

NAME: Donna McLeod
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: House District 105

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am seeking re-election for State Representative for District 105. Being a lawmaker today demands thoughtful, pragmatic leadership that Georgians need and deserve in these unprecedented, unpredictable times. I'm dedicated to serving the community. This means empowering and informing its residents by working to change and improve: Medicaid Expansion, having Universal Pre-K, encouraging Jobs/Economic Growth, and Voting Rights and Voter Education

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

So, I have had the opportunity to introduce several excellent legislations but was unable to move them forward because the party in the majority refuse to move them forward. It is my hope that the Democratic Party will have an opportunity to become the majority. Being in the majority will allow us to fully Expand Medicaid that would create 50,000 jobs, save rural hospitals, and cover the 518,000 Georgians who are currently uninsured. Update the Quality Basic Formula that calculates education funding; the last time this formula was updated was in 1987.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

Since, I am already an elected official, I have been performing the duties of serving the people in District 105 in the 2019-2020 Legislative Session. I have demonstrated that representing the people is my first priority. Our government relies on people paying taxes to share in our desire to make our communities a place where we all want to live. It is important that elected officials ensure that the people get a return on their investments.

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

Voting Rights and Voter Education: All qualified individuals 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States of America should not encounter obstacles in their right to cast a vote, yet we have seen suppression tactics grow in our state. Some tactics are subtle: reducing early voting dates and times, demanding photo ID, requesting a "Green Card" number on the Voter Registration Application. Some are just cruel like: taking away polling locations, demanding people vote in person during a pandemic, deliberately slowing down the Postal Service, exact matching, purging the voter rolls and gerrymandering.

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

Getting the COVID19 virus spread under control is the only way to safely open up our economy and bring back consumer confidence. This means that decisions must be made using science and data. Investing in our small business and really treating essential workers with the respect they deserve is a start. Prioritizing our budget to reflect our values is critical. We also need federal dollars to invest in our people to jump-start our economy.

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

I was born in Jamaica and grew up in Ontario, Canada. I have a degree in Chemical Engineering, I moved to the USA in 1998, and moved to Gwinnett in 2000. I've lived in the same house for 20 years. I'm a mother, and grandmother.