

## LVPCA Cityhood Survey Dec 2014

The cityhood/annexation issues first began approximately two years ago. How long would you say you have actively been following these developments?

#1

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
My interest has intensified recently.	21.7%	69
Less than one year.	18.6%	59
More than one year.	22.0%	70
I have been intrested from the beginning.	37.7%	120
<i>answered question</i>		<b>318</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>4</b>

There are many issues involved; please rank them 1 through 9 in importance to you personally:

# 2

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Rating Average	Ranking
Property Values	121	74	28	31	13	10	2	7	1	2.37	1
Property taxes	61	65	45	31	24	30	19	8	4	3.43	2
Police services and response times	27	36	73	63	47	25	13	2	1	3.73	3
Governmental efficiency and effectiveness	21	39	59	52	51	34	18	9	4	4.10	4
Schools	40	40	33	26	30	25	28	20	45	4.82	5
Connectivity to commercial areas (including having a "say" in what happens in them.	1	16	26	39	55	69	39	26	16	5.51	6
Connectivity to a community (including choosing our identity)	14	11	13	23	22	29	35	43	97	6.67	7
Permitting activities	2	5	5	14	23	40	68	68	62	7.02	8
Park Maintenance and Improvements	0	1	5	8	22	25	65	104	57	7.35	9
<i>answered question</i>									<b>287</b>		
<i>skipped question</i>									<b>35</b>		

*Note that the lower "rating average" indicates a more favored response as 1 was the most important and 9 the least.*

Choose the statement that most nearly reflects your feelings:

Answer Options

# 3

Unincorporated DeKalb County is fixable. All new cityhood initiatives and annexation efforts should be delayed for at least a year or more.  
 Unincorporated DeKalb is broken. Now is the time for new cities and / or expansion of existing cities in order to improve the quality and responsiveness of local government.

Response Percent	Response Count
55.5%	151
44.5%	121

*answered question* **272**  
*skipped question* **50**

From 1 to 4, with 1 as the strongest and 4 the weakest, please rank the strength of your ties (emotional, economic, or otherwise) to these commercial areas: # 4

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	Rating Average	Ranking
Cheshire Bridge / LaVista Road / Lindbergh Corridors	138	92	47	9	1.74	1
Executive Park / North Druid Hills	99	86	84	17	2.07	2
Toco Hills	42	96	139	9	2.40	3
Other	7	12	16	251	3.79	4
<i>answered question</i>						286
<i>skipped question</i>						36

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Rank in order of importance which commercial areas you feel it is most important for LaVista Park to have a say in its ongoing development: 1 = most important 3 = least important # 5

Answer Options	1	2	3	Rating Average	Ranking
Executive Park / Loehmann's Plaza / N Druid Hills	156	89	34	1.56	1
Cheshire Bridge / Lindbergh	102	113	64	1.86	2
Briarcliff	21	77	181	2.57	3
<i>answered question</i>					279
<i>skipped question</i>					43

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Given your personal experience and beliefs about the relationship between good schools and property values, AND given the demographics of LaVista Park, rank these statements from 1-4 with 1 being the most true and 4 being the least true: # 6

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	Rating Average	Ranking
The schools are important, and should be an important criteria in this decision.	134	96	38	12	1.74	1
Staying in the same school district as our current schools (Briar Vista Elem, Druid Hills Mid, and Druid Hills High) is vital.	85	108	40	47	2.18	2
The schools will take care of themselves and probably be all right.	40	44	172	24	2.64	3
It is unimportant which school district and which specific schools LaVista Park is zoned to.	21	32	30	197	3.44	4
<i>answered question</i>					280	
<i>skipped question</i>					42	

For LaVista Park to be annexed into Brookhaven, at least 60% of property owners would have to sign a petition requesting such. Now that Brookhaven has successfully annexed Executive Park, what is your interest level in annexation into Brookhaven? Choose one:

# 7

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I'll walk the neighborhood gathering signatures.	3.5%	10
I'll sign a petition	30.6%	87
I am undecided	31.0%	88
I would not sign a petition for Brookhaven	34.9%	99
<i>answered question</i>		<b>284</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>38</b>

If we can delay cityhood/annexation even for a short time and remain part of unincorporated DeKalb, yet be a peninsula or finger outstretched from the rest of the county (we cannot legally become an unincorporated "island"), should we do so?

# 8

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes. We could continue to study the choices and make an informed decision.	49.3%	137
No. All the choices may not be available in the future. We need to choose now.	50.7%	141
<i>answered question</i>		<b>278</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>44</b>

Based on your consideration of all criteria of which you are aware, and assuming unincorporated Dekalb is a viable option for at least a while, rank your preferences from 1 to 4 with 1 as your favorite and 4 as your least favorite.

# 9

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	Rating Average	Ranking
Maintain current status in unincorporated DeKalb	112	48	54	70	2.29	1
Annexation into City of Atlanta (via referendum)	86	65	48	85	2.46	2
Annexation into City of Brookhaven (via petition)	57	82	84	61	2.52	3
Inclusion in the proposed new city of LaVista Hills (via referendum)	29	89	98	68	2.72	4
<i>answered question</i>					<b>284</b>	
<i>skipped question</i>					<b>38</b>	

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Based on your consideration of all criteria of which you are aware, and assuming unincorporated Dekalb is NOT a viable option, rank your preferences from 1 to 3 with 1 as your favorite and 3 as your least favorite.

# 10

Answer Options	1	2	3	Rating Average	Ranking
Annexation into City of Atlanta (via referendum)	135	46	102	1.88	1
Annexation into City of Brookhaven (via petition)	83	121	79	1.99	2
Inclusion in the proposed new city of LaVista Hills (via referendum)	65	116	102	2.13	3
	<i>answered question</i>			283	
	<i>skipped question</i>			39	

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