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Terry Hickey Announces Candidacy for Baltimore City Council, 10th District

Baltimore, MD (4/25/07) --- Terry Hickey, a local attorney and nonprofit director, has announced his candidacy for the 10th District seat on the Baltimore City Council. A long-time community advocate and experienced “problem solver,” Hickey has pledged to bring a new vision to the district while working with residents to address longstanding issues and quality of life concerns.

For the last ten years, Hickey has worked with schools and other groups around Baltimore to engage individuals and develop strategies to address the serious problems facing our city. Much of this work has been done through Community Law in Action, a non-profit youth organization Hickey founded in 1998. Additionally, Hickey teaches courses in advocacy, community justice and urban problem solving at UMBC and the University of Maryland School of Law. Through his teaching and consulting work, he has helped to develop and support numerous youth initiatives and revitalization efforts, including the opening of a new leadership-themed high school and a successful grassroots campaign to ban alcohol and tobacco ads from billboards in residential areas.

Hickey’s efforts have earned him a reputation as an innovative and tireless leader unafraid to challenge the status quo. Although he is proud of his accomplishments, he feels that now is the time to effect positive change through elected office. “I have spent the last ten years of my life challenging young people to speak out and take action,” says Hickey, “and I finally realized it was time for me to follow my own advice. I have a lot to offer my district as its next Council Member and I want people to realize that this September they have a choice for the person who will represent them in City Hall.”

Central to Hickey’s vision is an emphasis on opportunity rather than dwelling on problems that never seem to get solved. According to Hickey, “genuine leadership means tracking down resources and using them to address community needs while building people’s capacity to work together to solve their own problems.” By focusing on issues such as access to education, leadership development and career skills, Hickey’s priority is to support youth and families. Additionally, he is prepared to propose comprehensive strategies to address housing, economic development, and crime along with other areas of concern in the district and around the city.

More information about Terry Hickey and his City Council campaign is available online at www.hickeyforcouncil.com.

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