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Press Release

Borders withdraws from Atlanta Mayoral Race

It is with regret and with respect for the city I love that I must withdraw my name from consideration for Mayor in 2009. As a daughter of Atlanta, I was raised to put family and community before personal ambition. This ethic has guided me for decades and brings me to this decision today.

Issues that face every family have no respect of political goals, and I am not immune. Taking care of my family has always been my priority, and increasing health concerns faced by my aging parents require that I place their needs above my own. In addition, as the President of the Atlanta City Council, I am dedicated to guiding the Council through turbulent times for our city. I take this role seriously and am not willing to allow a political race to be a distraction. Deferring my candidacy for Mayor will allow me to be with my family at this critical time and continue to do the work I cherish.

For nearly eighteen months, I have been humbled by the broad-based support this campaign has received. Words alone cannot express my deep thanks to those who have supported my candidacy with their time and money. I am proud of the hundreds of donors who helped my campaign enter the summer with more cash on hand than any other candidate. Our volunteer corps has swelled with fire fighters and teachers and community activists dedicated to moving Atlanta forward. The business community has stood side by side with neighborhood leaders to share with me their dreams for our city.

This process of coming together should not end simply because I am no longer running for Mayor. I encourage anyone who cares about this city to get involved now and assess which candidate has the skills and experience to deliver a better Atlanta. I look forward to continuing my service as Council President and to offering a strong and steady voice for all.

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