

NAME: Jim Duffie
PARTY: Republican
**SEEKING: Georgia House of Representatives,
District 81**



Why are you seeking your office?

I want to work to improve the lives of the people of Georgia House District 81 and the people of Georgia, by helping pass legislation that will create jobs and stimulate our economy. I want to help improve our educational system so that our workforce will be prepared to fill those jobs! Our transportation infrastructure needs to be reworked to get most trucks off of Atlanta interstates to ease traffic congestion. Governance of Dekalb County must be changed to be fair, equitable, accountable, and ethical for all citizens!

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I will work to implement tax reform, called the FairTax, that will be simple, transparent, fair, and equitable, which will make the only 'special interest' in Georgia the PEOPLE, and do away with crony capitalism and the social engineering inherent in our tax system. Georgia will then become one of the top business friendly states in the country! We must reduce our regulatory burden to create jobs and bring back lasting prosperity to Georgia! This must be done for our children and grandchildren so they can have a better life.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

Having served in the U. S. Navy as Reactor Systems Operator, chemist, and radiological controls expert on a nuclear submarine, and afterward studying nuclear engineering at Georgia Tech, I can assess complex problems, and propose simple, ethical solutions. I have broad business and leadership experience, and work well with diverse groups and individuals, of all economic backgrounds. I can get the job done!

What are the key issues in your race?

Effective, experienced leadership is needed to bring the change needed in Dekalb County and state of Georgia to ensure economic growth and job creation for years to come. The policies and reforms I will propose and support will help change the way our government operates, and bring about accountability and transparency. The political process must be changed so that our elected officials think of their constituents before themselves! We must regain control of our lives again, as our forefathers envisioned it!

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

Georgians for Fair Taxation was instrumental in getting a tax reform bill introduced in the last legislative session, HB 1141 (The Georgia FairTax Act), which will eliminate personal and corporate taxes of 6% and the sales tax of 4%, and replace them with a single consumption tax of 5.5% on all new goods and services, with a provision that protects the poor from any negative effect. This will take out all the special interests that have tax preferences that put all the burden on the people and begin taxing the cash economy that avoids paying their fair share!

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

For 40 plus years, I have been a Realtor and mortgage banker. I am a past member of the Buckhead Business Association and current member of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Atlanta. I am a lead volunteer and member of the USO Council of Georgia and member of First Baptist Church of Avondale Estates, since 1955, holding numerous positions of leadership. I am currently the State Director, Georgians for Fair Taxation, and on the Board of Governors of the Ritz Group, an entrepreneurial networking community. I have been married for 50 years and have 3 sons and 9 grandchildren.