

CBA: Garner is 'Well Qualified'

Fulton County Commission District 6 Candidate Joan Garner receives a higher rating than any of her opponents from the Committee for a Better Atlanta

Atlanta, July 13, 2010 – Joan Garner, a long-time community leader and non-profit executive who is seeking the Fulton County Commission District 6 seat, has received a “Well Qualified” rating from the Committee for a Better Atlanta (www.BetterAtlanta.org). The *Consumer Reports*-style ratings were announced Tuesday morning.

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.*

“Given that the CBA Voter Guide ‘scores’ candidates on business issues important to the community at large, we are especially proud of Joan’s high ranking and the fact that she leads all candidates in the District 6 Commission race,” says Kenneth M. Neighbors, a partner with GreenbergTraurig, an international law firm, who is serving as campaign chair for Garner’s county commission bid.

To provide the best possible information on issues important to voters, CBA developed a detailed questionnaire for the Fulton County Commission election and conducted personal interviews that probe candidates about high-priority community concerns. Committee members used a scale for scoring the responses to the questionnaire and the interviews, and an average was calculated for each candidate.

“It is gratifying to be rated highly by businesspeople and organizations who are so well thought of and who represent the diverse interests of our area,” Garner says. “I have said I know the district, its assets and its issues, and it’s wonderful to have that affirmed by CBA.”

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).

“These endorsements – along with the ‘Well Qualified’ CBA rating – help underscore the fact that other leaders recognize that Joan understands the needs of the people of Commission District 6 and that she is ready to lead,” Neighbors says.

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.

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