NAME: Samuel Park PARTY: Democratic

SEEKING: House of Representatives,

District 101



Why are you seeking your office?

I am running to be the next State House Representative from District 101 to bring back commonsense to the Georgia General Assembly, and be a voice for my community by listening to their concerns. Our elected officials have put politics before those they serve by passing laws that have damaged our economy and harmed the least among us. Georgia is my home, and I want to see it thrive. I am running to build a Greater Gwinnett where we lead by example, and grow stronger together.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

If elected, I will build bridges between the many diverse communities in Gwinnett, and strengthen the pillars of social mobility to safeguard the American Dream for all. These pillars include economic development, education, healthcare, and transportation. The most effective prescription to poverty and crime is education and a good job. I seek to foster the growth of small businesses, bring middle-class jobs to Gwinnett, strengthen our healthcare system, improve K-12 education, and expand access to college by partnering with elected officials, community leaders, businesses, and members of our community who want to build a greater Gwinnett for all Georgians.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am running to do the work, and serve my community. My path into public service began during my second year of law school where I drafted legislation to provide skilled nursing services to medically fragile children, and expand preventative health services for all children in Georgia. Since then, I have served with the Georgia House and Senate Democratic Caucuses, the Bipartisan Policy Center, the Maryland State Senate, and Jason Carter's gubernatorial campaign. As an attorney I litigated in federal bankruptcy court on behalf of debtors facing foreclosure and repossession. I am ready to hit the ground running.

What are the key issues in your race?

The main issue is whether we hold our elected officials accountable for putting party politics before the needs of our community. Unfortunately, my opponent has repeatedly put party before community. She voted to support Opportunity School District, which the Georgia PTA and dozens of school boards oppose; she voted to

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support RFRA, which the Georgia Chamber of Commerce opposed and, which a Republican Governor had to veto; and she voted to block Medicaid expansion despite the difficulties our hospitals face. I will listen to the concerns of my constituents, and always put their best interest before partisan politics.

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

I am running to expand Medicaid in Georgia. As an elected official, I will work across the aisle and build coalitions with hospitals, nonprofits, and Chambers of Commerce to address this issue. Too much is at stake to continue to allow the politics of obstruction to harm our State. 500,000 of our most vulnerable citizens do not have health insurance or access to healthcare, our rural hospitals are crumbling, and the health of our State remains stagnant. Not only can we help those in need, we can create thousands of middle class jobs, and strengthen our healthcare system.

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

As a Korean American, I was born and raised in Georgia. I grew up in Gwinnett County and went to Providence Christian Academy for elementary school. Through my mother's sacrifice, I was able to become the first lawyer in my family. A few months after I passed the bar exam, my mother was diagnosed with Stage IV cancer. Access to healthcare saved her life, and by God's grace, she's doing great. I am compelled by my faith and experience to ensure all Georgians have access to healthcare, which is a matter of life or death.