



## Who's Protecting Our Neighborhoods?

### The Mayor and City Council's Major Votes that Impacted Our Neighborhoods

Since the city's inception in December 2005 through July 2009, our Mayor and City Council (MCC) have voted on over 400 items with outcomes that are shaping Sandy Springs. In its continuing effort to provide information to the residents of our city, Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods (SSCN) has assembled this "SS Major Votes" document to illustrate the voting records of the Mayor and City Council on the items that have affected our city's protected neighborhoods.

SSCN's mission includes the protection and enhancement of Sandy Springs' neighborhoods and encourages healthy, responsible development that is compatible with neighborhood best interests. They exist to support the homeowner associations and coalitions in our community.

This document focuses on 35 votes that affected protected neighborhoods as well as major issues - traffic, greenspace, density - that impact the quality of life in Sandy Springs and the character of the neighborhoods. This list was compiled using these criteria.

SSCN's intent is that this document be impartial in its presentation and that it assists residents of Sandy Springs to be well informed and educated about the issues that affect them.

The "SS Major Votes" document contains: the title of each "Agenda Item", the "Synopsis" or description of its intent, the "Main Issues" of significance to the nearest neighborhood(s) or community, and finally, the "Neighborhood Perspective" which reflects whether the neighborhood(s) felt that the MCC vote was Favorable or Unfavorable to their well-being. The actual "Votes Cast" by the Mayor and City Council, the "Decision Date", the "Get Smart Sandy Springs Reference" in the SSCN document, and the city council "District" where the issue was located follows this. The SSCN "Get Smart Sandy Springs" document created in 2008 lists every neighborhood related vote taken by the City Council from the city's inception.

Please keep in mind that although most of us are inclined to look primarily at the voting records of our individual city council members, our Mayor and City Council do not have a "district courtesy" policy (whereby the wishes of the city council member whose district is primarily impacted will be honored by the others). This city council votes as if all members were elected at large. Therefore it is important to look at how each council member voted on the issues and not just your own representative.

Both of these documents - "SS Major Votes" and "Get Smart Sandy Springs" can be found on our SSCN website: [www.SandySpringsCouncil.org](http://www.SandySpringsCouncil.org). Keep checking back as both documents will be updated as the MCC votes on future issues.