



Police Endorse Brodie

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Atlanta, Georgia -Monday, August 17, 2009, the Atlanta Police Union, representing over 1,100 Atlanta Police Officers, endorsed Steve Brodie for District 6 – Atlanta City Council. In the formal endorsement, Sgt Scott Kreher, President of Local 623 and National Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, states that “Atlanta Police Officers have had the opportunity to observe (Brodie’s) dedication to both District 6 and the City of Atlanta...and (Brodie) will strive to help our city be the safest in the nation.” Kreher also states that Brodie “is a unique candidate because (he is) providing specific ideas for improving public safety in Atlanta and the action steps needed to fund improvements.” Kreher further states that, “the other District 6 Candidates are working to develop slogans and (Brodie is) seriously proposing plans.” In closing, Kreher states, “our membership is committed to ensuring you (Brodie) are elected.”

Speaking to Brodie’s supporters, Kreher discussed the importance of City Council members going further than supporting the idea of 2,000 police officers. “Candidates for public office always talk about more police officers; Brodie has specific plans to address recruitment and more importantly, retention.”

Randall Cobb, a leader in Midtown Safety says, “Brodie is the only candidate who is seriously addressing the issue of crime and public safety. All the other candidates are trying to come up with slogans to give the impression they have the ability to deal with crime. Brodie is actually doing the job.” Doug Wetzel, a Candler Park activist leading the Neighborhood Watch Program says, "I am excited about the police endorsing Steve because of his specific funding ideas. Steve has been an active supporter of our Neighborhood Watch Program." Jenifer Keenan of Virginia Highlands says, “Steve has been personally involved with safety issues across District 6 for years; his personal leadership brought a significant increase in police into our neighborhoods during large events in Piedmont Park.” Bobbie and Steve Kilgo in Morningside say, "We know Steve to be a man who gets results. He has helped us with city issues on a personal level and we look forward to seeing him apply that same expertise at the district level. He knows the impact of crime in our neighborhood. He has a plan. He listens like a neighbor; he responds like a leader."

"I am honored and proud to be endorsed by the police", Brodie says. “The Police Union’s endorsement of my candidacy illustrates their confidence in me as a City Council member and their belief that I will initiate real changes to make Atlanta safer.”

Steve’s top priorities for the police department include: significant changes in police leadership, a clear focus on “community based policing” specifically targeting gang related crime and a realistic strategy to address police retention and pension issues.

Steve Brodie is candidate for Atlanta City Council District 6 which includes: Midtown, Candler Park, Virginia Highlands, Morningside, Ansley Park, Druid Hills, Piedmont Heights, Lenox Park, Lindridge-Martin Manor.

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