

NAME: Steve Henson
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Senate, District 41



Why are you seeking your office?

To serve and improve our community and State.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Bring common sense and experience to many issues that affect the lives of Georgians. Issues like Medicaid Expansion, insurance reform, increasing funding for Education, raising the wages of state employees and teachers are just a few of the issues I hope to accomplish. I will also work to protect our voting rights and fight against abuse of our democracy like drawing districts unfairly and making it harder to vote.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

My record of involvement in the community I grew up in the district and have been active for over 30 years in community groups from the Exchange club, Alliance for mental illness, American Association of Adapted Sports, Tucker Civic Association, the Stone Mountain Group PRISM and many others. This involvement keeps me connected to the needs of the district and the issues that are important to people in the community.

How can we improve school safety:

We need better training for teachers and counselors to recognize students with issues and we must have additional resources both inside the schools and for the General population to treat/help those with mental illness. Also we can provide more security personal on school grounds, improved security locking system, video monitoring, more secure doors, etc. We can also have reasonable gun laws with better background checks, looking at issues like bump stocks or capacity of bullet clips.

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

Health Care: The most important thing we could do in the short term would to be expand Medicaid. Under Obamacare the Feds cut some payments to hospitals and changed reimbursement policies because they assumed states would expand Medicaid to include working low income individuals. By not approving expansion we are losing rural hospitals and putting many health care facilities in jeopardy.

Medicaid expansion would bring back to our state money we put in to the federal government, would create 70,000 jobs, and save lives. I will educate and advocate for it each day.

Please give a 100 word summary on your background.

Steve went to Elementary school and high School in the area and graduated the University of Georgia with a Degree in Economics. I also have been active in many community groups, as well as, the Democratic party and was a past President of the Young Democrats of Georgia, a Past volunteer of the Year, Past Chair DeKalb Democratic Party, and was awarded the highest award of the GA Association of County Democratic Chairs just last year. Steve is married to Beth Henson and we have three daughters.