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Long-time community leader, non-profit executive wins commission race

Joan Garner handily wins Fulton County Commission District 6 runoff

Atlanta – Joan Garner, a long-time community leader and non-profit executive, won the Fulton County Commission District 6 seat last night, with 64 percent of the vote.

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“I am both humbled and honored that my friends and neighbors in District 6 gave me their vote of confidence,” Garner says. “I look forward to serving as their voice in Fulton County government.”

The Fulton County Commission District 6 seat is currently held by Nancy Boxill, who after 23 years on the Commission announced her decision not to seek a sixth term. Garner entered the race in early April; she will stand for election in November, but faces no opposition.

“I’ll need your vote again in the general election on Tuesday, November 2, in order to be officially elected to the Fulton County Commission District 6 seat, though there is no Republican opponent,” Garner says. “In the meantime, I’ll continue to meet with people and organizations across the district to share my plans and ideas and to hear their thoughts and feedback.”

A Washington, DC, native, Garner has been in Atlanta since 1978, making her home in various neighborhoods across the district. She now resides in the heart of the district in the historic Old Fourth Ward with her partner of 11 years.

“I said when we started this race that this is the right role at the right time,” Garner says. “Serving my neighbors of District 6 as a Fulton County Commissioner will allow me to even better support the communities in which I so strongly believe. I entered this race to ensure that this diverse community continues to prosper, and that it does so with the active participation of people from all walks of life – across District 6 and beyond.”

She received endorsements from the Atlanta Stonewall Democrats, Atlanta-North Georgia Labor Council (AFL-CIO), the Victory Fund, Georgia Equality, the Atlanta Realtors Political Action Committee (composed of members of the Atlanta Board of Realtors and the Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors), and former opponent Sally Smith, a community leader and a retired long-time Fulton County employee.

She received the “Well Qualified” rating from the Committee for a Better Atlanta (CBA). CBA is comprised of representatives from businesses and business organizations that are concerned about the future of Atlanta and seek to articulate a common civic and business agenda. Garner’s Well Qualified rating is the highest in the field of competitors in this race.

Fulton County District 6 encompasses portions of the northeastern, central and southeastern sections of Atlanta, from as far south as the city/Fulton County line to

Lindridge-Martin Manor on the northern edge of the district. East to West, the district runs approximately from Moreland Avenue to Joseph E. Lowery Blvd.

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