

NAME: Scott LeCraw
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: House, District 97



1) Why are you seeking your office?

I believe the US Constitution is an inspired document that is just as valid today as it was 200+ years ago. It is the instrument that has allowed us to become a truly exceptional country. That's why I'm running for office. As an Army officer, I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution. My fellow officers and I believe the duties created by that oath don't stop when you take off the uniform. And that oath will continue when I'm elected.

2) What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I intend to foster and grow the small business community which is the backbone of our economy. Many other issues touch on the health of the business community and we need to protect the source of our jobs. Second, we should enhance public education by increasing teacher salaries. Georgia is currently ranked 23rd nationally in average teacher salary. Third, I will fight to be sure our 600,000 veterans and their families are treated respectfully. I will also work to reduce unemployment among military spouses, which is four times the national average.

3) What distinguishes your candidacy?

Gwinnett County and Georgia need leaders with experience and perspective. My experience as a business executive for over 30 years combined with leadership as an Army officer, uniquely qualifies me to make informed decisions on important issues that affect the daily lives of our citizens and the economic lives of our businesses.

4) How can we improve school safety?

While Gwinnett schools have a particularly robust security system, places of public assembly are sadly the targets of evil in our culture. And while allowing teachers to arm themselves may prove effective, I fear the more likely outcome would be a terrible tragedy brought about by a child accidentally coming in contact with a weapon. While we don't want our schools to become fortresses, it appears the best option is a heavier presence by armed and well-trained security officers. In the longer term, strengthening the family will reduce the culture of violence.

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

The Federal income tax system has become a huge problem in our country with citizens struggling to understand and comply with a 74,608-page tax code. The

most simple and fair approach to tax reform is to enact the Fair Tax. A consumption-based tax will spur investment, reduce the size of our government and discourage illegal immigration. As a member of the Georgia House, I will sponsor legislation to enact the Georgia Fair Tax.

6) Please give a 100 word summary on your background

After graduation from Washington & Lee with a Commerce degree, I served four years as an Army officer before returning home to raise my family and go to work as a banker. I continued uniformed service with the Army Reserve and Georgia National Guard while earning an MBA in Finance. I left banking to become a partner in a 40-employee logistics company in Duluth. I now work as a commercial real estate broker helping office users and owners. A long-time member of the Rotary Club of Sugarloaf and a graduate of Leadership Gwinnett, I'm proud to call Gwinnett County home.