

NAME: Tommy Hunter
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: County Commission, District 3



Why are you seeking your office?

I am seeking re-election to my office because I believe I have some unfinished business to do. I ran to make sure we brought trust and confidence back to Gwinnett government, which I believe has happened, but also to make Gwinnett THE place to live and do business in Georgia. We have taken numerous steps in that direction but there is still work to be done. Plus, I really love doing the job.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I expect to continue to make Gwinnett's government open and responsive to the people of the county. I expect to put into motion policies that will make Gwinnett a hub of job growth and prosperity for our citizens and our children. I expect to leave the county in better shape than it was when I entered elected service four years ago.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

Experience. I have been a county employee, a private developer, a business owner, an appointed county official, and an elected county official. As I've said many times before, I have implemented policy, set policy, and been affected by policy. I understand that every decision elected officials make have far-reaching consequences and effects, as well as, often unintended consequences. And, I've seen first-hand what those are and how to mediate them.

What are the key issues in your race?

Job growth, transportation, water supply, sustainability.

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

I will go with sustainability. We live in a maturing and urbanizing county. That's part of being a great place to live. But with that comes a need to recognize no areas of the county can go ignored. We are putting in place policies and incentives to revitalize aging areas to help reduce crime, raise property values, and reduce blight. By doing this now, policies will be in place to make sure our quality of life, and opportunities for advancement, are sustained for future Gwinnettians.

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

I was born in Hall County in 1970. Graduated from Johnson High School in 1988 and Southern Tech in 1993 with a degree in Civil Engineering specializing in Transportation Systems and Planning. Married for 21 years to my wife Judith, also of Hall County. Two children—19 and 17 years old. Member of I Harmony Baptist Church in Buford. Former Gwinnett County employee, now vice president of business development at United Consulting. Gwinnett Water and Sewerage Authority, 5 years; Planning Commission, 2 years; and Board of Commissioners, 4 years.