

NAME: Raphael Warnock
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: U.S. Senate (Isakson seat)

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I've committed my life to service and this period of unrest in our country has brought into focus the need for moral leadership. I'm running because I believe there are more Georgians looking for a U.S. Senator whose priority is going to be their needs and concerns. I believe there are places all across our state -- from underserved communities of color in South Georgia and disaffected rural North Georgia towns suffering for decades as access to health care, hospitals and jobs has diminished, to cities like Atlanta, Columbus, and Savannah that are looking for someone to fight for them.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I would work to expand access to quality, affordable healthcare -- especially considering our current public health crisis, including improving the Affordable Care Act and ensuring protections for people with pre-existing conditions. Working together, we can also lower the cost of prescription drugs through price negotiations, protect reproductive health care, and address the high maternal and infant mortality rates among women of color.

I am also committed to protecting and expanding voting rights for all eligible people. That means re-authorizing the Voting Rights Act, increasing access to Vote By Mail and Early Vote options, and fighting back against voter suppression efforts.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

As a pastor, advocate, South Georgia native and the son of working class parents who happens to be one of twelve children, running to represent Georgians as our state's first African-American senator, I will bring to Washington the concerns of struggling families who wonder why no one is looking out for them. I will fight for quality, affordable health care, for the dignity of working people who are paid too little as our government works more for Wall Street, and to make sure every voice is heard. Washington could use a pastor.

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

I believe health care is a right, not a privilege, and no one should go broke trying to afford coverage or fill a prescription. As a Senator, I will push to lower the cost of prescription drugs by supporting legislation that allows the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare to negotiate prices on behalf of Americans. We can also drive down prices and

encourage market competition by bringing in more high-quality medicines from our neighbors, like Canada and capping the price of life saving drugs like insulin produced by big pharmaceutical companies.

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

First, I believe we must support our workers by passing more COVID-19 relief to help people get back on their feet, not more tax giveaways to big corporations. But after COVID-19, we must roll back the influence of big corporations; strengthen unions by passing legislation like the PRO Act and allowing workers to organize for better conditions; push for made-in-America initiatives; and invest in future jobs through green infrastructure programs; supporting small businesses; and renew our commitment to technical, vocational and apprenticeship training to help workers get ahead in the changing global marketplace.

6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background

I grew up in public housing in Savannah. Fourteen years ago, I was chosen to serve as Senior Pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church, the former pulpit of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As only the fifth Senior Pastor in the history of the church and the youngest pastor ever selected to serve in that position, I believe my service does not stop at the church door, that's where it begins. That's why I've been an advocate to expand health care coverage and Medicaid, to ensure hardworking Georgians can make a living wage, to protect voting rights for all.