

**NAME:** Carolyn Bourdeaux  
**PARTY:** Democratic  
**SEEKING:** U.S. Congress, Seventh District

**1. Why are you seeking your office?**

I believe that our government should work for all people, not just the wealthy and well-connected. Our leaders have lost their line of sight to the people of this country and what we need. It is time for the people of Georgia's 7th Congressional District to finally have a representative who will be their advocate in Congress and fight tenaciously for the issues we care about.

I want my son to grow up in a country where we care for one another. In Congress, I'll work towards a world where we provide families with fundamental supports like affordable health care.

**2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

When I graduated from college, my dad told me, "Carolyn, this country has invested in you and gave you a world-class education. And with that comes responsibility to give back to your community." Those words have guided me ever since.

In Congress, I'll work to kickstart our economy and support small businesses and working families in our recovery, invest in infrastructure, protect our right to vote, bring down the cost of health care, and so many more issues that Georgians care deeply about. I look forward to delivering real change for the people of Georgia's 7th District.

**3. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

Georgians don't need a politician who is beholden to any party, special interest group, or donor — they need an advocate who is fighting for them. I've worked with both Republicans and Democrats before. As Director of the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, I worked with both parties to balance the state budget during the Great Recession, and I was honored for this work with a special resolution for significant service to the state of Georgia.

In 2018, I challenged a 4-term Republican incumbent who had never gotten below 60% of the vote. Now I'm back to finish the job.

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

I'm a champion for quality, affordable health care — it's why I got into this race, and now we're seeing that it's more important than ever. I saw this tragic health care reality shared by too many Americans firsthand as my parents struggled to pay for my father's medications. For ten years,

my father suffered from a debilitating illness and my mother cared for him. They drained their bank accounts to pay for dad's prescription medications.

I will fight for the millions of Georgians who are either uninsured, under insured, or struggle with the costs of insurance and prescription drugs.

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

In Congress, I will work towards an economic recovery that puts working Georgians and small businesses first. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and have been decimated by the pandemic. I'll support their recovery by funding and extending existing programs to make sure our business community can make it to the other side of the crisis. Going forward, I support investing in programs that expand access to capital and better support the labor force working in our small and mid-sized businesses. And our community has long needed significant infrastructure investment, including investment in transit, to improve mobility and (100)

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

I work as a professor of public management and policy at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, an institution that focuses on first generation college students and I have served in a number of public service roles in my life. During the Great Recession, I was the director of the Georgia Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, where I worked with both parties to balance Georgia's budget and get our economy back on track. In my early career, I served as a legislative aide to U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR).