

NAME: John Eaves
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Congress, 7th District

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I have an insatiable passion for service to others. I was recognized as the top school volunteer in the Atlanta Public Schools in 1984 for my work as a “Big Brother” to junior high school students who lived in the most impoverished communities of Atlanta. I have ministered to the homeless and ex-offenders. I have also served as the Regional Director of the Peace Corps, and I served as the Chairman of Fulton County Government for 11 years. District 7 deserves a servant-leader with passion who is willing to listen and respond to the needs of a diverse constituency.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I will work tirelessly to improve the broken health care delivery system of America. COVID – 19 has shown that any American is an illness away from financial ruin, and accessibility to affordable, quality healthcare is inequitable depending on race, income, and employment status. Too many District 7 residents lack health insurance and access to quality medical facilities. As your Congressman, I will work to pass a Universal Healthcare law to ensure that every American will have this fundamental right. I will also work with local elected officials and healthcare providers to ensure a better coordinated health system in District 7.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I have proven experience as a regional leader. I proudly lead the fight in 2007 to save Grady Hospital, I worked with mayors to pass the first ever -T-SPLOST in Fulton County in 2016. I was a member of the Regional Roundtable of 20 elected leaders in 2010 and develop a regional transit map that includes MARTA expansion to Gwinnett. I was the first elected official in Georgia to pass a resolution to oppose 287 (g) in 2014. I also took the unprecedented action to “freeze” property taxes of Fulton County homeowners in 2017 because of high property values.

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

The biggest strength of District 7 (Gwinnett and Forsyth) is the public school system. Despite the success, there still are disparities of academic performance and attainment by race among students. As your Congressman, I will launch a “My Brothers Keeper” program (first implemented by the Obama administration in 2014) for District 7 that will target “boys of color” who are susceptible to poor

grades and graduation rates. I will work with non-profit organizations and local governments to develop a robust after school program of academic support and athletic activities to encourage better school engagement and success.

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

I have hosted several virtual COVID 19 Town Hall meetings. This is my assessment: before the economy can re-start, we must first instill confidence in the general public that they are safe from COVID – 19 infections. I support universal testing and establishing test sites in “hot spots” within communities with high infection rates. I also believe that testing needs to be available at work sites and all medical facilities and equip to report immediate test results.

After testing, the next step is supporting the small and medium sized businesses within District 7 through patronization and the CARES Act Stimulus funding.

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

I received a bachelors from Morehouse College, a masters from Yale University, and a PhD from the University of South Carolina. I am the former Regional Director of Peace Corps, and Chairman of Fulton County, I have a reputation as a staunch advocate on Transportation, Housing and Healthcare – key areas of investment for bolstering metro Atlanta’s bright future.

I have received the American Marshall Memorial Fellowship and two Fulbright scholarships. I currently serve as Executive Director of the Global Youth Ambassadors program and Instructor at Spelman College. I am proud dad to two grown children and reside in Peachtree Corners.