

2020 GwinnettForum candidate questionnaire

NAME: David Post
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Gwinnett Commission Chair

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I have always been involved in serving the public and the private sector. I started my security and management company in 1972 and became a reserve deputy in 1975. I'm now semi-retired and want to continue serving, for my two daughters and four grandchildren who all live in Gwinnett County, and of course my community. We are facing many economic challenges as a result of the Covid-19 impact, and I believe that I have the business experience and acumen to attract new businesses, which will drive revenue without increasing taxes for our citizens.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I want to make Gwinnett County a safe haven for all citizens and businesses. For this reason, Public Safety is my number one priority. This is a time to gain understanding and cooperation with all related departments and the cities of our county, to drive the business opportunities to increase the county revenue and reduce the individual tax burden on our citizens. If we get the public safety element right, the rest of the business plan will follow with the correct management and relationships. This also fits my plans for economic development of our depressed areas within the county.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

My +50 years of experience providing security and management consulting to both small businesses and Fortune 500 companies is invaluable. My expertise is in providing solutions for existing issues, as well as outlining a pathway to success for the future. I would manage the county just like any of the major businesses I've helped over the years. My law enforcement background and relationships will afford me the opportunity to help build much needed bridges between the agencies and our citizens through open communication, town halls and engagement.

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

I voted against the heavy rail expansion into Gwinnett County when it was on the ballot last time, I don't support it. We cannot afford to commit to a sales tax levy that will be in place for the next 30 years for a project that will serve only a small portion of the county. I do believe that our current transportation plan needs to be revamped and updated. My research thus far, indicates that many of the buses are running at less than 35% capacity, and that is neither good for the citizens, nor the economy of the county.

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

Making businesses and retail areas, parks and recreation areas safer will stimulate the economy. There is no magic wand but hard work, great communication, and well thought out programs will help do this. As Commission Chair, I would examine the current, and proposed heavy expenditure plans to ensure that they are the best fit and benefit to our citizens. I believe that by investing in our existing, depressed areas, e.g. Gwinnett Place Mall, we can attract businesses that will provide revenue without us having a major capital outlay, as the foundations are all already in place.

6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background

At 10 years old I was a cashier at my dad's small grocery store. We sold the store because after my dad died, we discovered he was feeding the neighborhood, rendering it unsustainable to carry on operating. All financial decisions have consequences that must be considered prior to commitment.

I served in the US Marine Corp Reserve for 5.5 years while continuing with classes in psychology and continued professional education with classes at Atlanta Law School and Atlanta School of Biblical Studies.

Over 50 years of running my own Security and Management Consulting business has given me a resumé unlike most.