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**PARTY: Libertarian**  
**SEEKING: Georgia Public Service  
Commission, Post 4**



**Why are you seeking your office?**

Like many others, I would sit on the sidelines and hope for change. We can envision the path forward. And however difficult it may be, there's always a next baby step to take. This year I saw the need. I wanted to see something happen, so I stepped up to make it happen.

The peculiarities of our anti-democratic, anti-competitive ballot access laws combine with the platform of a statewide election, the history of multiple million-vote-plus elections, and the limited scope of the office where liberty is more palatable to the uninitiated to make the PSC a must-run.

**What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

I'm reluctant to make promises, because no matter what I will be in a minority voting bloc on the commission for at least two years.

I can promise the things I control directly: my own actions. I'll give the issues that come before the commission careful consideration, not vote blindly. The heuristic is: what would Georgians choose if they could? The intent is to be a representative, not a leader.

But my priority is increasing consumer choice. The importance of the commission should diminish, as people are permitted to make more and more of their own decisions.

**What distinguishes your candidacy?**

I'm the free market advocate.

I'm the candidate saying the PSC's role should diminish with time, rather than asking you to trust me and the PSC.

I'm one of two candidates who have made a commitment not to take donations from people and companies associated with regulated entities.

I'm the one representing a break with the establishment, and electing me would help bring an end to the "two-party system" lie.

And when it comes to elections I'm undefeated

**How can we improve school safety?**

I'm suspicious of anyone who insists your children will only be safe if you give them power.

These issues are complex and the stakes couldn't be higher. Any proposal will have those who do and those who don't have faith in it.

I don't believe you should be required to trust the safety of your child to someone you didn't vote for and whose plan you don't trust. Why should only rich people be allowed to opt out of their assigned school and its plans, when we already have a tax budget that is higher per-child than most first-world countries?

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

As always, I choose consumer choice in electricity.

Try entering your zip code on electricchoice.com to see if they can help you browse what options are available to you - what companies and plans you can choose for your electric bill. We have no choices.

I'd love to see Georgia be a leader in empowering the individual - in this case the consumer. But as it stands we have a long way to go in playing catchup. Proven techniques have predictable outcomes.

Wherever we practically and safely can, let's unplug monopolies.

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

Like most Georgians, I have a regular job I rely on to support myself and my family. I'm a software developer, a husband, and a father.

I was born in Michigan, raised in Pennsylvania, graduated in New York, and graduated college in Florida. I've also lived in Ohio, New Jersey, and Texas. There are good sides to all these places, and I appreciate the perspective it's brought, but Georgia was the right place to raise our daughters.

I'm active in the Libertarian Party because I believe respecting each other and tolerating our disagreements is the only way to move forward.