

NAME: Josh Uddin
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Georgia Senate, District 45

1. Why are you seeking state office?

As a health insurance expert, I understand what we need to change in order to get healthcare prices more affordable for Georgians. The for-profit healthcare industry should not be making record profits at the expense of all of us. I am running to give back to the community that helped me achieve the American dream.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Nobody should go broke over a medical bill. We must expand Medicaid in Georgia. We can improve our healthcare outcomes by bringing in federal dollars by expanding Medicaid in Georgia. We must also fully fund the QBE to invest in our future, and end our traffic woes by investing in better public transportation.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am an immigrant and graduate from Georgia state. I have been active in the Gwinnett community for the past 20 years, and I am an expert in health insurance policy. As a father, and Democrat, I will work towards policies that ensure a better future for all Georgians.

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

We must expand Medicaid, and we must widen the services nurse practitioners can deliver. It is the only way we can meet the demand for care in rural Georgia, and meet the increasing demand of baby boomers on healthcare. It works in other states, and it can work in Georgia, as long as we can fight back against the for-profit healthcare industry and the medical industry lobby.

5. Suggest ways to jumpstart the economy after COVID-19.

We must raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and include paid sick leave. We must increase access to capital for entrepreneurs, especially those that come from low-income backgrounds or communities of color.

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

When I graduated from GSU, launched my businesses, and started my family in Gwinnett, I knew it was because of the community around me towards the American Dream. When I

was a young man in Bangladesh, I had heard the US was the land of opportunity, what I didn't know, was that it was the land of struggles too. It was through these struggles towards achieving success that I learned the importance of healthcare, public education, and infrastructure. I want to ensure the opportunities I had as a young immigrant are available to all who choose to call Georgia (100)

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