

NAME: Indran Indrakrishnan
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Georgia House, District 97



Why are you seeking your office?

I am running for State Representative because retiring Rep. Brooks Coleman set a great example of using his expertise to improve the lives of Georgians. While Rep. Coleman's field was education, mine is healthcare. I have seen Medicine change for the worse because of government regulations. Small business owners have similar issues. I will work to roll back unnecessary and duplicative regulations of small businesses including healthcare to give professionals of various fields more time in actual work and improve their productivity. I will focus on making sure the hard-working people see the value of their tax dollars.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I will bring the perspective of a physician and small-business owner to two of my top issues – improving healthcare and simplifying job creation by lowering barriers to small businesses. I am committed to working to be part of the solution to Opioid crisis, to issues regarding access to healthcare in rural Georgia, to make the public education a priority and in reducing the cost and complexity of government regulations both on healthcare practitioners, as well as on small businesses. I will also work to enhance the transit system to Gwinnett.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am the only candidate in the race who is a healthcare professional and a small business owner. I am very familiar and knowledgeable with legislative affairs and know how to work with both sides of the aisle in difficult situations. In the last two years I have been reviewing and giving feedback on the Senate & House Bills as a member of Governor appointed Georgia Board of Physicians work Force.

How can we improve school safety?

This is a complex issue that requires the input of citizen-legislators, as well as professionals in public safety and public health. I will listen to the testimony of the experts & work to craft a solution with collaboration with law enforcement and school administrators. We must have public health experts looking at the root causes such as mental health behind individuals who threaten school children or their fellow adults. Hardening our schools is part of the solution, but we must also consider tools for identifying individuals who might take unthinkable actions, and preventing them from attacking our citizens.

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

We physicians spend nearly half of our work time with paperwork instead of treating the patients. This raises the cost of healthcare & health insurance. This reduces the time we spend in direct patient care- our main professional goal . The same is true in part for business owners in other fields. I will work with affected stakeholders to reduce the paperwork demands on regular small businesses, to reduce & streamline the government-required paperwork (with technological investments) and make it more efficient.

Please give a 100 word summary on your background:

I am a Gastroenterologist practicing in Gwinnett County. Professor at the Emory University School of Medicine and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Suwanee. Governor Nathan Deal appointed me to the Georgia Board of Physicians Workforce, giving key feedback on healthcare-related bills to legislators . My wife, daughter, and I live in Sugarloaf country club in Duluth . I am in the Rainbow Village development committee & advisory board of Meals by Grace. Website DrIndran.com. Brooks Coleman honored me at the state capitol on February 14 2018.

<http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20172018/HR/959>