

*2020 GwinnettForum candidate questionnaire*

**NAME: Ed Tarver**  
**PARTY: Democratic**  
**SEEKING: U.S. Senate (Isakson seat)**

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

I am seeking election to the U.S. Senate because Washington is broken and continues to show an inability to meet the economic (jobs), health, educational and environmental needs of Georgia families.

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

I expect to continue the reputation for excellence, distinguished service and the legacy of compromise and bipartisanship established by former Georgia U.S. Senators like Sam Nunn, and boldly fight to strengthen the U.S. economy, ensure Universal Health Care for all, expand from K-12 to K-16 Education, eliminate student loan debt and end systemic Racial and Religious discrimination in State and Federal Law Enforcement practices and procedures. I also expect to sponsor and support legislation to revive crumbling Federal, State and Local infrastructure and embraces the science of climate change to better support and prepare Georgia agricultural production.

**3. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

My record of public service in the three (3) branches of government at the State or the Federal level distinguishes my candidacy and demonstrates preparation to represent Georgians in the U.S. Senate. My work in the Judicial branch of government as federal Judicial law clerk, my service in the Legislative branch of government during three (3) terms as a State Senator and my Executive Branch appointment by President Barack Obama enables Georgian to elect a U.S. Senator with the experience to effectively represent our State on day one. Previously sponsored or co-sponsored 123 pieces of legislation.

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

I will boldly work to **eliminate systemic religious and racial discrimination** in law enforcement by:

- Imposing limits on the doctrine of Qualified Immunity;
- Ensuring accountability for acts of intentional excessive force and misconduct;
- Establishing a National Registry for the mandatory reporting of disciplinary actions and involuntary terminations;

- Requiring Implicit Bias training;
- Reversing the effects of mass incarceration;
- Creating State and Federal Reentry programs for prior offenders;
- Advancing alternatives to incarceration; and
- Providing resources to identify and initiate treatment for individuals with mental health and addiction deficits.

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

I suggest that the federal government jump-start the economy by extending support for small businesses employing 50 or fewer people, the unemployed and their families by: (1) Creating federally-funded employment opportunities to revive state and national infrastructure; (2) Establishing low interest small business continuation / resurrection loans; (3) Allocating funding for expanded broadband internet access for urban and rural communities; (4) Increasing the availability of computer access for educational and employment purposes; (5) Expanding Medicaid nationwide; and (6) Eliminating of medically underserved Cities and Counties.

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

Second generation Army Veteran, former Federal Judicial Law Clerk, 20 plus year Georgia Practicing Attorney, Three (3) term Georgia State Senator, and appointed by President Barack Obama (unanimously confirmed) as the U.S. Attorney for the SDGA. Simultaneously continued active engagement in civic and community service. Selected to the 1994 Class of Leadership GA, elected to the Board of Trustees and subsequently elected VP, President and Chair of Leadership GA Foundation, Member and Chairman of Metro Augusta Chamber of Commerce, Board Chairman for Augusta Technical College, East GA Easter Seals Society and the Ike and Justine Washington College Scholarship Foundation.