

NAME: Brad Raffensperger
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Secretary of State



Why are you seeking your office?

I will fight for voter protection to make sure that voter's priceless franchise is never compromised or stolen by making sure only American citizens vote in our elections.

I will work to make sure that Georgia is the best place to find a job and build a business through streamlining regulations so occupational licensing doesn't prevent hard working Georgians who want to work from getting a job.

I will lower barriers to forming a corporation and institute multi-year corporate registration renewals to reduce paperwork filings.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Update voting machines since the current machines are 16 years old. In comparison, the iPhone is 10 years old and has had multiple upgrades. We need secure technology with a verifiable paper audit trail. Secure and encrypt your confidential, private information in the voter database.

As a licensed Civil Engineer I understand the critical importance of streamlining the licensing process for prompt, customer focused service.

As a business owner a responsive Corporations Division is key. That's why I introduced legislation that allows corporations to have multi-year renewals. I will implement multi-year renewals to reduce filing burdens on business owners.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

Vision and executive organizational experience. A business owner who leads a 175 person organization with manufacturing plants in Suwanee and Columbus having worked on projects in over 35 states.

As a licensed professional in Civil Engineering and General Contracting I understand the critical role of a customer focused, responsive licensing department.

As an elected public servant I have never voted for a tax increase and my conservative voting record shows I have always defended taxpayers, small business owners, Life and the 2nd Amendment. Have repealed fees and lowered taxes for homeowners in the General Assembly.

How can we improve school safety?

Although not a Secretary of State area of responsibility, as a parent and grandparent I believe stronger controlled access to our schools with secured entrances and exits with a thorough check in procedures is imperative.

Armed security personnel who are trained to immediately respond to an incident without hesitation or delay. Increased mental health awareness and training for educators and administrators to recognize early warning signals.

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

“Without a vision the people perish” we are told. Organizations and nations rise and fall on vision and leadership. The Office of Secretary of State can be utilized and activated to be a strong catalyst for broad based economic growth in all parts of Georgia by streamlining and reducing business regulations.

By lowering barriers to business creation for veterans and aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners, we can accelerate corporation formation in Georgia which will lead to more jobs and more opportunity and upward economic mobility for all Georgians.

Please give a 100 word summary on your background:

Over the past seven years as an elected public servant, I have never voted for a tax increase. I have repealed fees and reduced property taxes in the General Assembly.

Georgians work hard for their money and I believe government has a responsibility to be responsive to the public and efficient with its finances.

Now more than ever visionary, optimistic, forward looking leadership to keep Georgia ahead on the growth curve is required. As a business owner I gained valuable wisdom and leadership skills as I have had to meet challenges.

I am grateful for the honor to serve (100