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Peter Shahid running for re-election to Charleston City Council District 9

CHARLESTON, SC (June 12, 2019) – Charleston City Councilmember, Peter Shahid, announces he is seeking re-election. “It has been an honor to serve the residents of District 9,” said Shahid. “I want to continue the efforts of revitalizing West Ashley that we started more than three years ago. We have made significant strides in transforming West Ashley into a better place for its residents.”

Shahid was elected to Charleston City Council in 2015 on the premise that West Ashley had been neglected and ignored. Since taking office, he has worked diligently to improve the quality of life in West Ashley. Some of his accomplishments include:

- Originated and appointed to serve as Chairperson of the West Ashley Revitalization Commission
- Fought to procure funds to:
 - Purchase and redevelop the Ashley Landing Piggly Wiggly site
 - Secure a nationally known consultant to develop *Plan West Ashley*
 - Upgrade the playground equipment at Lenevar Park
 - Resolve flooding in Ashley Hall Manor
- Initiated the creation of the city’s Stormwater Management Department
- Supporter of strong enforcement of the short-term rental ordinance

Shahid has also provided direction to other important parts of the city’s governance:

- Initiated the creation of the Ad Hoc City Budget Committee
- Initiated a commission to address hotel management
- Initiated the 350 Commission and serves as its chairperson
- Serves as chairperson of the Public Safety Committee

If re-elected, Shahid plans to continue addressing important initiatives that make the West Ashley community a better place to live, work and play. They include:

- Continuing to revitalize West Ashley to improve the quality of life of its residents
- Working to resolve the flooding issues in neighborhoods
- Providing responsible growth management
- Continuing to hold regular public meetings to keep constituents informed, and to listen to their ideas and concerns

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Shahid was born and raised in Charleston. His family immigrated to Charleston more than 115 years ago. In 1912, his grandfather founded Shahid's Department store on King Street, a landmark retail establishment until it closed its doors in 1998.

Shahid graduated from Porter-Gaud School and received his undergraduate degree and a law degree from the University of South Carolina. Shahid has been practicing law for more than 37 years, spending nine of those years as an Assistant United States Attorney. Additionally, he has been a member of and held leadership positions in many civic, education, and professional boards and committees including:

- President of the Charleston County Bar Association
- President of the Harleston Neighborhood Association
- Director of the Turkey Day Run
- President of the Florence Crittendon Executive Board
- Member of the Public Defender Corporation Board
- Member of the Historic Rotary Club of Charleston
- Board Member of The Charleston Catholic School
- Coach for City of Charleston Recreation baseball and football teams, and parochial basketball teams

Shahid's family includes his wife, Mary, and their children: Pete, his wife, Sarah; James and Julia. He is a member of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

The election is scheduled for November 5, 2019.

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