



Tad Leithead

**Chairman, Cumberland Community Improvement District
Principal, TLA, LLC**

Prior to Leithead forming his own governmental relations, entitlement, and consulting firm, he was responsible for leading Cousins Properties development efforts as they relate to entitlement issues throughout the Atlanta region. He served as liaison for Cousins with the various county and city governmental entities and project related community-based organizations. He has 26 years of experience in the Atlanta commercial and real estate market and has leased some five million square feet of office and retail space.

As a founding partner with Childress Klein Properties, Mr. Leithead was instrumental in the operation of the Atlanta Galleria, one of Atlanta's premier mixed-use developments. He was a key participant in the development of Cobb Galleria Centre – a 300,000 square-foot county owned convention center.

In 1998, Leithead formed Urban One Associates, a development and transportation consulting firm, working with Midtown Alliance, Perimeter Center, Gwinnett and Cobb Counties, and others in the formation of several new Community Improvement Districts (CIDs). He was a principal in the development of Ridenour, a 90-acre "Smart Growth" community in northwest Cobb County – which received the Atlanta Regional Commission's "Development of Excellence" award in 1999.

From 2009 to 2012, Mr. Leithead served two terms as Chairman of the Atlanta Regional Commission, a 39-member board that steers the planning and development for the 10-county metro Atlanta region. He also served on the ARC board from 2000 to 2012, and was Chair of its Transportation & Air Quality Committee from 2007-2009.

Leithead is the Chairman of the Cumberland Community Improvement District, formed in 1988, a self-taxing group of commercial property owners that have leveraged \$100 million in local dollars into an estimated half billion dollars in constructed projects. In 1994, he served as Chairman of the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce and also received the Lockheed Corporation Management Association's "Manager of the Year" award. Additionally, he serves on the Boards of Directors of the Fulton County Perimeter Community Improvement District and the North Fulton Community Improvement District. He is past Chairman of the Board of the Walker School.

Mr. Leithead is a resident of Fulton County and graduated with a B.A. from Washington and Lee University.