

NAME: Joe Hunt
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Congress, District 10



Why are you seeking your office?

I am running because Washington has run out of ideas that move the country forward. “Zero-sum politics” have hijacked our country, and inevitably the citizens are the ones who lose when policy becomes about winning rather than helping. I will use my experience at building and nurturing relationships to promote and fight for solutions that benefit the greater good. I want to be the voice that introduces new, sensible ideas that move the country forward and promote fiscal responsibility and social accountability.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

To bring leadership with integrity to Washington. It is critically important that elected representation have the courage to listen to all view points and be not only representation for the district and its people but representative of the district and its people. There is no perfect candidate that satisfies the views of all constituents, but there is significance in representation that is visible and present with the courage to serve the greater good.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

I’ve spent over 15 years working with and on behalf of small business owners. My policy stances are based on real life experiences with real life economic outcomes.

How can we improve school safety?

Reduce the number of entry points to only one for visitors during school hours. Place an armed resource officer at the single entry point designated for visitors. Use monitoring devices (surveillance cameras) on any chokepoints that cannot be manned. Make sure that all exterior facing potential points of entry are secured and all hardware is in proper working order. All entry points should require a card access system.

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

Not all students need to be prepared to attend a 4-year college and receive an undergraduate degree. Our communities are filled with top-notch trade schools that are under-utilized and labor shortages exist in a multitude of trades.

I propose the Trade Industry Apprenticeship (TIA) program, which allows students who don't intend to enroll at a 4-year institution to apprentice in their chosen craft. These apprenticeships allow for experiential learning as well as tuition money for a technical school through public and private partnerships with tax credits. This is similar to a G.I. Bill for technical and trade workers.

Please give a 100 word summary on your background:

I was born and raised in Northeast Georgia and attended Georgia Southern University where I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Relations. I have hired and trained leaders in the restaurant industry for over 15 years. I received a MBA from the Stetson School of Business and Economics at Mercer University in 2015.

I am married to Stephanie Boyd Hunt of Lilburn, GA. We have two children and live in Watkinsville, GA. We attend Athens Church.