

NAME: Brenda Lopez
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Congress, 7th District

1. Why are you seeking your office?

The issues we face in Congress at this moment require a new voice with the experiences of those that live in the district, especially new Americans, working class families, and young people. I bring to the seat the aspirations of our district to maintain the opportunities to move up the social mobility ladder between generations in America and keep the promise of maintaining a strong middle class.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

A successful first term, I will have a mobile constituent services office situated through GA7. I will also have a youth leadership group to teach college age students how to advocate and lobby with its first cohort graduated. I will have introduced CIR, and cosponsored existing legislation for \$15 minimum wage and gun safety reform and Medicare coverage regardless of income. I will also have filed affordable housing and home ownership legislation. Due to COVID 19, I understand we will also be dealing with its aftermath and economic impact especially on our most vulnerable communities. I'm running for Congress to (100)...

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I have a proven record of winning elections in our district and a proven record of being a voice that reflects the communities I serve and a proven record of mobilizing a grassroots campaign. I also have legal, legislative, and community advocacy background in state, federal, and international issues. From immigration to national security to public education and higher education to healthcare to strengthening our economy through small businesses, entrepreneurship, and global markets and to keeping a strong international standing through diplomacy and smart power.

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

Focusing on the root problems of our healthcare system is extremely important. But we most also acknowledge the immediate need to offer accessible medical insurance options. Facilitating a platform that provides the freedom to choose what plan works best for you or your family is also healthcare reform that I will support. Medicare For All Who Want It delivers both the affordability and opportunity to choose, rather than be penalized or forced upon a policy.

This healthcare plan will offer participants the opportunity to choose between private insurance policies, or a public insurance alternative. Having the government compete with private (100)...

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

As Congresswoman, the legislation to keeping working and middle class families afloat will be instrumental from providing financial recovery assistant to individuals to avoid foreclosures, safeguard against evictions and prevent penalties. We must also protect actual small businesses like start up and sole proprietors. We need to work to pass \$15 minimum wage especially after we have seen the reliance and value of retail workers and farm workers. Furthermore, we need to ensure a quality universal healthcare system and pass Medicare for those that want it.

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

Brenda made history in 2016 when she became the first Latina elected to the Georgia General Assembly, representing House District 99 in Gwinnett County. he came to the United States at the age of five and became a citizen in 2008. She graduated from Cross Keys High School, where she was told by a counselor that she could be a secretary or receptionist. She went on to receive a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology from Georgia State University and graduated law school from Syracuse University. She has focused on international law, national security, and comparative politics in her (100)...