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The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods (BCN), Trinity Presbyterian Church, Ahavath Achim Synagogue, and St. Anne's Episcopal Church Sponsor Atlanta Mayoral Forum

Atlanta, GA -- September 8, 2009 -- The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods and Trinity Presbyterian Church, along with other neighboring houses of worship including St. Anne's Episcopal Church and Ahavath Achim Synagogue, will jointly sponsor an Atlanta Mayoral Forum at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3003 Howell Mill Road, on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM. Confirmed participants include Atlanta mayoral candidates **Lisa Borders, Mary Norwood, Kasim Reed and Jesse Spikes**. The event is free and open to the public, and local political commentators **Bill Nigut**, formerly with WSB-TV and current Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League, and **Dick Williams**, host of Fox 5's *Georgia Gang*, have agreed to moderate the Forum.

The sponsoring groups are extremely pleased that the top four mayoral candidates will appear to address residents' questions and concerns on such key issues as public safety, taxes, finance, parks, schools and transportation. The evening will encourage both the candidates and the audience to focus on issues that are specific to the Buckhead area as well as issues important to all Atlanta.

Questions are being submitted in advance by neighborhoods and the faith community. In addition, residents will be able to submit questions on the night of the event on provided index cards. Moderators Nigut and Williams will pose questions to the candidates throughout the evening, which is expected to last two hours.

Jim King, chairman of the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods and president of Chastain Park Civic Association, said "The upcoming mayoral race is extremely important to the future of the areas represented by the BCN. In November, we will have a chance to make our voices heard. We hope that the Atlanta Mayoral Forum will generate a lot of interest, excitement and debate about the upcoming election and contribute to greater turnout at the polls."

Trinity Presbyterian Church Acting Senior Pastor David Burns adds, "We are excited about the opportunity to host this important forum and to allow voters the chance to hear directly from the candidates. We are especially grateful that Trinity can play a role helping voters understand more about the candidates' positions on the important issues/future decisions that will face the next mayor of Atlanta."

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