#### 2020 GwinnettForum candidate questionnaire

**NAME:** Tiffany Porter

**PARTY:** Democratic

**SEEKING:** Tax Commissioner

## 1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am running for tax commissioner to bring a new type of leadership to the role. Something that Gwinnett demands for this day and time. My view is shaped by my time as a business owner, helping others succeed and being a civic leader both through my sorority's activities and through the many women I have joined in the fight against breast cancer as a two-time breast cancer survivor. Leadership for me is based on viewing this community as the center of all that we measure our success.

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

If elected, I plan to build upon the past administration's foundation by implementing innovative systems to ensure the office is ran effectively and efficiently. I believe the office requires a level of transparency with the community to ensure that the citizens of Gwinnett county understand where and how their tax dollars are spent.

# 3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

What distinguishes my candidacy is that I am the only person who has owned and ran multiple businesses in Gwinnett county. My business experience coupled with over 10 years as an attorney have prepared me for the position of tax commissioner. With my credentials, I understand the importance and uniqueness of the tax commissioner's office and the responsibility that comes with collecting and disbursing tax dollars.

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

Issues the office faces are transparency and education. When asked, most citizens do not understand the role of the tax commissioner. I plan to be a visible and approachable tax commissioner. I plan to hold forums and "talks with the tax commissioner" to further educate the community as to how the office works and what the office can do better to serve them. I believe the community should be equipped with the knowledge and understanding of how tax dollars are spent and used for the community.

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

I believe some ways to jump-start the economy would be by supporting and showcasing our local businesses and having job fairs to allow people to seek new careers.

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

I am a licensed attorney and proud mother of 4 children. I established two successful law firms and sports agency in Gwinnett county. I graduated with Honors from Hampton University. Then, I obtained a Juris Doctorate Degree from Emory University School of Law while at the same time attending Georgia State University for a Master's in Business Administration. I serve as a Judge for the Duluth Municipal Court. In addition to my practice and serving on the bench, I appear weekly as a legal analyst for the Court TV network. I am a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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