



2020 Georgia State House & Senate Candidate Questionnaire

Clifton Marshall

*Background Information*

**Education:** BA in Economics from Dartmouth College

**Where is home?** Atlanta, GA

**Do you currently hold a public office? If so, how long have you held your current office?** No

**Past public offices held:** N/A

**Additional background information you'd like to share:**

*Georgia in General*

**Briefly share your qualifications for the office.**

At the very beginning of this political journey, one my daughters asked me by text, dad, why are you running for political office? I texted her back and said I am running to eliminate the regressive laws of GA. My daughter encouraged me to be clear on my why, for she knew it would be needed for me to get the seat at the table that I am pursuing. And you know, I have found that to be correct, but I had a problem. I had too many whys. It was not until I turned things around, and asked why not? Why not run for office, I believe in speaking for those that cannot speak for themselves. I believe in collaborating with vested partners to meet the greater need for the community. I am more than annoyed with the current political leaders. Why not run for office? I learned at my family's knee of the importance to serve others.



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

Why not run for office, I have a passion for common sense budgeting. If money is the problem, new streams of revenue should be sought, that would not raise taxes or reduce the budget? There are many possibilities for increasing revenue, but I want to focus on one, that would create new jobs, and help small business grow, as well as put money in the state treasury. COVID-19 has hurt many businesses in Georgia, many families are really suffering. My suggestion is something we are already doing – Gambling. Why not expand gambling in Georgia so that the economy can grow, Medicaid can be expanded, education can be fully funded, and the state budget, can be balanced without cuts? My why is simple, quality of life! I want to help move Georgia forward, to accomplish this goal, the focus must be on valuing each citizen and provide services that help them to help themselves, bottom line, quality of life, for all Georgians is a must!

### *Agriculture & Rural Georgia*

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

- a) Producing a quality product to sell.
- b) Producing enough quantity of a product to make a profit.
- c) Having an inexpensive way to get your product to the marketplace in a timely matter.

***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?***

I am not familiar with this program.

***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?***

I need to study up on the issue.

***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?***

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