

Joan P. Garner

Candidate, Fulton County (Georgia) Board Of Commissioners,
District 6

Garner for Fulton County Commissioner
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COMMUNITY SERVICE/CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- 2010 Member, Mayor Kasim Reed Public Works Commissioner Search Committee
- 2009 City of Atlanta, Neighborhood Planning Unit-M, Chair
- 2007 Board Member, Caring Works, Inc.
- 2007-2009 Board Member, Atlanta Beltline Affordable Housing Advisory Board
- 2006-2008 Board Member, Metropolitan Atlanta Community Development Corp.
- 2006 - Present Board Member, Fulton County Arts Council
- 2004-2005 National Selection Committee, Leadership for a Changing World
- 2003-2006 Board member, Council on Foundations
- 2000-2005 Board member, Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues
- 2000-2004 Board member, Historic District Development Corporation
- 1998-2004 Board member, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta
- 1998-2000 Advisory Board member, GIFT (Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training)
- 1997-1999 Funder Advisor, Southern Partners Fund
- 1996-1999 Advisory Board member, Neighborhood Small Grants Program, Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation
- 1996-2000 Trustee, Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Board
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- 1996-1998 Board member, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund
- 1995-1997 Board member, National Network of Grantmakers
- 1995 Steering Committee for National Fund for Community Leaders
- 1994-1998 Founding Board Member, Southerners on New Ground (SONG)
- 1994-1996 Board member, Georgia Shares
- 1993-1999 Board member, Funding Exchange
- 1993-1996 Member, Ford Dispute Settlement Board
- 1993-1995 Board member, SERV(Southern Reinvestment Ventures)
- 1993 Steering Committee, Working Group on Funding Lesbian and Gay Issues, National Network of Grantmakers
- 1992-1995 Member, Founding Board of Directors, Atlanta Lambda Center
- 1992-1994 Appointed to Georgia Task Force on AIDS
- 1992-1994 Board member, Fourth Tuesday, Inc.
- 1992-1993 Appointed by Mayor Maynard Jackson to the Atlanta Olympic Citizens Advisory Committee
- 1992-1994 Appointed Co-Chair of Gay and Lesbian Task Force on Public Safety for the Public Safety Committee of Atlanta City Council
- 1991 Appointed to the license Review Board for the City of Atlanta
- 1990-1991 Policy and Planning Committee for the Georgia Political Action Committee (GAPAC)
- 1990-1994 Appointed Senior Advisor by Mayor Maynard Jackson on Gay and Lesbian Issues
- 1989-1991 Co-Chair, African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance
- 1989-1990 Police Advisory Committee of the Atlanta Chapter of the ACLU
- 1989-1990 Appointed to the Transition Team for the Mayor-elect Maynard Jackson

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GARNER RESULTS, INC.

PRINCIPAL 2006-PRESENT Atlanta, GA

- A consultancy that develops giving strategies and provides management support to the non-profit and philanthropic communities.

HISTORIC DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CORP

PRESIDENT & CEO 2006-2009 Atlanta, GA

- Implement and execute all policies established by the Board of Directors.
- Develop plan for the organizational functions and commensurate personnel responsibilities toward the attainment of the program goals and objectives of HDDC.
- Submit annual budget for the approval of the Board of Directors.
- Select, employ, control and discharge employees, and primary responsibility for the administration of the organization's personnel policies and procedures.
- Ensure maintenance of the physical prosperities owned by HDDC in a good state of repair and operating condition.
- Manage business affairs of HDDC to the end that funds are collected and expended to the best possible advantage, consistent with the purpose of the corporation.

Southern Partners Fund

1999-2006 Atlanta, GA

Executive Director

- Serve as first executive employee of new organization community based public foundation
- Establish and open organization's initial office
- Create operating procedures including comprehensive personnel policies and financial systems
- Hire, manage and mentor staff of seven full time employees plus interns and consultants
- Provide advice and counsel to Board of Directors in creation and implementation of organization's policies, programs and strategic direction
- Ensure organization's financial stability by preparing annual and project-based budgets, monitoring revenue and expenses, coordinating and implementing organization's investments and asset management strategies
- Develop organization's comprehensive strategy for raising funds including direct fundraising from individuals and foundations
- Lead efforts to establish program goals and develop organization's grantmaking program
- Serve as spokesperson and represent organization to the media, general public, funders, foundations and other organizations

National Network of Grantmakers

1997-1999

San Diego, CA; Atlanta, GA

Co-Director, January 1999-August 1999

- Managed and supervised departments and functions housed in Atlanta office, including member services, national conference, publications, funders' tours, and fundraising

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- Served as Chief Executive Officer of the organization, reporting to the Board of Directors
- Developed, managed and provided leadership to organization's full range of programs including developing strategies to assist organization achieve its mission
- Served as Board liaison to carry out organization's mission, strategy and objectives
- Managed finances and developed the annual budget for approval by Board
- Oversaw development of regular and timely financial reports
- Developed resources by working collaboratively with the Board to obtain and develop revenue necessary to meet organization's approved budget and develop plans for future funding
- Managed staff and consultants in a manner to promote respect, effectiveness, equal opportunity and diversity
- Conducted outreach by acting as the primary organizational spokesperson to the media, philanthropic community, and public at large
- Developed collaborative relationships with other organizations nationally and in the field, to strengthen organization's impact

Associate Director, April 1997-December 1998

- Opened satellite office in Atlanta, Georgia
- Provided overall management of personnel functions and decisions in consultation with Executive Director
- Developed short and long term program and services plans for staff and Board committees
- Managed office, with authority to make day-to-day decisions in absence of Executive Director
- Hired and supervised department staff of two plus consultants including developing performance standards and conducting annual reviews in membership services and annual conference departments
- Served as primary staff to NNG Caucuses and Working Groups
- Coordinated fundraising activities in connection with the National Conference, Member services and supporting institutions
- Conceptualized, developed, implemented, maintained, and oversaw organization's computer, e-mail, Internet, web page and site systems
- Prepared department's budget
- Built relationships and coalitions with broad range of individuals and groups on national basis

Fund for Southern Communities 1990-1997 Atlanta, GA

Executive Director, September 1993-March 1997

- Provided comprehensive leadership to organization
- Provided staff, financial, and operational management on daily basis
- Planned and implemented fundraising, primarily from large foundations and individual donors
- Developed Board, staff and organizational policies
- Implemented long-range strategic planning for organizational goals
- Represented organization in other affiliate groups such as National Network of Grantmakers, Funding Exchange, and Social Development Forum

Development Associate, July 1990-August 1993

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HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2008 Georgia Stand Up, Policy institute for Civic Leadership
- 2007/2008 Diversity Scholarship Program, National Trust for Historic Preservation
- 2003 YWCA of Metropolitan Atlanta Salute to Academy of Women Achievers
- 2000 Gill Foundation Leadership Program
- 1997 Mableton Hampton Award, National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum
- 1996-97 Leadership Atlanta
- 1992 Community Leadership Award, Human Rights Campaign Fund
- 1981 Nominee/Candidate for Outstanding Young Women in America
- 1974-75 Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities
- 1973 International Studies Aboard program, University of Dijon, Dijon, France

EDUCATION

Howard University, Washington, DC 1977
M.A., Organizational Communication

University of District of Columbia, Washington, DC 1975
B.A., English