

# Garner in runoff for District 6 Commission race

*Long-time community leader and non-profit executive Joan Garner faces a runoff for Fulton County Commission District 6 seat*

**Atlanta, July 21, 2010** – Joan Garner, a long-time community leader and non-profit executive, now enters a runoff with Keisha Waites for the Fulton County Commission District 6 seat. Voters will return to the polls Tuesday, August 10.

"I am both humbled and honored that my friends and neighbors in District 6 gave me their vote of confidence that brought us to the runoff," Garner told an enthusiastic crowd gathered at Serpas Restaurant in the Old Fourth Ward, in the heart of the district. "With four people in the race and the law in Georgia that a candidate must win by 50% plus one vote, we knew a run-off was likely to happen and we prepared for that possibility."

Garner continued: "I ask for your continuing support to finish the race we started, to again cross the finish line first when the runoff vote takes place Tuesday, August 10." She asked supporters to again visit [www.GarnerForCommissioner.com](http://www.GarnerForCommissioner.com) to donate, tell a friend, get a yard sign and volunteer.

During the race Garner 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 also received a "Well Qualified" rating from the Committee for a Better Atlanta. CBA's *Consumer Reports*-style ratings were announced just a week ago and placed Garner highest in her field of competitors.

"I said when we started this race that this is the right role at the right time," Garner told her supporters. "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."

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. A Washington, DC, native, Garner has been in Atlanta since 1978, and has lived in Commission District 6 for 25 years. 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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