

NAME: Desmond Nembhard
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: County Commission, District 2



Why are you seeking your office?

Gwinnett is my home, therefore I care deeply about its future. The current group of Commissioners are holding Gwinnett back from being the kind of progressive forward thinking community we should be. We need innovative and progressive ideas to unlock our county's true potential and establish a solid foundation to accommodate the hundreds of thousands of new residents that are expected to move here over the next thirty years.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

When elected, I intend on aggressively working towards achieving my 6 point platform plan, which will form the basis for everything I do on the Commission. Developers and special interests have had too much influence for too long as can be seen by the haphazard way development decisions are handled. We need a better balance of business and commercial development to match our residential base.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

My candidacy is distinguished by two very important factors. First, I'm a Gwinnett County business owner for 10 years and counting, where I provide employment for Gwinnett County residents. Currently we are expanding and if all goes as planned, we should be cutting our grand opening ribbon for another location in Lawrenceville in May.

Secondly, I'm a solution oriented person. That's a very important part of the formula that kept me in business after opening up 10 years ago in the depths of the recession. I am a person who knows how to be successful even when times are bad.

How can we improve school safety?

School safety has to be a multipronged approach. There are children getting lost in the cracks and building up resentments that are being unleashed in a violent manner. The school and the community have to come together to look at all the factors that are contributing to the rise in violence. There is not one solution for this, it has to be addressed from all sides.

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

Transportation at the moment is one of Gwinnett County's biggest problems. For years there have been lots of complaints and band aid attempted fixes. What we

need are real solutions that will last for the long term and not another temporary fix. In other parts of the country and around the world, one of the best modes of transportation is having a consistent rail and bus system that works in tandem with each other. We do have multiple options to consider, including expanding rail into Gwinnett County, expanding the Gwinnett County Transit bus system, or some combination of both. Waiting (100)

Please give a 100 word summary on your background:

The second of 4 boys for my parents, I migrated to the United States from Jamaica in 1990. Attended Rutgers where I earned a B.A. in Economics. I became a resident of Gwinnett 10 years ago and a resident of district 2 for 9 years.