

# **2010 candidate questionnaire**

**NAME: Valerie Clark**

**PARTY: Republican**

**SEEKING: State Legislature, District 104**



## **Why are you seeking your office?**

I have lived here for thirty-one years. My professional career has been in Gwinnett. It's our home. Our children were born here and grew up in Gwinnett. Throughout my career I cared very much about my schools and community, and as a retired person, I continue to care very much about our schools and community. I want to promote prosperity and make sure we retain the many benefits of living here. I will promote the elements of success and develop policies and laws that encourage an even greater quality of life for the future of our district. I am running...(100).

## **What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

I want to make this district the best in America. Jobs and attracting quality businesses are my priorities. I will be an advertisement for our area and invite quality businesses and subsidiaries of these businesses to find a new home here. We will be the prime location in the southeast. I will make sure our schools shine, with students trained for college success and workplace success. Students should learn a love for America and for the freedoms they enjoy every day. With our nightmare taxes, my mission will be to trim government spending and cut taxes to a minimum.

## **What distinguishes your candidacy?**

My only motive is to serve my community. As a retiree I can work relentlessly as your State Representative. I have the highest expectations for our district. We will compete to develop the finest businesses, community organizations, and public institutions in the United States. I appreciate the value of education, and as a teacher and administrator I understand American education from the classroom to the policy level. As a thirty-one year resident in the same home and neighborhood, I appreciate the value of a high quality of life for citizens and the urgency to encourage economic prosperity.

## **What are the key issues in your race?**

- We must attract quality jobs and businesses.
- Access to efficient transportation is a major determiner of business development. The state can no longer dally in implementing effective solutions to transportation problems.
- Water is a critical resource for business relocation. Economic growth stops when people worry about having a sufficient water supply.
- Economic growth should build a sufficient tax digest. The only way to cut taxes is to make government more efficient and cut government spending
- I will support our schools. We are shining stars in this district and need support to stay that way!

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

Jobs are a priority. I will collaborate with other elected officials to develop a strategy using state resources to attract businesses including tax incentives. This strategy would also involve working with organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce to proactively market District 104. I will work to market essential elements such as existing industry, transportation, and educational resources. This marketing strategy would highlight the availability of a highly trained work force and an excellent quality of life for families. We have bragging privileges to Gwinnett Technical Institute, Georgia Gwinnett College, Gwinnett Medical Center, and wonderful schools and parks.