

NAME: Bonnie Rich
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: House District 97



Why are you seeking your office?

I'm a mother and local business owner, and it's important to me that our community remain one that is a positive, encouraging and safe place for families and small business owners. I believe my education, career and life experiences have uniquely qualified me to represent our District well.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I will work for tax relief, including the elimination of the state income tax and replacing it with a consumption tax. I will work to continue to fully fund K-12 education and to promote higher education through the implementation of tax credits. I will also defend the lives of the unborn and our right to bear arms.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am the only candidate who has experience in applying tax law and in debating and negotiating legal and policy issues. My unique qualifications will enable me to immediately begin work on the complex and nuanced issues facing our District and our state.

How can we improve school safety?

We must engage in constant communication with the local school boards and empower and fund them to the fullest extent possible. They are in the best position to know what the needs are in their individual school districts.

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

Economic growth is crucial to our state's success. Eliminating the state income tax and replacing it with a consumption tax will give Georgia yet another advantage in attracting business; it will encourage savings and investment, and it will result in the creation of new jobs. Most importantly, it will give working Georgians more money in their paychecks to spend or save as they decide.

Please give a 100 word summary on your background.

My husband and I have been married for 19 years, and we have two children, ages 14 and 16. I graduated from UGA and GSU College of Law with Honors. I stayed home with our children while they were babies and worked part time during their

elementary and middle school years. I've operated my own law practice since 2014 while also teaching tax law and procedure to upper level law students.