

## Former opponent endorses Garner

*Sally Smith, who competed in the Fulton County Commission District 6 primary race, has endorsed Joan Garner, a candidate in that district's runoff*

**Atlanta** – Joan Garner, a long-time community leader and non-profit executive who is in the runoff (election is August 10) for the Fulton County Commission District 6 seat, has been endorsed by Sally Smith, against whom she competed in the primary election.

“I am supporting and endorsing Joan Garner because Fulton County needs strong leadership and someone who understands fiscal accountability,” says Sally A. Smith, who was among the four candidates in the primary race. “After the primary election, I spoke with both candidates. I was really impressed with Joan, who has begun actively working with state legislators, city council members and communities on solving our issues. I was very impressed with her leadership and willingness to listen. I am very excited about the future of Fulton County with Joan Garner as Commissioner.”

Smith worked for Fulton County from 1976 until her retirement in 2007, and has since been an active volunteer and community leader. In 30 years as a Fulton employee, she worked in five departments; the Cooperative Extension Service, General Services, Office of the County Manager, Assistant to the Commissioner, and Department of Information Technology. In 2009 she served a term on the Fulton County Boards of Equalization, a citizen board that hears and rules on real and property tax appeals. She is vice-president of the Peoplestown Neighborhood Association, and is known as a volunteer tour guide at Historic Oakland Cemetery, and co-manages the Visitors Center and Museum Shop.

“I am proud to have Sally’s endorsement,” Garner says. “Her knowledge of Fulton County government from the inside out gives her the unique perspective to know that I understand the issues and am ready to lead on day one.”

Garner also received endorsements from the Atlanta Stonewall Democrats, Atlanta-North Georgia Labor Council, AFL-CIO, the Victory Fund, Georgia Equality, and the Atlanta Realtors Political Action Committee (composed of members of the Atlanta Board of Realtors and the Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors).

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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