

NAME: Victor Armendariz
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: U.S. Congress, 4th District



Why are you seeking your office?

I am running to be your next Congressman because I believe both parties have forgotten about people. They have forgotten that they represent you! If we leave politicians unchecked and keep sending them back to Washington, they will forget who they answer to and in turn begin to take you, the constituents, for granted. District 4 still suffers from high unemployment, businesses closing, high crime rates and a police force around the district that needs more funding. I will hold a town hall every month once I am elected so you, the constituents, can hold my feet to the fire.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Once elected, we will hold a town hall every month. Each month will be in a different part of the district. We will get the word out and encourage all voters to attend, whether they voted for me or not. As your Congressman, I should be held accountable to all constituents. An informed voter is what a politician fears and should. My election will shock Washington, so both parties will be wanting to work with me. I will begin to work to help the infrastructure of all of district 4. Together, We Can, We Must and We Will do better!

What distinguishes your candidacy?

The biggest thing that distinguishes my candidacy from my opponent is the fact that I will encourage all constituents to stay engaged and hold me accountable. When was the last time you heard of a politician actually encouraging voters to hold them accountable? I have not intention on becoming a Washington club politician. I will spend the majority of my time in the district with you so I can hear your concerns and really work for you! This is the way it should be. I will be beholden to no party, I will only be beholden to you, the people.

What are the key issues in your race?

Today, the unemployment rate for district 4 is 15.6%. My opponent has been our Congressman for 10 years. We have businesses closing, police forces in most parts of the district who need more funding, lower homeownership, a ridiculously high African American and Hispanic arrest rate. As a minority myself, I understand what it would do to district 4 if we all join together to unite as Americans. My Father came here from Mexico legally, assimilated and worked several jobs to get through school. He retired CFO of a company in Atlanta. He is an example of the American Dream.

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

We must improve the economy by reducing the tax burden, reduce regulation. We must help small business, increase manufacturing jobs. For eight years the economy has grown at 1% - 2% per quarter. This is one of the slowest recovery's in history. We have 94 million people out of the work force, 20% more African Americans are out of the work force, homeownership is down 20%, worse wage gap in 40 years, a poverty rate of 21%, 58% increase in food stamp recipients, and a surge in crime. We are Americans, We Can, We Must and We Will do better.

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

My Father taught me that nothing matters more than character, timeliness and hard work. He always said that no matter your skin color, your heritage, tall or short, the only thing that can stop you from success in the United States is yourself. I've worked as Director of Media and in the Marketing field for the past 21 years. I have been working since I started pulling a wagon around the neighborhood in DeKalb county at 12 years old washing cars. My Father also always said, you are a proud American first. He never let us forget it.