

**NAME:** Justin Walsh  
**PARTY:** Democratic  
**SEEKING:** Commission District 3

**1. Why are you seeking your office?**

I am running for office to bring power back to the citizens of Gwinnett County. We do not just need a voice for the candidates, but someone who involves them as well. A county commissioner best represents the people by involving them in the decisions that need to be made.

**2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

I expect to be busy, and to be putting constant work into the commissioner role. Even though it's a part time position, the sheer population and budget of the county requires more than part time hours. My biggest goal is to make it all more understandable for the everyday citizen. Many policies and ordinances are written in a complicated manner, while they need to be for legal reasons, we should have an easier to understand version as well.

**3. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

My wife and I started the Rural Gwinnett group out here in unincorporated Dacula due to a sudden influx of rezonings that did not match the area at all. Standing in front of the Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners while fighting for my community gives me the perspective to make real change. 53 I've fought alongside members of the community and have seen how the residents are treated, and are ignored.

**4. Pick any one issue. Expand on how you will address it.**

Rezonings/zonings are a big issue for me. The whole process to fight against a rezoning is complicated and requires knowing the ordinances. You're up against developers and lawyers who have made a career out of this. You start off the fight with the scales tipped against you, and get no help from the county along the way. I will address it by making the process and policies easier to understand, so when new people get involved they are not as lost. 82I will also hold monthly townhall meetings to keep the residents informed to what's coming up.

**5. Suggest ways to jump-start the economy after COVID-19.**

Our economy runs on people, so that's needs to be our focus. I would use the resources the county has at hand to get people back to work. Be it spending on projects or working with our partners to find and keep people employed. I would aim to make Gwinnett even more appealing to businesses.

**6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background.**

I moved to Gwinnett county in 1993 and have been here ever since. Gwinnett is my home, my family works and plays here. We volunteer here and have a community here. I'm not looking for my next political position, instead I want to live in a better Gwinnett. I helped form the Rural Gwinnett group, and regularly stand against unnoticed rezonings.