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STATEMENT OF BAHAREH AZIZI
Regarding Atlanta Eagle Incident on September 10, 2009
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I am extremely concerned about the alleged actions of the Atlanta Police Department regarding the raid of the *Atlanta Eagle bar* on September 10, 2009. These allegations should be investigated thoroughly and immediately, with the findings reported to the public as soon as possible.

There is no place for hate and bigotry based on race, culture, religion, gender or sexual orientation in our society. Every citizen should expect protection and assurance of their human rights and civil liberties especially by those entrusted to uphold the law and protect the safety and security of our fellow citizens.

If the accusations that have been made by the bar's patrons, staff and owners are found to be true, it would be yet another stain on the Atlanta Police Department under its present leadership. The people of Atlanta deserve complete answers from Chief Pennington and swift actions in response to the serious charges that have been alleged.

I attended the rally in the Atlanta Eagle parking lot on September 13, supporting those who are demanding accountability from all levels of city government with regard to the unfortunate events of last Thursday.

These events further strengthen my commitment to enhancing public safety in all our neighborhoods and on all our streets, as well as ensuring the equitable treatment of all citizens.

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