

NAME: Clifton Winston Marshall
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: House District 103

1. Why are you seeking your office?

As a child growing up in Georgia, my family instilled in me the importance of having faith in God, supporting family, always do my best, get a good education, and to give back to my community. Running for house district 103 is my way to give back to my community.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I plan to fight for the full funding of the education budget, opposed to agreeing with cuts exceeding millions of dollars. A fully funded budget could allow infrastructure to meet the demands placed on school districts in the wake of COVID19 so that the business of teaching and learning is never interrupted by another pandemic.

Fully funding the education budget could also help schools in rural and urban Georgia to better meet the educational needs of their students.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

My goal in becoming the representative for HD 103 is embedded in my belief of equality for all. I would have voted in favor of HB426, the Hate Crime Bill opposed to my opponent being 1 of 38 legislators that voted against it.

Expanding Medicaid opposed to the current plan costing taxpayers more money, capturing less than 2% of the uninsured people in Georgia and is expected to cause large losses in coverage, my vote would be in favor of helping over half a million uninsured Georgians access affordable coverage, opposed to my opponents position, of the current plan.

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

A decrease of over 900 million dollars to the education budget impacting K-12 schools that rank number 34 out of 50 for education effectiveness and 36 out of 50 for school safety, clearly reflects education is not a priority in Georgia. Among the cuts, 6.1 million dollars in grant funding for students with autism and severe

emotional behavioral challenges was also made. As a grandfather of a special need child, I am appalled!

I would make education a priority by fully funding the education budget, reallocate state funds, and change the formula used in the QBE.

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

COVID-19 made a huge negative impact on GA's economy, expanding Medicare would be a great way to stimulate economic growth. The expansion would include widening eligibility requirements, saving rural hospitals, the creation of thousands of jobs, and cover the 518,000 Georgians who are currently uninsured.

By not expanding Medicaid, Georgia is slated to miss out on billions in federal funding to the tune of \$423.6 billion between 2013-2022 and local hospitals will collectively forgo \$167.8 billion in Medicaid reimbursement payments over the same timeframe.

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

I am a native Georgian that is committed to seeing Georgia move forward. Being married to a retired educator deepens my dedication of education becoming a priority. As a father and grandfather of 3, graduate of Dartmouth College, retired engineer, leadership expanding 5 decades in academia, community, sports, and faith organizations, all experiences have prepared me to lead with excellence.

As a levelheaded, solution oriented, forward thinking, and compassionate candidate ready to fight for quality of life for all in district 103, my actions will also aid in moving Georgia forward!