

To the Embry Hills Civic Association Board

As a resident of Embry Hills, I write to request an opportunity for our neighborhood to host an information session on the Lavista Hills referendum that includes representation from both sides, including the citizen group opposing cityhood, DeKalb Strong. I am aware that at least some of our civic association leadership is very pro-city, and I ask for an opportunity to ensure that our community benefits from information from both sides.

Our Embry Hills Civic Association mission statement proclaims: "The Embry Hills Civic Association affirms a strong belief in the ideal of self-determination through democratic means by ensuring that every member of the Association be allowed to participate in the decisions that affect his or her life, Association activities, and the neighborhood in which they live."

I have heard that our association was offered an information session in a format of their choosing by DeKalb Strong, so as to help educate Embry Hills neighbors about the opposing side of the Lavista Hills referendum. It would seem that the suggestion for a joint presentation offering both sides was rejected by our association president on the grounds that separate meetings on the issue are preferable, because joint presentations are too confusing. A follow-up invitation for a separate presentation for opposing viewpoints was also rejected. I urge the Embry Hills Civic Association to honor their commitment to "democratic means" and allow equal representation of all sides of this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Dustin Brown

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