

NAME: Richard Winfield
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Congress, 10th District



Why are you seeking your office?

I'm running for congress to advocate a bold social rights agenda anchored in guaranteed jobs at fair wages to give us all the economic independence and security we need to care for our families and participate fairly in our democracy. Too many Georgians suffer from joblessness or poverty wages, facing continual uncertainty over whether they can pay their health care bills, utilities, rent or mortgages, child and elder care bills, and education costs. To overcome these problems as well as racial and gender disadvantage, I will bring the fight to Washington for economic justice and equal opportunity for all.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I hope to introduce legislation for a Federal Job Guarantee, a fair minimum wage of \$20 per hour, a Medicare for All with no copays and no deductibles, paid family leave, and a legal care system that guarantees civil as well as criminal representation. I am confident that a majority of my fellow representatives can be persuaded to support some if not all of these measures.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am the first congressional candidate to support a Federal Job Guarantee, a fair minimum wage of \$20 an hour, a legal care system and measures of employee empowerment, including reserving half the seats of corporate boards for non-managerial employees and requiring collective bargaining in workplaces with multiple employees.

How can we improve school safety?

We need comprehensive gun reform prohibiting semi-automatic rifles and high capacity magazines, restricting guns to homes, cars, firing ranges and animal hunting grounds, and preventing gun possession by individuals with a history of mental illness, domestic violence, criminal activity, or terrorist activity. We also need a buy back program to take out of circulation prohibited weapons, and we need to make gun manufacturers bear the same liability as other manufacturers and require gun and ammunition owners to purchase liability insurance.

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

We need to eliminate unemployment with a Federal Job guarantee that offers a job to anyone who wants a job but cannot find one. Local, state, and federal agencies can identify goods and services that our communities need, and then offer the unemployed jobs that match community needs with their skills and interests. We can then fix our deteriorating infrastructure, build a new green energy infrastructure, provide public transportation where needed, refurbish substandard housing and provide an adequate supply of affordable housing, upgrade our public facilities, staff public child and elder care, and bring the arts to our communities.

Please give a 100 word summary on your background:

Richard Dien Winfield grew up in Queens, NY, and moved to Georgia in 1982 to begin teaching philosophy at UGA where he is now Distinguished Research Professor. Married and father of three, Winfield has a distinguished history of social and political engagement: from helping to unionize sugar cane plantation workers still living in plantation shacks in Franklin, Louisiana, to becoming a founding member of the United Campus Workers of Georgia and an active member of the Athens-Clarke County local Democratic Party – as well as being the author of numerous books on truth and justice.