

NAME: Dar'Shun Kendrick
PARTY: Democrat
SEEKING: House District 93

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am seeking re-election to House District 93 to continue the work I have started the past decade for obtaining more money for public schools, empowering our small business owners, supporting working families and continuing our criminal justice reforms.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I expect to continue to be a leader among my peers. I currently serve as the Chief Deputy Whip of the GA House Democratic Caucus. I also expect to continue to fight for women's reproductive rights, economic prosperity for all citizens and not just a few and work with local officials to provide for the daily needs of citizens.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

What distinguishes my candidacy is that I was born and raised in Georgia and so I have deep roots and understanding of DeKalb county. Additionally, I am an incumbent with a proven record---so much that I was elected by my peers to lead.

4. Pick any one issue.

Expand on how you will address it. Criminal justice reform. I am the ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Non-civil (criminal law committee). I have a bill to take marijuana off the Schedule 1 drug, I have co-sponsored bipartisan legislation to lower punishment for low level expenses and work with many criminal justice reform organizations throughout session and outside.

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

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. They employ 90% of people. You jump start small businesses and help them with cash flow you keep them employed. I am committed to providing capital and resources to Georgia's small business by working with my Small Business and Job Creation committee to provide resources and needed legislation. Additionally, I will continue to work with the Small Business Administration to get resources to the district.

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

I am a corporate lawyer who grew up in Decatur, GA to parents that were both entrepreneurs. We didn't have much but they instilled in me the value of hard work and helping others when I could. After law school, I knew that I wanted to serve in some capacity in my community even if it wasn't an elected office. I have since developed a reputation for not only my work ethic and ability to communicate well with others but also a passion for wealth generation and empowerment in my community.

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