

NAME: Jasmine Clark
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: House District 108

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am seeking office to continue the work I started in my first two years as a freshman legislator. In 2018 I ran on a platform of bringing a science voice to the legislature and since then I have used the science voice and realized more so than before how important it is to have that science perspective at the policymaking table.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

It is my hope that the Democratic party will gain the majority in the upcoming election so that there will be more balance in governing in our State, and so that both parties will be forced to work together to accomplish things--especially with redistricting ahead of us. I also will continue to pursue education and healthcare legislation that increases access to more Georgians for both.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am the science candidate. I am not your typical politician that has positioned and prepared for this. I decided to run for office out of a sheer sense of duty to be a solution seeker and problem solver for issues that were/are affecting so many. And after winning in 2018, I have taken the sense of duty to heart and used it every day to speak to voters, hear their concerns, and use a data-driven approach to fighting for them.

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

Healthcare. It is and it has been a hot button issue. The truth is, the pandemic served to shine a very bright light on the healthcare inequities in our State, and how those inequities make all in the community vulnerable. We need to expand access to affordable healthcare for working Georgians through programs such as Medicaid expansion, and I will continue to fight for this. I believe it is not only the humane thing to do, but also the most fiscally responsible based on all projections of short-term and long-term costs of healthcare for our State.

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

In order to jumpstart our economy we must realize that ignoring COVID-19 will not make it go away. The Governor is very aware that COVID-19 is still a looming threat in our State, which is why he continuously extends the public health emergency order. Once we acknowledge the threat, we need to take every step to get rid of it by not just "encouraging" mask wearing but mandating it. Once numbers go down, the economy, for every day Georgians, will go up, since consumer confidence is a major driver of economic outcomes.

6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background

I am a mother, a neighbor, and a friend. I was born and raised in GA, and have deep roots across the State. I have a BS in Microbiology from University of TN and a PhD in Microbiology from Emory University. I currently lecture undergraduate and graduate students at the Emory University School of Nursing. In 2018, I was elected by the residents of Georgia's House District 108 to represent them at the State Capitol, and I take my role as a public servant to heart every day that I am allowed to serve.