

**NAME:** Gary Guan  
**PARTY:** Republican  
**SEEKING:** Senate District 40

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

Offer myself as an additional choice to serve as the State Senator in District 40, to bring new perspective, new approach and new solutions to our state legislature.

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

Help restoring civility in American politics at the State level and bridging understanding and harmony between different cultures and ethnic communities with my anthropology background and extensive cross cultural communication experiences.

**3. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

I have a better understanding and will be a better representative of our diverse constituents and communities, and will bring new perspective, new approach and new solutions to the state legislature.

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

Putting impact to the standard of living and quality of lives as a central criteria in our economic development policies. It is far too often that we focusing on the economic and revenue growth, and sometimes jobs alone in our assessment of economic development, failing to see the negative impact to the former. Even new job opportunity should also be looking into the potential of local community employment opportunity or mostly more commuters outside or even people from out of state.

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

Encouraging and helping businesses to develop new ways to adapt the new normal of post-pandemic world. Be ready for retaliating consumptions once re-opened especially in tourism. We should support the tourist industry first, including travel and hospitality, which will be in turn bringing more economic activities to our state.

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

Guan is a small business owner, entrepreneur, active Rotarian, and, a dedicated father and husband. Coming from Communist China in 1987, he immediately embraced American

culture and heritage as he pursued his Ph.D. degree in Anthropology and Archaeology at University of Pittsburgh.

He has been a passionate volunteer and leader with quite a few non-profits organizations since moving to Georgia in 1992.

Promoting understanding and unity has been the hallmark of Garry's life. Garry shares the interests and concerns of the diverse constituents in Senate District 40 regarding public safety, education, development, transportation, and criminal justice reform and tax reform.