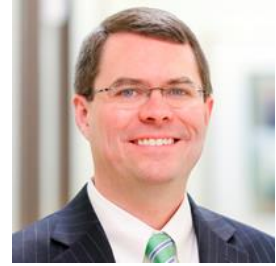


NAME: Matt Reeves
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Georgia Senate, District 48



Why are you seeking your office?

With recent turnover of effective majority legislative leaders such as Senate President Pro Tem David Shafer, House Education Chairman Brooks Coleman, and Rules Committee Chair Don Balfour, and friends of Gwinnett, Governor Nathan Deal and Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, Gwinnett County needs an effective local advocate in the Georgia State Senate, who will have an effective seat at the table in the majority Senate caucus room and other times when important decisions are made.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I want to keep Georgia #1 in business, by being pro-taxpayer and pro-business, and advocating for quality of life issues such as fully funding QBE and supporting our schools; workforce-oriented traffic solutions; public safety and school safety; and improving healthcare access, choice, quality, and cost.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

Over the past year as a State Senate candidate, I have taken time to develop positive relationships with the majority Senate leadership who can help our District achieve our goals in the Senate, both on enacting good legislation and defeating bad legislation. The Senate is currently 37-19 Republican, and there are only 3 contested Senate races. Additionally, my time as legal counsel for the House Judiciary Committee during the 2008 Georgia General Assembly provided me with an opportunity to learn the people and process that helps get legislation and funding decisions made under the Gold Dome.

How can we improve school safety?

Gwinnett does a great job on school safety, but the State should be prepared to support Gwinnett on school safety needs, since more than 10% of our State's children attend school here.

Two North Fulton school board members prepared a \$4 million school safety package, but the Fulton School system declined to include that in their budget. Johns Creek Police have augmented Fulton School safety measures.

I support school safety measures, law enforcement, keeping guns out of the hands of criminals, and interdiction when mentally ill people engage in conduct that indicates that they are a danger to others.

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

I want Gwinnett to be a hub for positive things rather than things that harm our quality of life. I will work with District Attorney Danny Porter and others to make sure that we have State and federal resources and commitment to attack heroin and human trafficking, gangs and drug dealing in our corridor. This combined with efforts as an Infrastructure Republican to push for workforce-oriented transportation solutions, will make sure that the Gwinnett County of 5 or 10 years from now will continue to be a safe and attractive place to live the American Dream.

Please give a 100 word summary on your background

My wife Suzette and our 3 children have lived in Duluth for the last 15 years. I have helped local businesspeople solve big legal problems for 15 years at Andersen, Tate & Carr law firm, after graduating from UGA Law School and Mercer. I am a fiscal conservative and believe that state government should do a few things and do them well, and after that leave money and authority with working people and local governments. That's who I trust and who I will fight hard for, our hardworking taxpayers, homeowners, families, businesspeople, churches, non-profits, and local elected officials.