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Ora B. Douglass launches her campaign for Peachtree Corners City Council Post 5 / At Large

Ora B. Douglass today announces her intentions to run for the position of Peachtree Corners City Council Post 5. Douglass will seek to be elected to the seat that will be vacated by Lori Cristopher's retirement this fall.

Douglass has a long history of community service in the area. In 2014, she led a group of members in chartering the Psi Omega Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. in Peachtree Corners where she served as president for over four years. Psi Omega Omega chapter provides community service to Peachtree Corners residents from high school students, senior citizens, entrepreneurs and those in need. In addition, the sorority has partnered with Gwinnett County to keep 1.6 miles of road clean on Peachtree Corners Circle.

Douglass also established The Georgia Pearls of Service Foundation (GPOS), a 501c3 fundraising arm of her chapter and serves currently as president of the foundation. The GPOS foundation raises funds each year to provide scholarships to high school students and donations to selected community service organizations.

Douglass was appointed International Chair of Community Programming, a committee with representation from the 10 regions of the AKA sorority in providing direction and oversight of the program from 2018 - 2022. The program defined the framework for Alpha Kappa Alpha's commitment to service that is embraced by its 300,000 members and over 1,000 chapters located throughout the world. Douglass and her team partnered with Walgreens and traveled to 36 states including a Native American reservation and to the country of Honduras during the COVID-19 pandemic. The group administered mammograms, COVID vaccines and provided testing to low-income citizens.

Douglass considers herself a servant leader for all the citizens of Peachtree Corners and desires to increase that dedication as an elected official. Her motto is "service"

first" and she lives by the credo that "to whom much is given, much is required." Much like the city itself whose residents enjoy a robust economy, an international reputation as a "smart" city and a center for technological innovation and economic development, she plans to lead Peachtree Corners by living up to this motto. Her vision for the city is to make it a place where diversity and inclusion are just as important and valued as technology and growth. Ora states she will enter the city council campaign on the theme of "Ora for One Peachtree Corners".

Douglass was born at Atlanta's Grady Hospital, but was raised in Fort Pierce, Florida. Orphaned at 18 months old, Douglass hasn't lived a charmed life. She has worked hard for her accomplishments and knows the importance of a good education, perseverance, dedication and service to all mankind. She promises to utilize these qualities in service to the citizens of Peachtree Corners.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Florida A&M University and earned a Master of Nursing degree at Emory University. After graduating nursing school, Douglass was commissioned an officer in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. A veteran with over 13 years of service, she has been stationed in Hawaii and was part of the U.S. Army Reserves.

She has worked at numerous hospitals in the Atlanta area including Emory University, and Grady Hospital. At Northside Hospital she was vice president of Quality and Risk Management. She served as director of Community Home Based Nursing at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Atlanta and VA Medical Centers in Carrollton and Oakwood where she directed a \$10 million grant to provide homecare services to our veterans. Douglass has practiced progressive clinical, managerial and healthcare administration for over 30 years.

Douglass currently serves on the boards of the YMCA where she proudly picks up food each Monday from Backpack Buddies warehouse in Dunwoody and delivers healthy items to the Peachtree Corners YMCA for sorting and delivery to elementary schools in the area. When she is not organizing community events, Douglass enjoys playing pickleball, traveling, cooking, gardening and providing boxes in her yard for Eastern bluebirds to nest.

Douglass is married to Dr. Adrian Douglass. They have four children and two grandchildren. She and her husband are members of Friendship Baptist Church in Duluth.

For more information about the Douglass run for Peachtree Corners City Council, how to support her efforts and donate to her campaign, go to www.electoraptc.com.