

NAME: Luis “Lou” Solis
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Gwinnett County Sheriff

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am running for Sheriff because I am uniquely qualified to continue to make a real difference. We need consistent, strong leadership in the Sheriffs Office, to build upon programs we have in place, and continue to find ways to help those who have been incarcerated, those who work at the Sheriffs office, and those in our community. I currently serve in the top level of leadership at the Gwinnett County Sheriffs Office, as the Chief Deputy of Operations and want to ensure my home of over 20 years, Gwinnett County, remains a safe place to live and do business.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I am working with the men and women who serve Gwinnett County today. There is no need to start over, we will accomplish making programs stronger, more effective, embracing and empowering the diversity we see in Gwinnett County today. I will expand the programs that are helping incarcerated persons. My vision is to explore innovative new rehabilitation programs to address the opiod and mental health issues we see in our jails. Consistent leadership and continuance of working programs is important in keeping Gwinnett County safe.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

As the Chief Deputy of Operations, I understand the importance of keeping and expanding upon the programs we have in place to help incarcerated persons and keep the men and women who serve in the Sheriffs Office safe. I have saved Gwinnett County \$6.8M in 2019. I implemented “The Barracks,” a nationally recognized program providing incarcerated military veterans with structure and discipline similar to the military. I am addressing and implementing programs to addressing the mental health issues of incarcerated persons. We are expanding our community outreach program to build a stronger relationship with citizens of our county.

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

Gwinnett County is becoming more diverse each day. Our law enforcement community needs increased outreach to diverse communities. I have implemented a Community Counsel Program, one that builds direct relationships, will win the hearts and minds of our diverse residents, and embrace hiring from these

communities. Partnering with Law Enforcement, the diverse communities within our County can have a voice and increased trust with the Gwinnett County Sheriffs Office. By embracing the differences we have and building upon our commonalities, we keep Gwinnett County culturally rich and a great place to live and work.

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

The American People are resilient and innovative. Our differences are what make us stronger. The COVID-19 pandemic has been an opportunity to see men and women come together and work for the common good, we saw this at the Gwinnett County Sheriffs Office. By rapidly implementing new safety protocols, we kept our inmates and staff safe. This same kind of rapid teamwork is what will jump-start the economy. As we return to normal activity, I encourage people to continue to look for ways to help those in need, as we did during this crisis.

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

My father taught me the importance of service and embracing diversity from a young age. I have lived in areas of low and high crime and understand the impact of professional law enforcement personnel. Following a decorated career as a U.S. Army Ranger, I focused on serving my community. I was the Assistant Police Chief for the Braselton Police Department before joining the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office as the Chief Deputy of Operations. I was a member of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange Delegation, a member of the Georgia Board of Corrections, and graduated from the FBI National Academy.