

NAME: Pedro "Pete" Marin
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: House of Representatives,
District 96



Why are you seeking your office?

I am dedicated to being a voice for justice, opportunity and equality for all people. I believe in being in the forefront of fighting for fairness, especially those traditionally denied a seat at the table. My professional career includes progressive experience in product marketing, public policy, strategic planning, and government relations. I have a strong track record for developing partnerships, community organizing, and coalition building. In Gwinnett County, I have, and will, work tirelessly to build better relationships with government agencies and minority communities by serving as an advisor and intermediary for elected and appointed officials in the county.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I want to continue benefiting the district through the important committees I serve on at the Capitol: Banks, Economic Development & Tourism, Industry & Labor and Science & Technology. I have been at the forefront in addressing gang violence and graffiti, expanding translation services in the courts, opposing racial profiling and fighting against legislation targeting specific communities. And there is more work to do on these issues. In the upcoming legislative session, I want to be a part of passing two important proposals that will be before us, Medicaid expansion and a raise in the minimum wage.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

Experience and expertise. Having been successful as a business consultant, I have unique experience in working with companies to grow, prosper and contribute to our economy. I also know that improving our economy results in more jobs but ultimately it is about more than numbers. It's about people. I believe I have a talent for assessing workers' needs, problem solving and have developed excellent negotiating skills in my service at the Capitol. Many of the awards and recognitions I have received for leadership, character and accomplishment have acknowledged the value of the expertise necessary to be successful in the legislature.

What are the key issues in your race?

Transportation, Job Security and Public Safety are three district issues that are interconnected. Transportation planning has not received the priority it should deserve. Transit solutions are essential to our future. Residents are also deserving

of job security and opportunity, so we must bring people and businesses into partnerships that provide benefits to entrepreneurs as well as protect the rights of workers. Public Safety is also in need of partnerships that provide for reciprocal trust levels and shared goals. From community input over the years I know that together we can find common ground.

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

Transportation. I believe that transportation must be affordable and accessible. There has been a lack of commitment and vision to plan for transportation needs. I am determined that Gwinnett will not be left behind in planning for the future. I want to be a leader by involving our residents in identifying the needs they have and then implementing a plan that fulfills these needs. Jobs and quality of life depend on our acceptance and promotion of transit. Gwinnett has quickly become more urban than rural and we must adopt transit systems that reflect this.

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

I bring over 25 years of executive experience in corporations and non-profit organizations to my leadership role as a State Representative. I enjoy volunteering my time and resources to improving the lives of others, including supporting the Boy Scouts and other youth organizations, receiving numerous awards and recognitions. My successful background in business, as well as an understanding of the needs of working families, brings a unique perspective to the job of State Representative. I am proud that my committee assignments have allowed me to help grow our economy as well as improve the quality of life for employees.