**NAME: Clay Cox** 

**PARTY: Republican** 

**SEEKING: Georgia House, District 108** 



# Why are you seeking office?

Along with keeping Georgia the No. 1 state to do business, I will ensure that we keep our taxes low, reduce burdensome regulation and continue to invest in education, both K-12 and college but also in innovating how we prepare our young people to work in the skills and trades of tomorrows economy.

## What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Our state legislature must prioritize lowering our rate of spending. Surpluses should be sent back to the people, not used to fund additional government programs. I will work hard to ensure that you keep more of your hard earned money.

# What distinguishes your candidacy?

Experience: I have served in our state's legislative and executive branches. As a business owner, I know first-hand how big government can hamper our economy. We need proven, conservative leadership at the Capitol that will continue to fight to restore state government to its constitutional limitations and demand that our federal government do the same.

## What are the key issues in your race?

I will focus on state incentives for RE-development, which we sorely need in the Lilburn area. Lilburn is a diamond in the rough in many ways, but a creative incentive aimed at bringing new businesses to Lilburn such as restaurants, retail, etc. to my district is critical if we are to continue to improve the quality of life in South Gwinnett.

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

Taxing our citizen's income is outdated, and in my opinion, immoral. Our choice as a state to do so is hampering our competitiveness with surrounding states that have no income tax. We must get serious about replacing the income tax with a consumption and user based system if Georgia is to continue to attract the best and brightest entrepreneurs and companies.

#### Please give a 100 word summary on your background.

I am a follower of Jesus, the son of God. Raised in Gwinnett County, I graduated from Brookwood. I attended Western Carolina, played football there, and then returned to

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Lilburn. I met Alisa on February 1, 1991, proposed on March 2, and we were married in August that same year. We have two grown sons, Connor and Carson who we raised right here in Lilburn. I am a business owner, and have been in public service since 2004, serving in the State House for four terms, and on the Board of Community Health.