

RESOLUTION
creating the
Joint ACCG/GMA Task Force for LOST and SDS Issues

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the ACCG Board of Managers is desirous of addressing various issues concerning the negotiations between counties and their respective city/cities for Local Option Sales Tax distributions, required after every decennial Census, and of addressing various issues concerning Service Delivery Strategy Negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) has expressed its desire to work with ACCG with regard to Local Option Sales Tax and Service Delivery Strategy issues; and

WHEREAS, the ACCG Board of Managers did on February 26, 2019 direct the Executive Director and staff of ACCG to draft and submit to the Board of Managers on April 26, 2019 a proposal for the creation of the ad hoc Joint ACCG/GMA Task Force for LOST and SDS Issues; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XIII of the ACCG By-Laws, as amended April 28, 2018, "The President shall have the authority to appoint such other special committees as he or she deems necessary or advisable;" and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and staff of ACCG recommend the provisions set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Managers approves the creation of the Joint ACCG/GMA Task Force for LOST and SDS Issues as a special committee and urges the President of ACCG to appoint the members of said committee in conformance with the criteria and considerations set forth below:

- Appoint to the Task Force not less than four and not more than eight members, but with the final number being equal to the number of members appointed by GMA
- Appoint one official as "chair" representing ACCG; with GMA's cooperation, they too will appoint a chair and the two will then serve as co-chairs of the Task Force
- Ensure that representation on the Task Force includes urban, suburban and rural interests, as may be appropriate
- Ensure that each appointee represents a county which has a Local Option Sales Tax and/or a Service Delivery Strategy negotiated with one or more

cities; consider appointing members representing a range, from counties with many cities, to counties with just one or very few cities;

- Ensure each appointee has knowledge of and experience dealing with LOST and SDS negotiations issues

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Managers expressly requires that no member of the Joint ACCG/GMA Task Force for LOST and SDS Issues shall have been a paid consultant to a county or city for purposes of negotiating a Service Delivery Strategy or a Certificate of Distribution for Local Options Sales Tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Managers expressly requires that no member of the Joint ACCG/GMA Task Force for LOST and SDS Issues shall be a county attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Managers expressly requires that ACCG staff, designated by the Executive Director, shall be permitted to attend all meetings of the Joint ACCG/GMA Task Force for LOST and SDS Issues to provide technical and other assistance to the appointees representing ACCG, but ACCG staff shall not negotiate on behalf of the committee nor participate in the discussions of the committee except when called upon by one or both of the committee's co-chairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appointee of the President serving as Chair of the Joint ACCG/GMA Task Force for LOST and SDS Issues shall periodically report to the Board of Managers about the work of the Task Force and that ACCG staff designated by the Executive Director shall be made available to assist the Chair in preparing and distributing such reports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the work of the Joint ACCG/GMA Task Force for LOST and SDS Issues shall conclude and its recommendations be made to the Board of Managers no later than December 20, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the ACCG Board of Managers has caused its duly authorized officer to execute this Resolution on the date noted below.

ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA

Signed: _____

Harry Lange, President ACCG Board of Managers

Date: _____