NAME:Clint DixonPARTY:RepublicanSEEKING:Senate District 45

1.Why are you seeking your office?

I'm running for Senate because we need a new, energetic, and conservative State Senator with fresh ideas – determined to put our families first. I am committed to Gwinnett – not petty politics or special interests. As a husband and father, I want to keep Gwinnett a great place to live for every family. I confront everything in life with hard work and determination. It's how my family and I survived the Great Recession in the real estate business. And it's the same tenacity I will bring to putting our families first.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I launched my campaign on the promise to put Gwinnett Families First with a plan to keep families safe from gangs and human trafficking, cut and cap spending, protect our schools, and stand strong for our conservative values. While those remain my priorities, with the impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on our economy, my first mission will be working to jumpstart our economy, get businesses reopened, and our people back to work. Additionally, we will have to deal with revenue shortfalls in a way that protects priorities like public safety, education, and transportation.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I offer new, energetic, conservative leadership with fresh ideas. Additionally, I have proven through my campaign and service in our community that I am willing to listen, talk directly to the people, and put them first. I have talked to thousands of voters and the feedback I have heard in those conversations will fuel my focus. Finally, these uncertain times require real leadership. Having worked in real estate during the Great Recession, I've faced tough times like so many families. I can bring that real-life experience to work to ensure we come through this pandemic stronger on the other side.

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

As you will see below, the response to COVID-19, especially in how we get our economy back on track and respond to budget shortfalls will be the immediate priority. Beyond that, I want to keep Gwinnett a great place to live for every family. This is going to require a focus on several issues – innovative transportation solutions that actually reduce congestion, continuing efforts to eradicate the gang and human trafficking threats, protecting our schools and lowering health insurance costs. Most importantly, I am running to put families first – to listen to the people and address THEIR concerns in the Senate.

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

First, once we reach our peak and have our healthcare infrastructure fully built out to handle cases moving forward, we have to safely reopen our economy and get people back to work. It will require a new normal but we have to get things open again. Second, I will pursue reforms and resources needed to help our small businesses survive. Finally, it's time to bring new business and jobs to Georgia. We need a plan to start building things here again – starting with attracting pharmaceutical and medical supply manufacturing and moving away from dependence on China.

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

I was born and raised in Gwinnett County. I have built my career in the real estate business. Previously, I served on the Gwinnett County Planning Commission and the Gwinnett County Water and Sewer Authority. My wife Hayden and I are the proud parents of three children that attend Buford City Schools. We reside in Buford.