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***Mark Keam for Delegate Campaign Announces
Opening of its Campaign Headquarters in Downtown Vienna
and Hiring of Several Experienced Local Campaign Staff***

In anticipation of Delegate Steve Shannon's announcement that he will seek the Democratic nomination for Attorney General, and therefore will not seek reelection to the House of Delegates from the 35th District, Mark Keam of Vienna is preparing to run for the seat.

The Keam for Delegate campaign today announced that it has opened its headquarters at **407 Church Street, NE, Unit J, Vienna, VA 22180**.

The office is located in the Vienna Square commercial plaza located on Church Street and Beulah Road, with operational hours between 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. everyday.

Voters in the 35th District and volunteers are invited to visit the Keam campaign office during its first **open house** on Saturday, February 28, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. To RSVP for the office opening reception, please visit www.markkeam.com, click on the "Volunteer" button, and indicate in the "Comments" section that you will attend the office opening on February 28.

In addition to launching the office, the campaign has brought together a team of local political talent to help Mark Keam secure the Democratic nomination on Tuesday, June 9, 2009. The fulltime campaign staff of Keam for Delegate will include:

- Aveek Majumdar, campaign manager. Aveek is experienced in Northern Virginia politics, having worked on Jim Webb's campaign and on the Obama campaign, first as a field organizer for Fairfax County during the Virginia primary and beyond, and then as a regional director for Southern Hampton Roads.
- Bridgit Donnelly, Field Director. Bridgit is a Northern Virginia native who was an Obama field staff in charge of the Providence Magisterial District. She was also elected by fellow Democrats to be the youngest national delegate from Virginia sent to Denver.

- Sarah Hoptman, Communications Director. Sarah has lived in the Town of Vienna since 1995, and has worked on several campaigns including Delegate Shannon's. A graduate of James Madison High School and George Mason University, Sarah was an Obama field staff in Fairfax County.
- Sirat Attapit, Finance Director. Sirat is originally from Chicago, having worked on state legislative campaigns and on the policy staffs of state and federal legislators. She also volunteered and fundraised for the Obama campaign in Virginia and in other states, and assisted Michelle Obama's advance team in Denver.
- Anne Bautista, Deputy Field Director. Anne has lived in the area since 1995, and attended Vienna Elementary School. She was an Obama field organizer in charge of the Town of Vienna and other parts of Hunter Mill Magisterial District.

In the coming weeks, the Keam for Delegate campaign will announce the other members of its grassroots organization, including campaign co-chairs, precinct team leaders, and steering committee members.

For more information about Mark Keam and his campaign to become the next Democratic Delegate from the 35th District, please visit the official campaign website (www.markkeam.com), Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mark-Keam/48684127513>), and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/MarkKeam>).

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