

NAME: Ben Archer
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Gwinnett County Commission, District 3

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I have lived in district 3 of Gwinnett County for 53 years. I have always been engaged in working to serve and improve my community. I want Gwinnett to continue to be a community that provides great enjoyment, convenience, and safety for all. I feel my district has been underserved for way too long and I want to change that. I will listen to everyone's input and look forward to improving and moving Gwinnett forward.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I want to work with my fellow commissioners to continue to move the county forward with sensible and sustainable growth. I plan to build relationships with business leaders in and around our community that bring great talent and insight into ways to support and improve our district. I hope to continue to recruit and retain talented employees, which is one of our greatest resources. I look forward to listening to my district and being the voice for the constituents.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I have ten years of private sector employment at Rockwell Boeing, five years with the City of Lawrenceville, and, currently, twenty years with the Gwinnett County Public School System. I am a lifelong member of Ebenezer Baptist Church and have taught children's Sunday school and Vacation Bible School for many years. I have volunteered for numerous boards including the Harbins Park Steering Committee, Archer Athletic Association, and the 2040 Unified Plan Committee. I am currently on the Gwinnett Planning Commission for District

The combination of all these experiences will help to support my success in this district.

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

Strong, reliable infrastructure is critical to this district. As far as transportation support, I feel that MARTA is NOT the answer. Gwinnett needs to have full control over management and funding for our residents, not another entity that has mismanaged funds. Some intersection quick fix ideas that our Gwinnett employees can perform are to add left/right turns, roundabouts, and light signalization.

5. Suggest ways to jump-start the economy after COVID-19.

I would like to see our community getting back to a sense of normalcy with the new knowledge and safety measures that this pandemic has provided. Many businesses, especially small businesses, are struggling greatly and need our support. Gwinnett County needs to investigate ways to provide this support through training and resources that will get these businesses back up and running. It may also be necessary to provide temporary tax incentives to help financially support business.

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

I was born and raised in Dacula, GA, and have lived in District 3 for 53 years. I am a Christian and member at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Dacula, GA. I am married to Stephanie and we have three children ages 13, 15, and 23. I have always been involved in community events and planning. I helped plan Harbins Park and was a founding member of the Archer Athletic Association. I have coached our children's recreational sports teams. I was an Engage Gwinnett participant and on the 2040 Unified Plan Committee. I have a servant's heart for Gwinnett County.