

DISTRICT 5 ANNUAL REPORT 2018



“Moving DeKalb Forward!”



DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson is a 30+ year resident of South DeKalb County. She is the wife of Congressman Hank Johnson and the mother of her two children, Randi and Calvin. As a long time resident of DeKalb, she has built and cultivated relationships that have gained her the respect of the community both personally and professionally. She brings a spirit of leadership, family, and collaboration to help move DeKalb County forward and to selflessly serve the over 140,000+ constituents in her district.

Community Service

- *Democratic Party of Georgia (Executive Committee - Member-at-large)
- *DeKalb Lawyers Association (Co-founder, Past President and current Member)
- *DeKalb Hospital Authority (Former Board Member)
- *Congressional Black Caucus Spouses (Former Chair)
- *Decatur Cooperative Ministries (Former Volunteer Lawyer)

Public Service

- *DeKalb Magistrate Court Judge (First African American Female Judge in DeKalb County)
- *First Female Commissioner of DeKalb District 5

Education

- *Tennessee State University (*Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts*)
- *Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University (*Juris Doctorate*)

MEET THE STAFF

Our staff is committed to serving the residents of District 5 by providing quality customer service and delivering effective and efficient solutions to your concerns.

Demetrius E. McCoy, Chief of Staff



Demetrius McCoy is a Decatur, Georgia native. He has served the citizens of DeKalb County for nearly 4 years, beginning his public service career in the Office of Congressman John Barrow. He currently serves as the Chief of Staff for Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson.

He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and a graduate of the 2018 Class of Emerging Leaders of DeKalb County.

Demetrius is married to the love of his life, Miss Mariah J. Crew. The couple had their first son in November 2018.

Education

- *Paine College (*Bachelor of Arts*)
- *Brenau University (*Master of Science*)
- *Argosy University (*Current Doctoral Student*)

Demetrius Pinkett, Director of Constituent Services

Demetrius Pinkett has lived in DeKalb County for 20 years. He completed his Bachelor of Science from Benedict College, where he became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

Demetrius began his career for DeKalb County as an intern for Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson and now serves as her Director of Constituent Services.

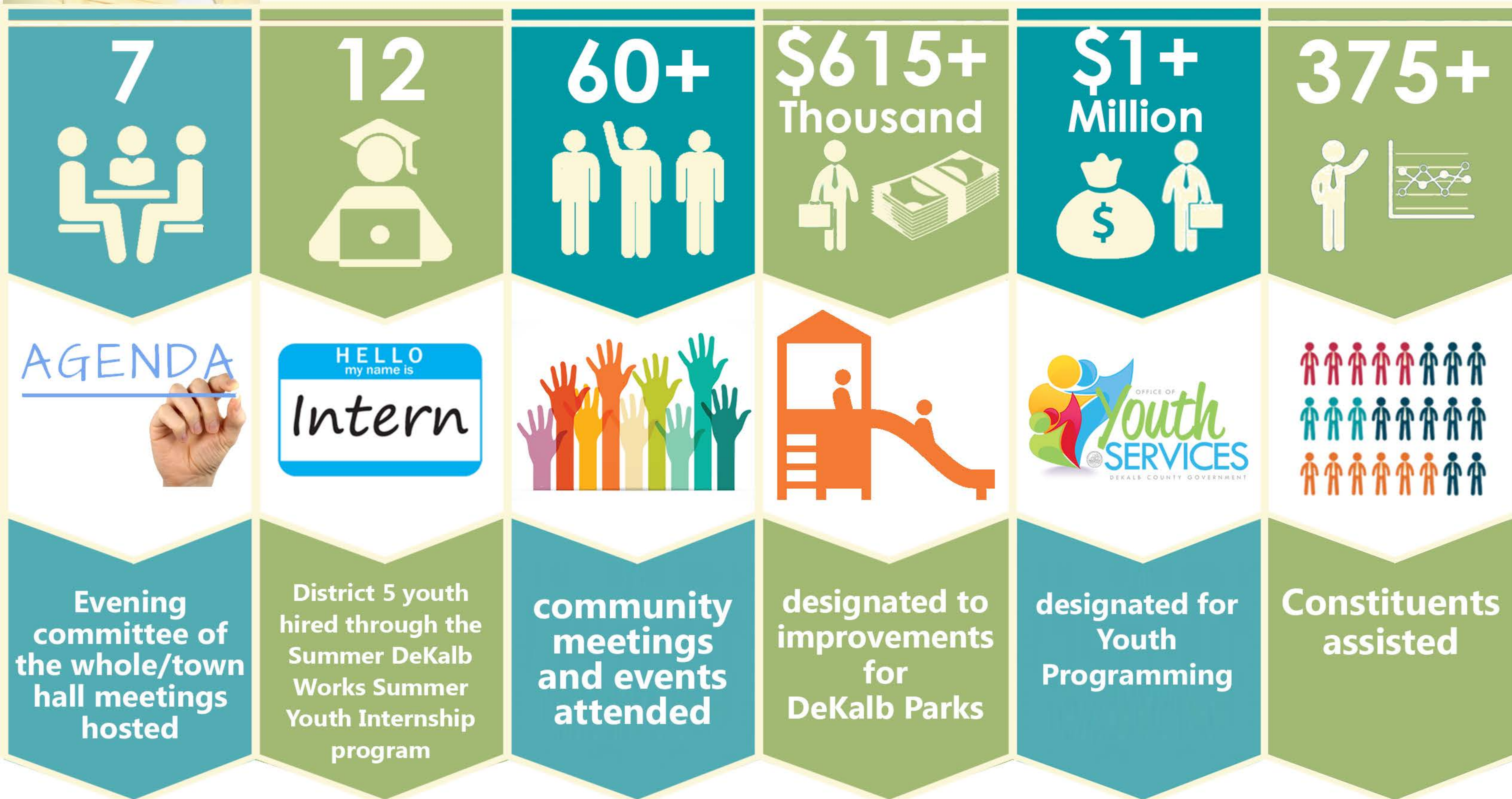


Education

- *Benedict College (*Bachelor of Science*)



DEKALB COUNTY DISTRICT 5 COMMISSIONER **MEREDA DAVIS JOHNSON** THE RESULTS ARE IN!



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018





EVENT HIGHLIGHT: 2018 HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

. District 5 is pleased to announce the results of our 2nd annual Holiday Toy Drive for children in our community. Last year we donated 200 Toys and this year we were able to donate over 500 toys to Tabitha's House and KES. Thank you for you for partnering with District 5 to make this Christmas special for deserving children in our community.



“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.” — Maya Angelou



COMMISSIONER
MEREDA DAVIS JOHNSON
PRESENTS
2018
Holiday
TOY DRIVE
*Be Santa's little helper,
and show some holiday cheer!*
DONATE NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS | DROPOFF LOCATIONS BELOW

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| Lou Walker Senior Center 2538 Panola Rd, Lithonia, GA 30058 | Code Enforcement 1807 Candler Rd, Decatur, GA 30032 |
| Watershed Management 774 Jordan Lane #200, Decatur, GA 30033 | DeKalb County Commissioners Board 1300 Commerce Dr, Decatur, GA 30030 |
| Lithonia Bruce Street 2484 Bruce Street, Lithonia, GA, 30058 | Tax Commissioner Office 4380 Memorial Drive #100 Decatur, GA 30032 |

COMMISSIONER
Mereda Davis Johnson
DeKalb County Board of Commissioners

COMMITTEES



The County Operations Committee (OPS) is responsible for providing policy and oversight related to the operations of DeKalb County.

Committee Information:

Steve Bradshaw - Chair
Mereda Davis Johnson - Member
Nancy Jester - Member

Major items reviewed by this committee include:

1. Ordinance Prohibiting Binding Arbitration
2. Animal Services Contract
3. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement for the Development of a Transit Master Plan between the Atlanta Regional Commission and DeKalb County, Georgia

The Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee (ERPS) reviews best practices for the maintenance of a fiscally sustainable and attractive system of benefits for all employees. The employee benefit plan review shall also incorporate regulatory and demographic trends that positively impact the county's programs.

- *The Committee shall review efforts to maintain the quality and integrity of countywide fire and rescue and emergency medical services.
- *The Committee shall also evaluate the police needs for a financially sustainable system in a changing service delivery environment to assure the provision of primary enforcement and non-basic services for unincorporated DeKalb County.

Committee Information:

Mereda Davis Johnson - Chair
Jeff Rader - Member

ERPS reviewed 53 agenda items in 2018 valued at \$28,710,686.60.

These were the two big SPLOST public safety contracts the committee reviewed:

- Appropriation of SPLOST funds for up fitting 10 Fire Quick Response Vehicles
- Appropriation a portion of the SPLOST funds and set up capital projects approved by referendum for police and fire vehicles.
- Booting Ordinance
- 3% raise For all employees who did not receive adjustment
- 4% raise for all sworn officers and E-911

LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION SPONSORED IN 2018

- *Repeal of Monument Laws relating to county-owned property.
- *Ordinance to amend the Code of DeKalb County, prohibiting Binding
- *Arbitration in all subcontracts on county projects, and for other purposes.
- *Ordinance to amend Chapter 26 of DeKalb County Code to regulate the Booting of Vehicles .
- *Extension of Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Wayfinding Signage Project.
- ***Item 2018-1503** - Designated \$100,000 for park/playground improvement.



LEGISLATION VOTED FOR IN 2018

- ***Item 2018-1503** - Voted in support of
 - *dedicating \$25,000 to upgrade the traffic
 - *signal at Panola and Marbut Road
- ***Item 2018-1584** - Voted in support of
 - *dedicating \$100,000 to create Lithonia
 - *Park Account and \$70,000 to create
 - *Lucious Sanders Recreation Center
 - *account.
- ***Item 2018-1862** - Voted in support of
 - *designating \$200,000 for Youth Programs
- ***Item 2018-1935** - Voted in support of
 - *designating \$700,000 for 2018 Summer
 - *Food Service Program to provide meals
 - *to children at risk of hunger throughout
 - *the summer.
- ***Item 2018-2026** - Voted in support of
 - *Park Improvements for Lithonia Park
 - *totaling \$365,706.
- *Voted in support of \$250,000 in funding
 - *for the development of an Atlanta
 - *Regional Commission (ARC) Transit
 - *Study in the 2018 budget.

The roles and duties of county commissioners include:

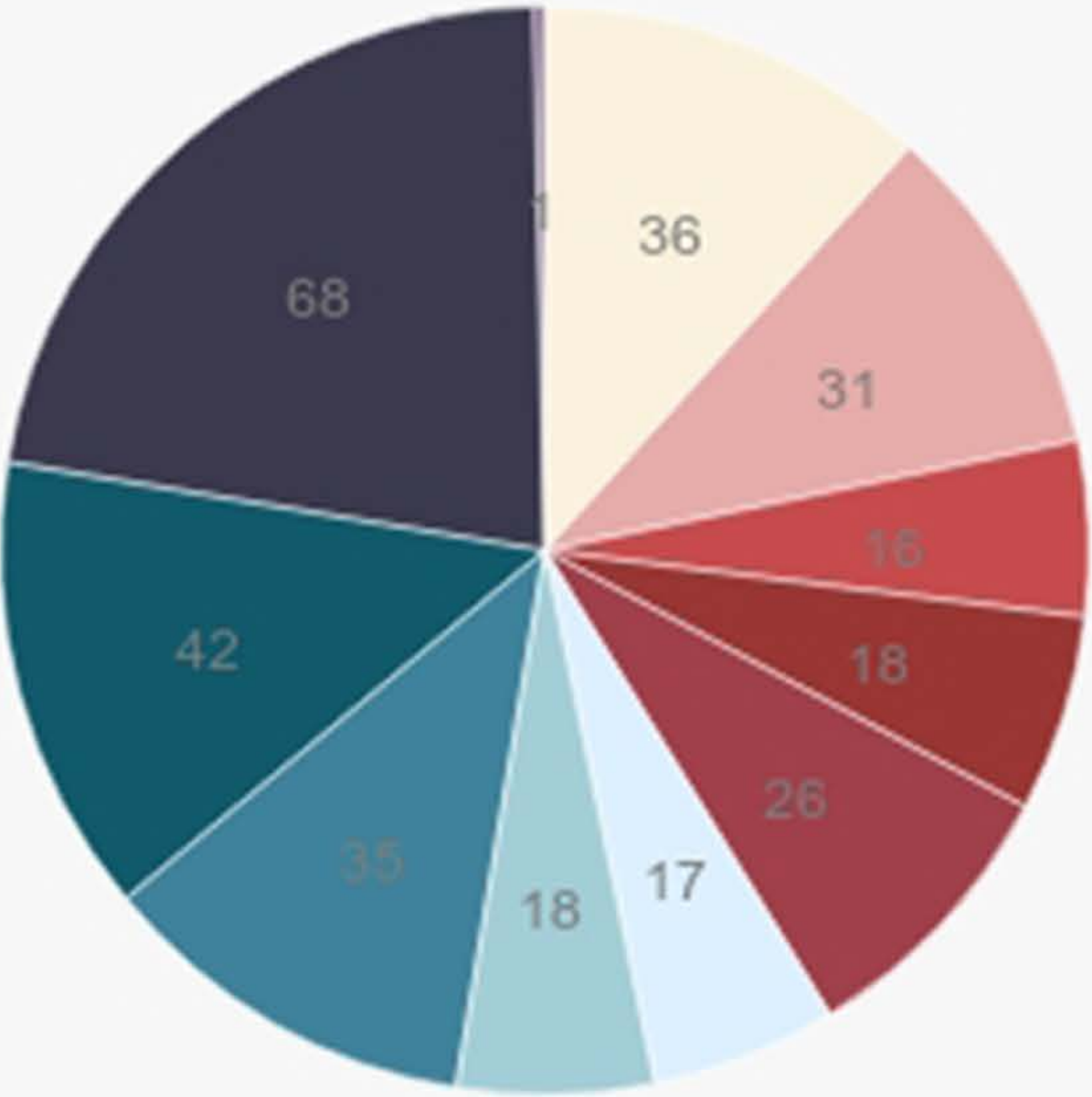
- *Approves the budget
- *Budgeting oversight
- *Policy making body
- *Policy Oversight
- *Helps residence through bureaucratic issues

CONSTITUENT SERVICES DATA

of

DEKALB COUNTY DISTRICT 5

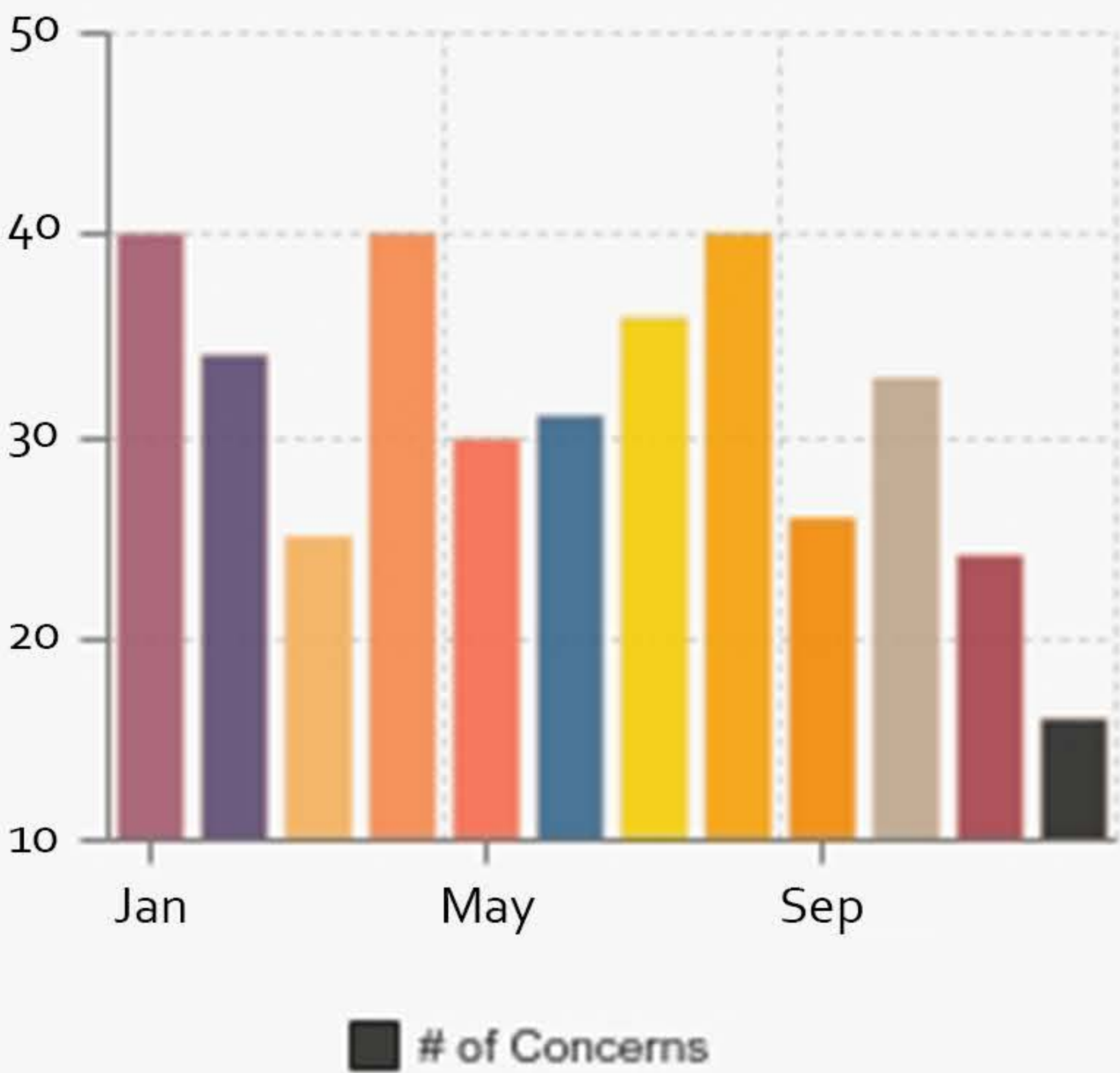
Total Constituent Concerns



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| Code Enforcement | 11.7% | Watershed | 10.1% |
| Transportation | 5.2% | Keep DeKalb Beautiful | 5.8% |
| Sanitation | 8.4% | Community Development | 5.5% |
| Police Services | 5.8% | Constituent Appointment or CMDJ Response | 11.4% |
| Roads & Drainage | 13.6% | Basic Information Calls | 22.1% |
| GA Power | 0.3% | | |

In the year 2018 our office received more than 375 calls/concerns. The number of calls answered by our office increased by 119, compared to 2017, which ended with 256 calls/concerns.

Monthly Analysis



Contact Us

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Helpful Contact Numbers

Emergency/ Ambulance/ EMS/ Fire
DeKalb Police (non-emergency)

East Precinct

South Precinct

Central Records

Special Victims Unit

Animal Services/ Control

Sheriff

Code Compliance

Sanitation

Watershed Management

Billing

Emergencies/ Spills

Roads and Drainage

DeKalb Housing Authority

Planning and Sustainability

DeKalb County Schools

Human Trafficking

Elder Abuse

Domestic Abuse

911

678.406.7929

770.482.0300

404.286.7900

770.724.7740

770.724.7710

404.294.2996

404.298.8100

404.687.3700

404.294.2900

404.378.4475

770.270.6243

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