NAME: Jim Beck PARTY: Republican

SEEKING: Insurance Commissioner



Why are you seeking office?

At age 19, I started a business in my dorm room that quickly grew to over three dozen associates. I have been blessed to live the American dream and I often tell people that I see insurance as the heartbeat of our free enterprise system. Regardless of the type of policy, insurance is at its very core a promise. I was raised to believe in the power of a promise backed up by a handshake. As Georgia's Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, I will make insurance companies and agents honor their promises.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I have several Day One Priorities. First and foremost, I want to protect our senior-citizens and our veterans from insurance fraud by doubling the penalties on an agent guilty of victimizing them.

I also want to provide more transparency to the people of Georgia by holding town hall hearings on proposed excessive rate increases. These people deserve to know why they are paying these rates.

Another thing I want to do is deploy four rolling offices so consumers looking for help do not have to drive to Atlanta.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

My unique blend of private and public sector experience in is what sets me apart from my opponents. I have been connected in some form or fashion to the Georgia insurance industry for over 30 years. I have served two different Georgia Commissioner's, one in the role of Chief of Staff and the other as a Deputy Commissioner. Most recently, I led an operation that provides property insurance to those locked out of the traditional market, among other roles.

There will be no learning curve for me I can hit the ground running Day One.

How can we improve school safety?

I have been privileged to work alongside Haralson County Sheriff Eddie Mixon for the better part of the last decade. I even started the first ever crime prevention unit with the Haralson County Sheriff's Office. So, I have tremendous respect for local law enforcement. Local law enforcement is best positioned to bring all the stakeholders to the table to figure out what works best.

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

We must address the skyrocketing auto insurance rates. Georgia has led the nation for the past three years in the percentage of auto insurance rate increases. We need a Commissioner willing to take a deep dive into excessive rate increases and say no to the well-heeled special interest who now control the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner. Learn more by checking my website www.limBeckforGeorgia.com

Please give a 100 word summary on your background.

I am a successful businessman with over 30 years of experience in the insurance business. I have served as a Deputy Insurance Commissioner; I know where fraud occurs and how to stop it in its tracks. As a GOP grassroots leader for years, I am an advocate for conservative principles. I have appeared on Fox News, CNN, and other nationwide stations defending our Georgia values. I am a University of West Georgia graduate. My wife, Lucy, and I have one son, Jimmy Beck, Jr. We are members of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Carrollton where I serve as a deacon