

**NAME:** Charlotte Nash  
**PARTY:** Republican  
**SEEKING:** Chairman, Gwinnett County  
Commission



**Why are you seeking your office?**

While we have made a lot of progress in many areas, Gwinnett still faces challenges inherent with growth and change. We can't stand still or we will be facing the same problems that some of our neighbors are. We are seeing payoff from our redevelopment efforts but we have to keep pushing to revitalize some of the older areas of Gwinnett. I believe that I can provide the stable leadership and financial know-how that are critical to taking the steps needed to address infrastructure, economic revitalization and any of the other challenges Gwinnett faces over the next four years.

**What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

My primary, overall goal will be to guide Gwinnett through a critical time during which some very important decisions will be made. Some of the decisions will involve considerable public participation while others will be the job of the Commission. Where public involvement is possible, we will provide real data to the public for use in understanding or making the decisions. The specific issues on which I plan to focus include evaluating transportation options, protecting Gwinnett's water supply, upgrading water and sewer infrastructure, pushing economic revitalization, expanding community engagement, maintaining excellent basic services and ensuring fiscal responsibility.

**What distinguishes your candidacy?**

Without a doubt, my experience and knowledge of Gwinnett County define the unique qualities that I bring to service as Commission Chairman. I have been involved with local government in Georgia for almost four decades, mostly here in Gwinnett. I have demonstrated over the last five years that I can lead Gwinnett with integrity and work productively with the district commissioners, with the other elected officials in County government and with the leaders of our 16 cities. Gwinnett residents and owners do not have to guess about my ability and my dedication---they have seen it in action.

**What are the key issues in your race?**

Certainty of water supply is one of the most critical issues for the future of Gwinnett. Economic redevelopment is very important, to generate jobs for residents and resources for schools, cities and the county. There are major projects in water and

sewer, transportation, and other infrastructure needed to keep Gwinnett moving forward. We also must expand the ways that we engage and include all parts of the diverse Gwinnett community. Providing excellent basic services and doing all of this at an affordable cost rounds out my list. To learn more, see my facebook at [www.votecharlotte.com](http://www.votecharlotte.com).

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

Since transportation issues are in the mind of so many, let's talk about transportation. We anticipate having a robust community discussion in 2017 about options that can be considered and how the benefits, cost and delivery time of these compare. We want to provide hard data to the public that can be used to evaluate each approach and enable them to make informed choices. And we will be honest about the fact that no one mode is the cure-all. I think that anything less is disrespectful to the public and will not be effective in building essential community support.

**Give a 100 word summary of your background.**

I have lived my entire life in the Dacula/Harbins area of Gwinnett County. My husband, Michael, and I celebrated our 44th anniversary in August. We have a son and a daughter, as well as two granddaughters. I spent almost 28 years as a Gwinnett employee and was County Administrator when I retired at the end of 2004. After being elected Commission Chairman in 2011, I have spent the last five years working with my fellow commissioners to successfully rebuild Gwinnett's image and deal with the financial aftermath of the Great Recession. I am ready to continue working hard for Gwinnett.