

NAME: Paula Hastings
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: House District 102



Why are you seeking your office?

I'm running for State House because we need a neighbor we know and a leader we trust representing us in the State House—a grassroots leader who will serve as a strong conservative voice to fight for the best interests of our community. I have an unquestioned and unmatched record of serving our community. I will continue that record in the State House to ensure District 102 remains a place we are all proud to call "home."

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

My first priority will be to serve as a strong voice for the people of District 102 and work every day to keep this community a place we are proud to call "home." I will champion efforts to keep our economy growing through strong schools, a skilled workforce, lower taxes and less government. I will work to continue efforts to reduce traffic congestion and improve road safety. I will keep our families safe by supporting law enforcement as well as efforts to crack down on gangs and deport criminal illegal aliens. Most importantly, I will listen to the people I (100)

What distinguishes your candidacy?

We cannot risk our community's future with a stranger or an untested politician. We need a bold, proven leader we can trust in the State House. I did not just wake up and decide to run for office. I am a proven grassroots leader with an unmatched record of stepping up again and again to deliver results for our community. Through the years, I have helped raise over \$130,000 for the Collins Hill Education Foundation, protected homeowners as a neighborhood leader and Planning Commissioner, and delivered Rock Springs Park. I have a track record of delivering for our families that (100)

How can we improve school safety?

As a parent that has been an active leader in our local schools (currently on Rock Springs ES and Collins Hill HS school councils) and a leader in the Collins Hill Education Foundation, I have been a part of many discussions on the best practices for school security. I can tell you the answer is not to curb the Constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens. We need to ensure all of our schools have up-to-date school security plans that includes the use of technology as well as common-sense ideas like engaging retired veterans and law enforcement officers to help with school (100)

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

There is one goal—keeping our community a place we are proud to call “home”. I have lived in this community for nearly 20 years. My husband Scott and I raised our son here, and I am committed to keeping this a community where our kids want to return to raise their families. To do so, we must work to push efforts that will keep our families safe, protect our stellar schools, keep our economy growing, keep taxes low and protect the values we hold dear. This will be my goal when elected.

Please give a 100 word summary on your background:

- Married to Scott
- One son Ross, student at the University of Oklahoma
- Served on the Gwinnett County Planning Commission
- Served in active roles as a member of Engage Gwinnett Steering Committee and SPLOST Citizen’s Review Committee, and previously, Partnership Gwinnett Steering Committee.
- Member: Executive Board of Directors/Fundraising Chair for the Collins Hill Education Foundation - awarded over \$136,000 in grants to teachers since 2006.
- Secured Rock Springs Park through grassroots lobbying
- 2005 graduate of Leadership Gwinnett.
- 2017 graduate of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Regional Leadership Institute (RLI)
- Works in Community Relations and Event Planning with Accent Creative Group