

PDK Watch Inc. and Open DeKalb Inc.: Separate and Distinct Organizations

PDK Watch Inc. and Open DeKalb Inc. are two distinct organizations. They currently share a common concern regarding the environment and operations at PDK Airport, but they have different missions, approaches, tasks, and boards.

PDK Watch Inc. is the organization that monitors, evaluates, and takes political action regarding PDK Airport activities and development believed to be detrimental to the surrounding neighborhoods. Since PDK Watch Inc. engages in political lobbying, it is not considered a charitable or educational entity under the Internal Revenue Service Code. PDK Watch Inc. is a 501(c)(4) corporation, donations to which are NOT tax deductible.

Open DeKalb Inc., in sharp contrast, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, donations to which ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Open DeKalb Inc. does not engage in lobbying, but seeks to promote public awareness and improvement of community life by making DeKalb County government more open and thereby more responsive to the public. One of Open DeKalb's current efforts is to raise funds to support litigation that is also supported by PDK Watch, litigation to protect the environment via enforcement of the 66,000-pound maximum weight limit on aircraft at PDK Airport.

Contributions to PDK Watch Inc. are primarily needed to support the PDK Watch web site, fliers, and handouts. Contributions to PDK Watch Inc. can be made via the PDK Watch Inc. web site, www.pdkwatch.org, or by check directed to PDK Watch Inc., P.O. Box 49325, Atlanta, GA 30359.

Contributions to Open DeKalb Inc. to support the environmental litigation can be made via the Open DeKalb web site at www.opendekalbinc.org, or by check directed to Open DeKalb Inc., P.O. Box 190895, Atlanta, GA 31119.