

# **2010 candidate questionnaire**

**NAME: Brian Kemp**  
**PARTY: Republican**  
**SEEKING: Secretary of State**



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

I'm running because I feel that Georgians want leaders they can trust based on accomplishments and experience, not empty political rhetoric. Prior to becoming Secretary of State I offered Georgia voters my Kemp Means Business Plan ([www.kempmeansbusiness.com](http://www.kempmeansbusiness.com)), which focuses on ensuring safe elections, creating jobs and saving taxpayer dollars.

Since becoming Secretary of State I have implemented much of the Kemp Means Business Plan throughout each agency division, and look forward to continuing our work to protect Georgia elections, help small businesses cut red tape and create jobs, and remain responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

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

A proven track record is always the best predictor of future success. While my administration can point to numerous successes in a short period, we have much left to do for Georgians.

We will continue to administer and protect Georgia's elections in a non-partisan and transparent manner, and enact comprehensive elections reform. We will implement additional e-government solutions in every division that reduce bureaucracy, reduce the time business owners spend on paperwork, and ultimately save Georgia's taxpayers as much money as possible. Finally, I will continue to seek new opportunities to help businesses grow and create jobs across the state.

## **What distinguishes your candidacy?**

Since becoming Secretary of State, I have consistently delivered on my promises to Georgians. I cut \$2.9 million from the agency's budget while making government more effective and efficient, and cut red tape regulations and paperwork for Georgia small businesses.

We enacted meaningful regulatory reform legislation, increased the number of online professional license applications, and implemented online voter education tools. I worked

closely with the General Assembly to enact legislation that increases voting opportunities for Georgia's military and overseas voters, and we are taking the Obama Justice Department to court to protect the integrity of our elections and voter rolls.

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

My Kemp Means Business Plan ([www.kempmeansbusiness.com](http://www.kempmeansbusiness.com)) focuses on ensuring fair and secure elections, growing small businesses and creating jobs, and making government more effective and efficient.

We're protecting Georgia's elections by filing suit in federal court to implement critical voter roll security programs. We implemented a new Corporations Division website that allows Georgians to renew and form new corporations online, and provide their email address to receive online renewals and other important notices electronically. Further, we made meaningful budget cuts while increasing efficiencies in every agency division.

Please visit my website for more information on the Kemp Means Business Plan.

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

In my next term I plan to pursue comprehensive elections reform. The first step is to establish a non-partisan Improve Georgia Elections Commission to analyze all aspects of Georgia's elections processes and suggest areas for reform and improvement.

The Commission will hold a series of town hall style meetings across the state to solicit ideas from all stakeholders. The Commission will then create a package of proposals to make the elections process more transparent and accessible for citizens and candidates. Once approved, I will propose these changes to the Governor and General Assembly and work for their passage.

**Give a 100 word summary of your background.**

A lifelong resident of Athens, Brian Kemp is a graduate of Georgia's public schools and the University of Georgia.

Over his career, Kemp helped found and develop many small businesses, and served in the State Senate from 2002-2006. He is the owner of Kemp Properties, a small business specializing in real estate investments and property management. Kemp also serves on the board of St. Mary's Hospital in Athens.

Kemp, 45, is married to the former Marty Argo of Athens, and they are the proud parents of three daughters. The Kemps are active members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Athens.