

NAME: Gabe Okoye
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Senate District 9

1. Why are you seeking your office?

In 1981, I arrived America, a young man, without much and started life as a security guard. Just like many, I worked myself through college and became an Engineer. Today I am a licensed civil engineer and have my own engineering company. God blessed my sweetheart wife and I with four grown and successful children. In short, America made me, therefore I am running for this office to give back to a country that has been so good to me. I want to help others to realize their American dreams.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

There is a lot to do in our state, because the party in power is nauseatingly retrogressive. I want to help move Georgia forward. Therefore, at a minimum, I want to accomplish the following:

- Affordable Healthcare/Expanded Medicaid
- Fully Funded Public Education
- Unfettered Reproductive Rights
- Safe Schools/Gun Safety
- Equality/LGBT Issues
- Living Wage/Protection for Labor Unions/Working Class Issues
- Pollution Control Laws

The issues above are not ranked in any order.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

In this primary election, my candidacy is the only one with the leadership experience we will need to beat a three-term Republican incumbent. **I have the experience that money cannot buy.** Furthermore, I have an enviable track record. I am:

- a. A licensed civil engineer and manages my own engineering company
- b. A Planning Commissioner with the Gwinnett Planning Commission
- c. Former Chairman, Gwinnett County Democratic Party
- d. Democratic Party of Georgia Committee Member
- e. Former Continental Chairman, Nigerians in Diaspora Organization in the Americas
- f. Former Vice Chair, Candidate Recruitment, Gwinnett County Democratic Party

I am compassionate and will (100)...

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

I want to address the issue of School Funding. I chose this issue because I believe that the students of today, will be the leaders of this great country tomorrow. In order for us to maintain our competitive edge in the world, we must start early to train them well. Like I said earlier, the Republican Party is generally retrogressive. That is why they settled on using the 1985 level of the Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula to fund our children's education in 2020. That is preposterous. There is a huge difference between a 1985 model car and its equivalent (100)...

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

This ugly pandemic has wreaked a lot of havoc in our dear country, but I am confident that we will be victorious in the end. Our hearts and prayers go out to our fellow Americans who lost their loved ones to this pandemic. To our frontline heroes (medical professionals) and first responders, we appreciate your heroism and pray that God will protect each of you.

I will take a scientific approach toward jump-starting the economy. I will ramp up testing to ascertain the true picture of the rate and level of infection in our state.

I will make the use (100)...

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

Well, like I said before, I am a licensed civil engineer. A graduate of New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), I started my own engineering company, Essex Geoscience, Inc in 1993, but went fulltime with it in 1998. I moved to Georgia in 1992 but have resided in Lawrenceville since 1996. Of the Anglican faith, I am married with four children. My leadership experience includes, but is not limited to:

- g. A Planning Commissioner with the Municipal-Gwinnett Planning Commission
- h. Former Chairman, Gwinnett County Democratic Party
- i. Democratic Party of Georgia Committee Member
- j. Former Continental Chairman, Nigerians in Diaspora (100)...