

NAME: Matt Reeves
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Senate District 48

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I offer “A Different Kind of Leadership From a Different Kind of Leader.” Gwinnett and North Fulton deserve an effective advocate in the 35-21 Republican Majority State Senate in Senate District 48 by being a fiscal conservative and focusing on common ground and common sense issues like supporting our schools, being favorable to taxpayers, homeowners and small businesses, healthcare, traffic solutions and keeping our communities safe.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

In the State Senate, I will pursuing a change to most County offices being nonpartisan and term limited, so that all citizens have a seat at the table, and that our large county budgets serve the people rather than partisan politics. I also would advocate strengthening Georgia’s state ethics commission so that everyone under the Gold Dome is there to serve the people and our local communities.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I believe that State Government should do a few things and do them well, and leave the rest of the money and authority to hardworking Georgians and local elected officials. We need fiscal conservatism in state government, focused on common ground and common sense issues for the benefit of our local community. We need a watchdog fighting for working people, homeowners, small businesspeople, local officials, our K-12 schools, and our merit-based HOPE Grant.

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

Instead of passing on health care needs to the bankrupt federal government, we should increase the number of jobs in Georgia with health insurance coverage. If a gap remains between Medicaid and the ranks of insured Georgians, we should help Georgians in need purchase health insurance coverage. I will advocate for Georgia-based health care reforms like continuing to end surprise billing, increasing telemedicine, fighting opioid addiction and fighting predatory targeting of vape sales to minors. On health care, big government is

the wrong prescription. Georgians deserve better quality, access, and affordability, with the doctor-patient relationship as the centerpiece.

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

Georgia has been #1 in job growth, and has been a national leader in being a favorable climate for small business. It would be a disaster to elect big government, partisan politicians in Georgia following the global coronavirus pandemic. We need to protect lives and livelihoods, by responsibly fighting the invisible Covid-19 enemy on the health care front, and also fighting to rebuild our local economy. We should search for ways to reduce unnecessary regulations on small businesses, keep the tax burden low, and make sure that Georgia remains the best state for small business in 2020 and beyond.

6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background

I am a business and real estate litigation lawyer at Andersen, Tate & Carr, the largest full-service law firm in the district. I have lived in Duluth for 17 years, served as House Judiciary Committee Counsel during the 2008 General Assembly, and have served Gwinnett County on the E-SPLIST campaign in 2011, the Duluth Parks & Recreation Board for 5 years, Duluth Rotary President, and many other civic leadership roles. My wife Suzette Reeves and our three school-age children live in Duluth and are members of Perimeter Church. I graduated with honors from UGA School of Law and Mercer University.