NAME: Kim Walker PARTY: Republican

SEEKING: County Commission, District 3

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am a Georgia native and Gwinnett County resident for over 25 years. I am a fiscal conservative, support being transparent and having open communication with our residents in District 3. I want District 3 to have a voice for everyone. I have excellent leadership skills, am a problem solver and a straight shooter. I believe I can make a positive impact in our district. The current Commissioner brought division in our community and I believe I can help us move forward in a positive direction. I love my community and want it to thrive.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Our ever-growing community still face transit challenges that I'm eager to address to provide relief to the traffic congestion many commuters experience. I know Gwinnett residents don't want Marta, I also voted against it. With more people moving to Gwinnett we need to come up with new solutions. I also would like responsible economic and sustainable growth in our community. Community Services is also an area I would like to expand. We have great parks, animal shelters and senior centers that we need to make sure we continue to grow and improve on.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am a Moderate Republican and can work with Democrats and Independents too. I believe you must be able to compromise to work together for the better of our community. The Gwinnett population has steadily increased and become more diverse, which means we need a forward-thinking leader like myself on the Board of Commissioners. I believe I can help bring unity to our residents as we work together to do great things.

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

Growth and transit go hand in hand with our population and businesses expanding in Gwinnett County. I would look at responsible growth and transit options to help the residents in District 3 and Gwinnett County. People move to Gwinnett because of our great schools, parks and wonderful residents. I want to maintain and improve on all the great features Gwinnett has to offer and not overbuild it. I want the residents to have a voice on how we will move forward with transit. I believe part of having a good quality of life is not sitting in traffic.

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

We must get businesses back to work. I am a small business owner, so I know the impact firsthand that the shutdown has had. Hopefully, the Stimulus Package has brought relief to individuals and business owners. We should all support local businesses in our area. Once we start getting back to normal, I think the economy will rebound in the next few months. People should still use the recommendations like washing your hands often and staying home when you're sick. I think we will all be prepared and do better if we are faced with this challenge again.

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

On a personal note, I am 51 years old. I am a Managing Partner at FourSquare Research, INC. I've been married for 23 years to Myron Walker, who served with the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office for 27 years before joining the Lawrenceville Police Department, where he currently serves as Assistant Chief of Police. We have two daughters Madison and Emma-Rose. Madison is a college student at University of North Georgia. Emma-Rose is a senior in high school. Please contact me on my Facebook page (kimwalkergwinnettcommissioner) or Website (www.kimwalkerdistrict3.com). I will answer questions and welcome comments.