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Crews Announces Run for City Council Seat

(Dalton, GA)--Local business man and real estate agent, Gary Crews officially announces his plans to run for Dalton City Council's 4th Ward Seat, currently held by Charlie Bethel, who recently made public his plans to run for the Republican nomination for the District 4 seat in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Originally from Winston Salem, NC, Crews is the Practice Manager for MEDNOW as well as a Realtor for Century 21 Belk. He has lived in the Dalton community for 30 years, where he and his wife Kimberly Gardiner Crews have raised two children, John, 21, and Kara, 18.

When asked about his decision, Crews says, "It's no secret that I love where I live. I think we have the best location in Georgia, with the best people and some of the best opportunities in the world. There's no doubt about it—Dalton offers a stellar quality of life and you'd be hard-pressed to find a better place to call home."

He also emphasized that of the issues he feels are important, improving community relations across the state tops the list, as well as changing the stigma that is attached to this community.

"A couple of years ago, while in Savannah spending time with friends from GEDA (Georgia Economic Development Association), we were discussing the economic climate in Georgia. When I mentioned Dalton, their immediate response was that for years, they were under the impression that Dalton positioned itself as self-sufficient and did not need or want any more business. Well, I'm here to say that the climate has changed and hopefully this closed mindset. We are now open for Business!"

Gary's community involvement includes:

Leadership Dalton-Whitfield Class of 2003; First Presbyterian Church Deacon Class of 2007; Big Buddy Program participant; Past President of the Chamber Diplomat Program; Past Chair of the Whitfield Daycare; past member of Dalton Kiwanis Club; Past President of Northwest Georgia Medical Managers Association (2 terms); Representative for Primary Care to Alliant Advisory Committee; Volunteer for Corazon a Corazon, Creative Arts Guild Board Member 2003-09; past member of the United Way Campaign Cabinet; and a past member of GEDA (Georgia Economic Development Association).

Currently, Gary serves as Co-Chair for the Legislative Action Committee for the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Leadership Dalton-Whitfield Alumni Committee; and a member of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber's Diplomats Program. He is a Creative Arts Guild Trustee; Member and Legislative Chair of the Carpet Capital Association of Realtors; and Current Chairman of the Whitfield County Republican Party.

As for political experience, Crews has a lengthy history of serving as a successful Campaign Chair for several local politicians. He has also served as a panelist for the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce Campaign Academy for the past several years.

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