NAME: Matt DeReimer
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Commission District 3

1.Why are you seeking your office?

I plan to bring a high level of conservative, commonsense, ethical representation and service to all residents of District 3, along with supporting our great employees. It is my belief that District 3 residents are yearning for approachable and genuine leadership in their Commission seat after the polarizing actions and comments of the incumbent during the past few years. I want to show all residents and employees that a Republican candidate can champion conservative ideals while demonstrating all-inclusive, kind, and humble qualities. Gwinnett is great—I want to keep it that way.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Through fiscally responsible decision-making, I want to continue our path of successful growth. As a small business owner and homeowner in Gwinnett, I understand how important it is to make smart, intentional decisions that stay within our means and purview. Trying to take on burdens outside the scope of the Board of Commissioners, while maybe sounding good to a potential voter, will prove unwise. Staying in our wheelhouse will avoid broken promises and disappointment. I want to keep the county services and amenities at their high level without overreaching into other areas where private entities and non-profit organizations already excel.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I believe my unique background and experiences, anchored in my faith, will serve Gwinnett well. Currently in my mid-30s, I am fortunate to have years of applicable experience in retail, law enforcement, nonprofit outreach work, local volunteering, and now as a small business owner. These past and current seasons of life have groomed me into a calm, collected, and methodical decision-maker and leader. You won't see me sensationalizing situations or displaying "knee-jerk" reactions. I will remain true to the qualities ingrained in me over the years: character, compassion, integrity, strong work ethic, and a servant's heart.

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

Let's go with transit. I voted against MARTA expansion in Gwinnett in 2019. That being said, I am not against transit options that meet our county's published values of "excellence, creativity, innovation, and new technologies and ideas," while agreeing "our government must be customer-focused, fiscally responsible, and deliver services that are among the best in the nation." For me, MARTA does not meet the "Gwinnett Standard." I am more

interested in locally managed bus rapid transit, or a private entity partnership solution, that can close current gaps for our residents without heavy tax burdens for years to come.

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

As a local business owner, we too have felt the hit from COVID-19. I can personally relate to the struggles facing the business owners and employees in our community. Recovery will be about investing in our local businesses first and foremost. This will take intentional decisions to choose our local businesses for services or goods before looking elsewhere. Also, education on available resources and allowances must be provided. In order to focus on Gwinnett first, we must think about keeping our neighbors afloat during and after this unprecedented time. A willingness to donate what we can will also be crucial.

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

I am a life-long Gwinnett resident, now living in unincorporated Dacula with my wife and two boys. After graduating from Central Gwinnett High School, I attended Georgia Perimeter College in Lawrenceville (now GGC), then finished my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Kennesaw State University. I've been blessed to work for two great police departments, Snellville and Sandy Springs, during my decade as a police officer. Now, I am thankful to own a small business with my wife. We have attended 12Stone Church since 2009 and serve within their student ministry. I hope I can earn your trust, thank you.