

**NAME: Sam Park**  
**PARTY: Democratic**  
**SEEKING: House District 101**

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

I am running for my third term in the Georgia House of Representatives to build a healthier, stronger Georgia. My mother's diagnosis with terminal cancer taught me that access to healthcare is a matter of life or death. Her battle inspired me to stand and fight for the 1.4 million uninsured Georgians. Although she is no longer with us today, I am committed to working together with Georgians of all backgrounds to continue the fight to expand access to healthcare for all Georgians.

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

If I have an opportunity to serve another term, I will continue to stand and fight to invest in the healthcare and education of all Georgians, and stop harmful efforts to attack minorities and immigrants or criminalize vulnerable communities. Since I was elected, we have taken steps in the right direction. Georgia has not passed any legislation that would have allowed discrimination against the LGBTQ community and expanded access to healthcare for pregnant mothers. However, under Republican Leadership, just a few months ago, they cut nearly \$1 billion from Georgia's public school, so much work remains to be done.

**3. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

As a native Georgian, born and raised, I have had the opportunity to pursue the American Dream. As the grandson of refugees from the Korean War and as a son of immigrants, I became the first lawyer in my family and a lawmaker in my home state. It has also been my distinct honor to break barriers as the first Asian American Democrat and the first openly gay man ever elected to the Georgia State Legislature. More important than making history, however, it has been my privilege to help pave the way for the next generation of leaders.

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

Georgia has a healthcare crisis. Under Republican leadership, Georgia now has the second highest uninsured rate in the nation, the highest maternal mortality rate, multiple rural hospital closures, and an HIV/AIDS epidemic comparable to third-world country. All of this in the midst of an unprecedented pandemic that's claimed more than 200,000 American lives. Expanding Medicaid in Georgia would allow

us to address and make progress on each of these issues. Medicaid expansion would cover more than 500,000 uninsured Georgians, draw down billions in federal dollars to strengthen our healthcare infrastructure, and create more than 30,000 healthcare jobs.

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

I believe we must build from the ground up by investing in the health and education of all Georgians. Doing so will provide hard working Georgians the skills and ability to start their own businesses and provide for their families. I also believe we should work with businesses, nonprofits, and community foundations to address collective problems such as the lack of affordable housing and transportation options. As we move toward a knowledge-based economy, by ensuring we have the best of the best and strong infrastructure, Georgia will become the best state in which to live, work, and play.

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

I graduated from Georgia State University with a BA in political science and a BS in economics. I then attended GSU College of Law to obtain my Juris Doctor, and passed the Georgia Bar exam in 2014. I went on to obtain my LLM or Masters in law, politics, and legislation at AU Washington College of Law. In 2018, I graduated from an Emerging Leaders Program at Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. Currently, I serve as General Counsel for Positive Impact Health Centers, a nonprofit health center, working to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Georgia.