

NAME: Sammy Baker
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Senate District 45

1. Why are you seeking your office?

We need elected officials with business experience at the Georgia Capital with a commonsense approach to life. With the Covid-19 virus we are going to need a lot of business experience to get Georgia back on the road to recovery, unleash the state's economic engine and get everyone back to work. I plan on working on several issues, then move over for the next citizen with good ideas to replace me in a few terms. We do not need life-time politicians who stay in office for power. Therefore, I propose term limitations. Serve 2-3 terms then move on and (100)...

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

We need smaller more effective government. Our trade jobs are not being filled (electricians, Plumbers, IT Specialist, Welders, etc.) we need to fully fund vocation programs at the high school level. College is not for everyone; students would be able to work with their hands and this would help the drop-out rate.

Lower health care cost, if hospitals and doctors are required to post prices for all procedures and whether you are in or out of network. Competition will always bring prices down and improve quality. No one wants a huge bill from the hospital months later.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I have started a business from scratch, learned how to make payroll, pay taxes, insurance, purchase equipment, and invest in people to grow our business. Need Government to keep regulation cost low creating a positive business environment. Owning a successful business helps you make better decisions at the Capital. I have worked with the senate and house members during sessions (Government Affairs for State Home Builders Association and Real Estate Association) for 16 years, keeping government regulations minimal so homes can be built and sold at reasonable prices.

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

Cut Government cost by having session every other year. Texas is a much larger state and it works for them. This could help keep down the petty legislation as only the most important issues would be addresses. It would force the state legislators to work on long term budgets. If something unusual happens we could call a short 7-day session to correct the emergency issue. This would cut down pressure from special interest groups.

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

(A) Get rid of Georgia state income tax, like Texas, Florida and Tennessee. Fair Tax is a great model for us to look at.

(B) Build the 400,000 entry level homes Georgia is short. This will create a lot of jobs during construction, while suppling housing for Teachers, Fireman, Policeman and our growing workforce. We do not want to be a Seattle, LA or San Francisco with tent cities and unaffordable housing.

(C) Vocational training to start in high schools, then technical schools so we have trained workers (essential employees) ready when industries move to Georgia. We are short electricians, (100)...

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

Growing up with 5 kids in a challenged environment, I found an outlet in sports. Between sports and church, I learned most of my life lessons. Sports taught me Compassion, Goal Setting, Teamwork and how to work with others to win. Church kept me grounded in morals and faith.

My foundation has set the standard for my career. Being a Political Science major in college my interest in politics has always been on the for front. I was involved with Governor's Race in Arkansas, local Sherriff's races and State Senate run.

Working locally with the Georgia Homebuilders and Real Estate (100)...