

2020 GwinnettForum candidate questionnaire

NAME: **Erica McCurdy**
PARTY: **Republican**
SEEKING: **House District 95**

1. Why are you seeking your office?

Our District deserves a Representative who genuinely cares about and will focus on representing the people of Peachtree Corners, Berkeley Lake, Norcross, Johns Creek, and Duluth. We need someone in the Georgia Legislature with real world experience creating jobs for Georgians. In the 95th we need someone who wakes up every day thinking about the people here and who has spent and will spend her time investing in the people here.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I will focus my work on getting people back to work, supporting our small businesses, keeping our communities safe, and working with our schools to provide the best education for our kids. I will also continue to be an advocate for our foster children, those in recovery, and our veterans.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I have a long history of community service. I am longtime civic leader sitting on the board of Rotary, PCBA, NCL's NNC, active in PDC and the SWG Chamber. For decades, I have given over 100 service hours to the local community. I have built multiple businesses and created jobs for Georgians. I know what it means to worry about the employment of others and what it means to sustain a company. When COVID hit, I sprang into action, leveraging my connections and resources to provide PPE, food, and supplies to local co-op's hospitals, senior centers, fire, and police.

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

Foster care was intended to be a TEMPORARY solution. It has turned into a long-term care plan. 60% of Children spend 2-5 years in care. This is not ok. We must move children towards permanency. A child should spend less than a year in foster care. By moving children into permanency more quickly, we free up the load on our case workers and provide better care for the next child who needs help. Children should not move in and out of unsafe situations. We have three strikes rules in place for other offenses but not for our children?

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

First, let's define "after" as I believe we will be "in" COVID-19 for a long time. I don't believe we can tax our way into recovery. We need to make it easier for businesses to operate profitably rather than harder. We need to look at regulation and tax policy to help remove barriers to getting companies safely employing people.

6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background

Atlanta Native who grew up nearby. Started in telecom but she found my passion in entrepreneurship. Founder of Georgia Sanitation. Spent time working for North Point Church and Foster Care Support Foundation. Now in private practice helping others in career and life transition, including our senior Navy SEALs. Nationally recognized expert in employability.

Attended the Westminster Schools, University of Georgia, and Mercer University. Rotarian, PCBA, Chamber, National NNC for NCL. Married to another Atlanta native. Has three amazing children who graduated Wesleyan and who now are attending medical school (UVA), law school (GSU) and college (Furman).