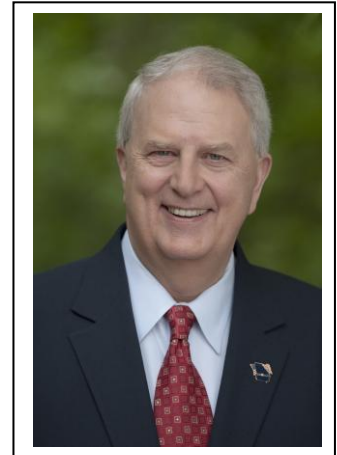


2010 candidate questionnaire

NAME: **Roy Barnes**
PARTY: Democrat
SEEKING: Governor



1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am seeking the governorship because I believe that we must make Georgia work by restoring the Georgia values and strong leadership that brought our state growth, opportunity and far-reaching prosperity in the past. Together, we can rebuild a solid foundation in Georgia – one that will support a better life, stronger communities, and a brighter future for our families.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Georgia's next Governor faces many challenges, but none of our problems are insurmountable. If elected, I will make Georgia work. As Governor, I will work to preserve the integrity of Georgia's education system by ensuring that funding goes directly to where it's needed most – our students, teachers, and public schools. I will focus on finding innovative solutions to our transportation troubles and determining new ways to secure our water sources. Most importantly, as Governor, I will make creating jobs for Georgians my first priority.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I have a plan to make Georgia work. I believe that I have the experience and vision to solve many of the problems that Georgia is facing, and I am offering concrete solutions to address our state's challenges. Should I be elected, I will be ready to go to work for Georgians all across the state on day one.

4. What are the key issues in your race?

Our campaign is focusing the issues that matter to Georgians – education, transportation, water, and, most importantly, creating jobs and fostering economic opportunity all across our state. We simply cannot take full advantage of the opportunities that the future will bring Georgia without strengthening our economy and getting back on course in these key areas.

5. Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.

Georgia is in desperate need of an economic turnaround. Small businesses are a key job creating engine in Georgia, so I will focus on ways to improve the economic climate for small business owners. I will work to create the job opportunities of the future by investing in clean energy solutions, biomedical research, and technology infrastructure, and I will reinvest in our higher education system and restore the cuts to K-12 so we can equip Georgians to fill these new jobs. Additionally, I will focus on job creation in rural Georgia by emphasizing value-added agriculture and green energy solutions(100).

6. Give a 100 word summary of your background.

I was born and raised in Mableton, where my family farmed in addition to running a general store. After earning my B.A. and J.D. from UGA, I served as a prosecutor in the Cobb County District Attorney's office. I then served eight terms in the State Senate and six three terms in the State House before being elected to serve as Governor in 1998. After leaving office, I devoted six months to Atlanta Legal Aid before returning to the practice of law in Marietta. My wife, Marie, and I live in Marietta – near our three children and six grandchildren.