



2020 Georgia State House & Senate Candidate Questionnaire

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Background Information

Education: BA Degree in Elementary Education

Where is home? Woodstock

Do you currently hold a public office? If so, how long have you held your current office? In 2019, I was appointed to the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators by Governor Kemp.

Past public offices held: Served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 2005-2013

Additional background information you'd like to share: I strongly believe in substantial community and civic experience, active participation in a political party, and the ability to communicate and advocate the party's principles. I am a proven conservative and believe in the core principles of decreasing the size of government, lessening the tax burden; promoting personal responsibility; protecting personal liberties and exercising the proper role of government. As someone who has served our community, I know what it takes to protect our community, lower our taxes, keep balance budgets and fight for our values.

Georgia in General

Briefly share your qualifications for the office.

I served in the Georgia Legislature for 4 terms. There are many conservative principles in jeopardy, and I am concerned about the moral and fiscal direction of Georgia. Thus, if you want something done right, do it yourself and I want to be a conservative voice at the Capitol. My work at the capitol is not complete, and look forward to continuing the work of streamlining our government by holding it



accountable, reducing its size and limiting its power. As progress is made, you will enjoy the benefits of lower taxes, less government, greater freedom and a burgeoning economy.

Please indicate the reasons you are seeking election and your priorities, overarching policy interests, and any solutions for district-specific challenges.

We are elected to be good stewards of taxpayer's money. On my first day in office I would file the Georgia Government Accountability Act aka Sunset Bill. The bill's aim is to establish a method by which the efficiency of state government is regularly reviewed and the productivity of each agency evaluated to ensure state agencies, departments and other entities are held accountable for their service to the public and responsiveness to the needs of the citizens of this state. It is one way to closely review the workings of state government to determine the need for efficiency and eliminate redundancies. There is a lot of waste out there, and we cannot continue to grow the state budget without first implementing performance standards. We must ensure taxpayer's money is being spent wisely, and this would bring more transparency to government.

Agriculture & Rural Georgia

What do you think are the three greatest issues facing Georgia agriculture?

The three greatest issues facing Georgia agriculture are providing safe and nutritious food for a growing population in a changing economy, ensuring economic stability for farmers and agriculture workers and maintaining a safe environment for agriculture to flourish.

What is your position on the Conservation Use Value Assessment (CUVA) for property taxes and the Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption (GATE) program for exemption from sales tax for input costs? Do you support these programs? Do you believe any changes to the programs are necessary? If so, what and why?



Both CUVA and GATE are great incentives to help support Georgia agriculture. I would need to know more about how these programs are being implemented to assess their effectiveness.

House Bill 545, also known as the Right to Farm Bill, was supported by all of the major agricultural organizations in the state throughout the 2019-2020 Legislative Biennium. Does traditional agriculture and our state's right to farm laws deserve protection, and what role do you think the State should play in such protections?

Agriculture has been an integral part of Georgia's economy and culture for hundreds of years. I am not familiar with the particulars of House Bill 545, but I do agree that traditional agriculture and citizen's right to farm should be protected.

Animal agriculture is a significant part of Georgia's economy. Animal rights groups are enacting laws around the country to regulate animal husbandry practices. Do you support the laws being enacted, which posture animal rights equal to human rights, or do you see these laws as threats to Georgia's agriculture interests?

Although I am a pet lover, I do not agree that animal rights are equal to human rights. Radical environmentalists and animal rights activist have gone too far in many cases fighting for their cause.