# NAME:Roger MarmolPARTY:DemocraticSEEKING:Commission District 3

## 1. Why are you seeking office?

To make the 3rd district better in every aspect from business to infrastructure, for far too long the 3rd district has been forgotten. This medical pandemic has cost jobs, dreams, and lives. Now more than ever we need real leadership that will work for the people.

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

Work with others to make Gwinnett and the 3rd District better, to make it easier for people to achieve their dreams by opening businesses in the district, and work on infrastructure, from roads that are in need of repair to building our communities by listening to the people that live in them.

# 3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

Experienced Proven Leadership. I am a business owner, have served in the Military and as an elected official, and served in leadership positions on multiple boards and organizations. In every position, I have had to make tough choices that have helped build dreams or saved lives. Currently, the campaign is helping others during one of the most intense times in our history. I have proposed multiple solutions to help people during this pandemic. Leadership and not campaign slogans are what is going to fix the economy and get people back to work. Experienced proven leadership is what distinguishes me.

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

Development has been a large issue in our communities for quite some time. Before I was on the City Council I pushed for smart development and while on the Council I fought against interests who wanted to use the community and overdevelop it. Gwinnett is growing and we must be inclusive but that doesn't mean we overdevelop. I will work with the communities and start by listening to the people to find better solutions for the coming developments that are certain to come as the 3rd District grows. We must preserve our sense of community.

#### 5. Suggest ways to jump-start the economy after Covid-19.

I spoke to an African American single mother who owned a hair salon in Gwinnett's Southside. She was one of many business owners who had to let go of staff and watch as their dream slowly ended. Part of the reason was the virus but part of the reason was red tape that disproportionately hinders minorities and people of color. We will need to streamline processes to help our small business to reopen and create jobs, they are a vital part of our community. A full review of business regulations, fees and taxes must be done.

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

I started life on my own in the streets and had to work hard for everything I have. I have gone from having nothing to paying off a home, serving my community on City Council, opening a business, and now running for Gwinnett 3rd District Commissioner. I have dealt with the haters and negativity my entire life; I know about injustices because I have lived them and have fought against them my entire life. As Commissioner I don't promise empty campaign slogans but true leadership and experience based on a lifetime of struggle and accomplishments.