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Peter Shahid Announces His Candidacy for Charleston City Council District 9

CHARLESTON, SC (March 9, 2015) – Peter Shahid is running for Charleston City Council District 9. A Charleston native, Shahid decided to seek the West Ashley office because he feels the community needs new leadership and new vision. “As a member of City Council, I will be a fresh voice for the redevelopment of West Ashley and will provide new vision for the management of growth in our city,” said Shahid. “With Mayor Riley’s retirement, there will be many changes at City Hall. Change brings its own set of challenges and we will need strong leadership on City Council to meet these challenges.”

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 law degree from the University of South Carolina. Mr. Shahid has been practicing law for more than 33 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 Harleston Neighborhood Association
- Director of the Turkey Day Run
- President of the Florence Crittendon Executive Board
- Executive Committee Member of the Charleston County Bar Association
- 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

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Peter Shahid is married to Mary Duncan Shahid and has three children – Pete, James and Julia. He is a member of The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

District 9 includes neighborhoods from Charles Towne Landing to the North Bridge and west along Sam Rittenberg Blvd. and Orange Grove Rd. The election is scheduled for November 3, 2015.

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