

**NAME:** Cheryl Renee Moses  
**PARTY:** Democratic  
**SEEKING:** Senate District 9

**1. Why are you seeking your office?**

As a bold leader who speaks truth to power, I am seeking the office of Georgia State Senator District 9 in 2020 to complete the unfinished business of flipping the seat Democratic. In 2018, I ran as a first-time candidate because I saw a need for a diverse and inclusive voice representing the constituents of SD9. The district is a melting pot of culture as Gwinnett is the most diverse county in GA. Yet laws that negatively affect a large majority of the constituency were being passed with an affirmative vote from the SD9 incumbent. In 2018, I received 48.1% (100)...

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

When elected for SD9, I expect to work across the aisle to bring 'people-first' legislation to GA that provides equity and parity to ALL citizens.

**3. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

I am a distinctive leader and problem-solver respectfully speaking truth to power. Racism and bigotry are the foundations of U.S. ailments. To solve these problems, I speak openly to develop solutions for justice, equality and equity for ALL people because my DNA mix is:

- 32% Nigeria
- 19% Cameroon, Congo and Southern Bantu
- 14% Benin & Togo
- 13% Mali
- 11% England, Wales & Northwestern Europe
- 5% Ghana
- 3% Ireland & Scotland
- 1% each Sweden, Indigenous Americas – North and Basque

To not fight for ALL, would mean not fighting for myself!

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

Increasing GA's minimum wage of \$5.15/ hour to a living wage of \$15+ per hour is a priority issue. Studies show that to afford a basic two-bedroom apartment in

metro-Atlanta, you would need to make at least \$17 per hour — three times GA's minimum wage. The poverty level of Gwinnett is alarming. SD9 includes Dacula, Grayson, Lawrenceville, Lilburn, Loganville, Mountain Park and Snellville. Lawrenceville has 21.5% of the residents living below the poverty line. That is more than 1.5 times the rate in metro-Atlanta area (13.1%), and about 1.3 times the rate of GA (16%). This must change.

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

Georgia's economy can receive a COVID-19 jump-start now by providing a COVID-19 debt-relief program to all households as provided by the existing Georgia Emergency Management Agency's "Individuals and Household Program." The program is available during a disaster and federally-funded. There are two program components including "Other Needs Assistance" that provides for replacement of essential goods and services. My contention is that under the stay-at-home mandate, a household's rent/mortgage and utilities are essential services. The program allows up to \$34,900/household for essential services, and can be authorized by the governor. I sent this proposal to Governor Kemp in March 2020.

<https://cherylereneemoses.com/covid19-debt-relief.html>

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

As a content creator, educator and activist, my passion is serving people. I am a problem-solver and I get things done. Born and raised in Atlanta, I graduated from Therrell High School at the age of 15, and enrolled in Georgia State University pursuing a Computer Information Systems (CIS) degree. I have lived/worked in Gwinnett County since 2004. My work experience spans over four decades and I am accomplished in the areas of technology and communications. Serving the public and underserved communities has led me to develop programs for the arts, youth, adults, seniors, education, veteran services and civic engagement.