

NAME: Robert Bryant
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Public Service Commission, District 1

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I believe that people of our community benefit when there are leaders who understand the people are the priority. This is the case with the PSC, meaning the public should be regarded as the priority with respect to rate changes and other factors that involve utilities. We have witnessed the 5 PSC decision makers lean more towards helping corporations more than the public (the people) and I hope to add a voice for the consumers.

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3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I have provided a vision with the list of ideas for the rate-payers in Georgia to understand. More importantly, I have talked about being a consumer advocate if I am elected. I am interested in hearing from Georgians so that I can advocate for their needs at the planning table. I will center my leadership around advocating for people, especially our more vulnerable communities. My perspective is quite unique in the aspect of ideas, piloting programs, and leveraging partnerships to move Georgia forward.

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

I believe the PSC is facing many in-depth issues that impact other major parts of our communities. Pollution is a critical decision that impacts public health and sustainability. If we continue to allow energy production to create pollutants from fossil fuel use then we are facing major failure. For example, the use of coal leads to ash in water supply that people drink and use for other activities. Coal ash in the water supply presents a public health issue for humans, while at the same time damages the environment.

I would support strategies to eliminate the use of fossil fuels (100)

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

I believe the process will be a complex process with layers of decisions without a one size fits all approach. It will be a process that is likely handled at the county or city level, but in concert

with the state and nation. It would be wise to focus on how well the working and middle class participation is at normal rates with respect to spending and financial assets, which may mean a significant stimulus is implemented. Equally important is the strength of the available jobs/careers and small businesses in the community. These are some issues to think about with (100)

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

Dr. Robert G. Bryant is a leader. He believes in servant leadership and continues to make an impact on various initiatives he is involved with. Robert enjoys learning and can be described as someone who knows a little about a lot. In fact, he participated in science fairs when he attended the public schools in Savannah, GA. He explored the impact of lead in household products on people. This was an early indication of Robert's curiosity about the environment, in addition to developing advocacy skills.

Robert represented Savannah and Chatham County as a participant in Georgia science fairs as a (100)