

NAME: Lane Flynn
PARTY: Republican
**SEEKING: Georgia House of Representatives,
District 81**



Why are you seeking your office?

District 81 is a great place to live, work, and raise a family, but the problems endemic to DeKalb County's government must be cured to continue to attract businesses and families. We need better local education and a long-term plan to provide and pay for municipal services throughout the district, and these needed reforms must be driven by leadership at the state level. I entered my race to deliver new leadership and a new vision for District 81, and to work with local and county leaders and citizens to create lasting reform in DeKalb County.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I intend to work towards reforming DeKalb County, which begins with eliminating the CEO position that has been the source of much of our corruption and mismanagement. I will also work for expanding transportation options, including supporting new private business models such as Uber, but also optimizing existing public transportation infrastructure that we have already paid for, in order to deliver more and better transportation choices to citizens without raising taxes. On a state level, I will fight excessive taxation and regulation, especially on small businesses and startups, to grow the economy and provide good jobs for our citizens.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am the only candidate in my race who has been personally involved as a private citizen in efforts to reform DeKalb County and provide local, accountable government to the citizens of District 81. I have run a small business for ten years and understand the ways in which good government can help the economy grow, and ways in which bad government can restrict growth and drive families away. Finally, my education in both engineering and economics has prepared me to understand and solve the complex issues facing our legislature.

What are the key issues in your race?

Ensuring that the citizens of District 81 are served by high quality schools and municipal services should be one of the top priorities of all elected officials. To this end, reforming DeKalb County government is the most important issue facing our citizens as they choose their next State Representative. Ensuring a strong economic base will both provide jobs and the revenue needed to support schools and local

services, so the next representative must be focused on business and economic growth. Transportation issues are also important; we need a representative who will address them without burdening the district with new taxes.

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

We need a thriving economy both to support good jobs for our citizens and to provide a tax base to deliver the services we demand of our local governments. To achieve this, I will make Georgia, and District 81 in particular, a more attractive place to do business both for existing companies and for startups. I will push for lower taxes and regulation on all businesses, but particularly on startups, to encourage more new business ventures and ease the burden on entrepreneurs. I will also oppose occupational licensing for non-safety critical jobs, to help individuals start their own businesses.

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

For the past ten years, Lane has owned and operated a business selling automated packaging machinery as well as contract packaging services, and two years ago he was proud to open a new office and warehouse facility in DeKalb County, where he works with local businesses and creates jobs in the community. Lane lives in the Henderson Mill precinct of District 81 with his wife Amy and their two young daughters. He holds a degree in Engineering Science from Vanderbilt University, where he also studied economics.