**Candidate:** Austin Thompson

**Running for:** Lawrenceville City Council – Post 1

**Website:** <u>www.austin4citycouncil.com</u>

Where Born: The Cooperative Republic of Guyana, South America

Current address: 680 Wayside Drive, Lawrenceville

Your age? 50

**Describe your family**: No immediate family (i.e. wife and children). I have three siblings (sisters), five nephews, three nieces, and three great nephews.

Where did you get your education? Keller Graduate School of Management, DeVry University

Been in the military? No

Run for office before? No

What is your job now or if retired, when worked previously? I am currently an Adjunct Professor at Shorter University, Business Development and Project Manager for SGS, and an Independent Management Consultant for Thompson Management Consulting, LLC

Where do you attend church? Various churches, but no membership in any

How much do you think it will cost you to run? Approximately \$5K - \$7K+

Why do you want to get elected? (Limit 100 words)

I have a passion for public service and leadership. Making a positive impact by helping to shape policy in Lawrenceville, a multicultural and multiethnic city and County Seat of Gwinnett, is of great interest and importance to me. I wish to focus on solutions for reducing homelessness, economic and entrepreneurship development, economic equality, transportation options, collaborate with Lawrenceville Neighborhood Alliance to maintain a quality of life for all residents, especially in the

low-income and underserved communities, safety and security, greater election transparency, utilities options, and living wage job creation by encouraging manufacturing companies to consider establishing or relocating to Lawrenceville.