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## Leading labor organization endorses Garner

*Fulton County Commission District 6 Candidate Receives AFL-CIO backing*

**Atlanta, June 15, 2010** – Joan Garner, a long-time community leader and non-profit executive who is seeking the Fulton County Commission District 6 seat, has been endorsed by the Atlanta-North Georgia Labor Council, AFL-CIO ([www.AtlantaLaborCouncil.org](http://www.AtlantaLaborCouncil.org)). The group is comprised of 42 local affiliates representing approximately 87,000 union workers in Metro Atlanta.

“This endorsement is especially meaningful to me,” Garner says, “because I am an advocate of employees and respect the challenges many face in performing their jobs. We share a common goal to improve the workplace. I am honored and humbled to have the support of the Labor Council.”

Charlie Flemming, president, Atlanta-North Georgia Labor Council, AFL-CIO: “In endorsing Joan Garner and her candidacy for Fulton County Commission, District 6, we considered her commitment to not only county employees but her belief that labor unions and everyday workers should have a voice regarding decisions that influence employees and employee policy. Joan respects and understands that all workers should earn a decent wage and work in a clean and safe environment. We appreciate the fact that, as Commissioner, Garner will continue to support the rights and advances of not only government workforce, but for everyday workforce.”

The support of the Atlanta-North Georgia Labor Council, AFL-CIO is the strongest a candidate can receive from a union group, given the Labor Council’s membership. The endorsement means the group will encourage its affiliates to work and support Garner and her campaign. Labor Council members include workers in the building/construction trades, communication and transportation sectors, as well as city, county, and federal governments.

In addition to the Atlanta-North Georgia Labor Council, AFL-CIO, endorsement, Garner was previously endorsed by the Victory Fund ([www.VictoryFund.org](http://www.VictoryFund.org)), the only national organization dedicated to increasing the number of openly lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elected officials at all levels of government, and by Georgia Equality ([www.GeorgiaEquality.org](http://www.GeorgiaEquality.org)), the largest statewide LGBT advocacy group.

The Fulton County Commission District 6 seat is currently held by Nancy Boxill, who after 23 years on the Commission has announced her decision not to seek a sixth term. Garner entered the race in early April and officially qualified April 27. A Washington,

DC, native, she 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.

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.

Follow Garner for Fulton County Commissioner at [www.GarnerForCommissioner.com](http://www.GarnerForCommissioner.com) and “friend”/”like” the campaign on FaceBook at Garner for Fulton County Commissioner. E-mail [Info@GarnerForCommissioner.com](mailto:Info@GarnerForCommissioner.com) or call 404-832-JOAN (-5626).

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