

**NAME: David Shafer**  
**PARTY: Republican**  
**SEEKING: Lieutenant Governor**



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**What distinguishes your candidacy?**

All candidates make similar sounding promises. I have a record of legislative accomplishment. I sponsored the constitutional amendment that capped the state income tax. I authored the state's zero based budgeting law. I am the only candidate for Lieutenant Governor who voted for the \$5 billion income tax cut passed earlier this year and signed into law by Governor Deal. I have worked hard to create a Georgia where our people, families and businesses thrive.

**How can we improve school safety?**

How can we have safer schools? The average bank robbery - as infrequent as they are today - yields just \$4,300 for the robber. But banks find it in their interest to pay for off duty police officers to guard their branches. There is nothing more precious than our children. Their schools should be guarded. Declaring them "gun free zones" and leaving them unguarded makes our children targets for mass shooters. More broadly, as a society, we must do a better job addressing the mental health problems that seem to be the common thread shared by mass shooters.

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

When I was elected to the State Senate, Georgia operated under a continuation budget. Newly approved spending was automatically rolled into each succeeding budget of the state under a single line item - continuation. I fought for ten years to eliminate continuation budgeting, and finally succeeded in 2012, when Governor Deal signed into law my zero based budgeting legislation. It forces government

budgets to be rebuilt from scratch and gives lawmakers powerful tools to be better stewards of our tax dollars.

**Please give a 100 word summary on your background:**

I was born in a home for unwed mothers run by the Sisters of Charity and adopted as a child by Jim and Sarah Shafer. I have lived in Gwinnett County since graduating from the University of Georgia, am married with two children and own a business. I have been in active in the community, serving on the boards of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, Gwinnett County Library System, United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Atlanta and the Partnership Against Domestic Violence. I have proudly represented our community in the State Senate.