of five single family lots.	Would change character of neighborhood adversely.	This vote for Denial is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve Denial 4-2	0		0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		08/21/07	220	3
Deny 4934 Peachtree-Dunwoody Road Mini Mensa Prep U07-004/CV07-013 -	A use permit to allow for the development of a 12,077 square foot private school.	Incompatible use would change the character of neighborhood.	This vote for Denial is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve Denial 5-0 1 NP	1		1	0	N	P	1	1	1	1	1	1		07/17/07	210	5
Deny Cherry Tree Lane (rear), Roswell Road (SR 9), Vernon Woods Drive, Sandy Springs Toyota RZ06-045 - 6526	Rezone to allow for the development of an employee parking lot for Sandy Springs Toyota.	Parking lot in back yards of Vernon Woods residences.	This vote for Denial is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve Denial 3-2 1 NP	1		1	0	N	P	1	1	0	0	0	0		07/17/07	206	4

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Approve 367 Hammond Drive addition of greenhouse RZ07-008/CV07-008 Ordinance No. 2007-05-35	Rezone to allow for the addition of a greenhouse at the existing office site.	Greenhouse was commercial use in previously office and institutional area; negative precedent.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 6-0	0		0		0		0		0		0			05/17/07	184	5
Approve 5620 Glenridge Drive RZ06-055/CV06-039 Ordinance No. 2007-05-34	Rezone for the development of 198 residential units, 15,000 square feet of retail space, a 5,000 square foot bank, and 23,500 square feet of additional office space at the existing 87,444 square foot office development	Smaller office rezoned into large MIX use; developer yielded to neighborhood requests for site plan modifications.	This vote for Approval is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 6-0	0		1		1		1		1		1			05/15/07	183	5
Approve 6780 Roswell Road (SR 9) Homeland Self Storage RZ06-044/CV06-029,	Development of an office, retail and self storage development.	Commercial development of office, retail and self storage were against land use plan and neighborhood requests.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 5-1	0		0		0		0		0		1			03/20/07	165	3
Deny 9670, 9680, 9710 Roberts Drive RZ06-044/CV06-029	Applicant requested 19 townhouse units to replace 3 single family homes.	Would grossly change character of neighborhood.	This vote for Denial is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Deny 4-2	1		0	1		0	1		1					03/20/07	164	1
Approval of the Tree Conservation Ordinance and Administrative Guidelines.	Ordinance developed to protect and preserve existing city tree canopy.	Recommendations of the Tree Ordinance Citizens Advisory Committee were ignored. Multiple recommendations to include them could not get a second. Ordinance developed by city council member was substituted and approved which effectively protects only 5% of the existing tree canopy.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 5-1	0		0		0		0		0		1			02/06/07	153	All

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Approve Roswell Road (SR 9), 261 Hedden Street, and Windsor Parkway (1700940001020) RZ06-046/CV06-032-4579 Ordinance No.2007-02-08	Slavic Evangelic Christian Church, rezone from R-4 to C-1 to maintain the existing church structure and to convert the existing accessory building into an art/auction gallery.	The art/ auction gallery is a commercial use in a protected neighborhood, however the adjacent neighborhoods were satisfied with the conditions of zoning that were requested. These required applicant to convert portions of asphalt parking to green space/buffer.	This vote for Approval is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 6-0	1		1		1		1		1		1			02/06/07	150	5
Epstein School 335 Colewood Way ZM06-013/CV06-041 Ordinance No. 2007-01-03	To replace existing site plan in order to add new parking area, with a concurrent variance which would encroach into the root zone of 11 specimen trees.	Neighbors felt Epstein was misleading on the enrollment, parking and traffic concerns and that this was the 1st step of school's greater expansion plan. Proposed parking lot plans would not adequately help the street parking problem. Also there was concern for the 11 specimen trees with encroachment into the critical root zone.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 6-0	0		0		0		0		0		0			01/16/07	146	3
Approve 161 Mount Paran Road - AJC RZ06-047/CV06-033 Ordinance No. 2006-12-92	Allow the existing residence to be converted into an office.	Encroachment of commercial into established residential zone.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 5-1	0		0		0		1		0		0			12/19/06	134	5
Deny 75 Cliftwood Drive RZ06-031/CV06-016	Convert the existing structure from a single family residence to an office.	Future land use plan stipulates this area intended for MIX use and higher density.	This vote for Denial was Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve Denial 3-2 1 NP	1		0	1	1			N	P		0			09/05/06	98	3
Ordinance to Amend the City of Sandy Springs Zoning Ordinance to Prohibit Flag Lots RZ-06-036 Ordinance No. 2006-08-51	Flag lots allow for very narrow frontage with wider buildable area in rear.	Flag lots allow greater density reducing the character of larger lot neighborhoods.	This vote for Approval is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 6-0	1		1		1		1		1		1			08/01/06	78	All

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Approve 5270 Greenland Road, Southern Gentry Developments, LLC, Modification to reduce the number of lots permitted, to amend the site plan to reduce required undisturbed common area buffers from 40 feet to 15 feet, to remove the required amenities area, and to remove the construction access requirement through Green Hill Place. Conditions added. ZM06-005	Reduce the number of lots permitted and remove the construction access roads through Greenhill Place.	Intense density is in conflict with neighborhood wishes and inconsistent with the character of protected neighborhoods. Neighbors objected to drastic reduction of protective buffers.	This vote for Approval is Unfavorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 4-2	0		0		0		0		1		1			07/05/06	69	5
8701 Winding River Drive & 100 N. River Parkway. Conversion of rental townhouses to condos. RZ06-008/CV06-002	Convert apartment complex into updated single family dwellings	Converting old housing stock into better, newer, safer units.	This vote for Approval is Favorable to Neighborhoods	Approve 6-0	1		1		1		1		1		1			05/16/06	46	2
461 & 435 Johnson Ferry Road – R-3 to R-5 - Development of 6 single family lots, with conditions. RZ06-006	Where 2 houses now stand there would be 6 houses	Important negative impact on character of protected neighborhood.	This vote for Approval is Against Significant Neighborhood Opposition	Approve 4-3	1		0		1		0		1		0		0	05/02/06	35	3

Vote Totals	DM	DF	RP	AJ	TD	KM	EG	Mayor & City Council
Number of votes cast by individual Council Members or Mayor * † ‡	16	34	30	34	33	33	4	34
Total Votes Cast that were Favorable to Neighborhoods *	7	11	16	15	19	24	0	15
Percentage Neighborhood Friendly Votes *	44%	32%	53%	44%	58%	73%	0%	44%

* D. MacGinnitie's term began 11/20/07 for voting purposes. D. Greenspan's votes are not considered in District 1 vote totals
 † Get Smart Sandy Springs Reference #230 not included as a vote since vote was neighborhood neutral
 ‡ Takes into account when someone was not present (NP) or recused (R) themselves