### 2020 GwinnettForum candidate questionnaire

NAME: Beverly Jones

**PARTY:** Democratic

**SEEKING:** Senate District 41

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

As a private residential constituent of District 41#, I have observed and have been affected by social-economic changes that have had negative impacts to our education system, health care system and cultural diversity. As a former City Council Member. I am experienced in bringing groups and factions together for a common goal. I have a diverse background and a strong constitution for Christian values. I stand in a belief for equality and justice for all. I will continue to be a positive voice for my community and I am committed toward supporting small businesses, and empowering the disenfranchised.

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

We expect to initiate and share, with our constituents the progress of introducing bills, and amending current bills that will empower and bring money into our district. We expect to bring decency and honesty to the Senate vote and invoke our schedule of campaign agendas, through a transparent plan.

#### 3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

Transparency and availability. Some politicians correspond poorly with their constituents, never to follow up or actively interact with the communities in which they serve. We want our constituents to be educated, informed and involved intrinsically, with the processes that matter most to them. We want the voters of District #41 to know our doors and our hearts and ears will always be open and receptive to the needs of our community.

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

Educational reform has to be an essential building block within our community. Research has found that schools with positive school climates tend to have better test scores and graduation rates; in contrast, to negative climate schools that tend to have lower academic performance and greater social disturbances. Positive climate schools can attract better candidates for teaching positions; corporate sponsorships can provide fiduciary support via scholarships and intern positions and most importantly, positive climate schools are the driving force of the types of community in our society.

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

Small businesses and independent operators play vital roles in our economy. Their employment power is what will fuel economic consumerism. The Beverly Jones campaign is committed toward helping to incentivize relief efforts of our retailers. We propose offering subsidies on permits and tax relief credits to employers who will commit to hiring locally and supporting the community. A cooperative partnership will provide long lasting, sustainable goals of strengthening the economy.

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

Dr. Beverly Jones, PhD is a scholarly candidate, who has earned multiple degrees in theology, counseling, and organizational management. She comes with a wealth of experience in strategic planning, budget appropriation and establishing public policies and procedures.

She has served as a former city council member, for the city of Stone Mountain.

Dr. Jones has been a community activist for most of her adult life, organizing health fairs; prison reform; neighborhood community gardens; creating after school summer programs and a host of fundraiser programs that support activities for single parent households and disadvantaged youths.