

NAME: Valerie Clark
PARTY: Republican
**SEEKING: House of Representatives,
District 101**



Why are you seeking your office?

I have lived here for thirty-eight 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 about each of you. I will promote elements of success and develop policies and laws that encourage an even greater quality of life for the future of our district. I have the energy, the excitement, and the deep desire to do great things for our people.

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 embrace policies and vote for laws that expand economic opportunities. I am committed to helping businesses 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-eight 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.

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-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. Schools are shining stars in this district and need support to stay that way!

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

Jobs with good salaries are a priority. Attracting and keeping new businesses requires low taxes, minimum regulations and a first class educational system. I am fully committed to these goals – I am a business-friendly legislator. I will work to market essential elements such as existing industry and educational resources. This strategy would highlight the availability of a well-trained work force and an excellent quality of life for families. We have bragging privileges in our county for Gwinnett Technical Institute, Georgia Gwinnett College, Gwinnett Medical Center, the Aurora Theatre, and wonderful schools and parks.

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

Valerie Clark is a retired educator, and proudly serves as your legislator. She was a teacher in Gwinnett and then principal for Duluth and Shiloh Middle Schools, and Central Gwinnett High School. In her thirty-eight years she was principal of a National and a State School of Excellence. She was awarded a PTA Lifetime Membership. Valerie is a graduate of SUNY at Plattsburgh with an M.Ed. from UNC Chapel Hill and a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. She is married to Dr. Bob Clark, retired school administrator and City Councilman for Lawrenceville, and has two children, Pearson and Barrett.