

NAME: Erick Allen
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Lieutenant Governor

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I'm running for Lieutenant Governor because I know how public school education can set the tone for lifelong success. How quality and accessible healthcare infrastructure can shape, and even save a community. I know how an accessible government can positively impact communities. I am the only legislator in either chamber that has worked as an executive in state government and understand how to make the government work for all Georgians, even with a likely GOP controlled legislature. I want to do more than just turn Georgia blue. I want to be part of the coalition that moves Georgia forward.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

If elected I will provide leadership in the Senate that focuses on policy that moves all of Georgia forward. My primary focus will be on our fragile healthcare system by expanding Medicaid and addressing our health workforce shortages. I will be ensuring a strong public education system by fully funding our schools to embrace modern technology and supporting teachers. I will also focus on making sure equity and inclusion is in the fabric of all we do so that all Georgian's feel a sense of belonging and no one is left behind.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I'm running on a record that I am extremely proud of. I've worked as a leader in state government while at the Department of Behavioral Health and DD and as a leader in the state legislature serving as the Chairman of the Cobb County Delegation. I'm also the only candidate in the race who has a perfect legislative score with the Georgia NAACP and Georgia Conservation Voters. I was named the Legislator of the year in 2021 by the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network. I am a proven leader on issues of Social, Health, and Environmental Justice.

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

Our recovery from the Covid pandemic needs to be addressed in a comprehensive matter. We need to ensure our small businesses have financial resources for recovery but also have support in the solving the workforce challenges that we face. Our technical schools are a perfect vehicle for re-skilling and up-skilling our workforce and learners should be able to do so at no cost. As Lieutenant Governor I will make sure our healthcare system

recovers by fully expanding Medicaid and offering student loan forgiveness for medical professionals, especially in the areas in which we are dangerously insufficient.

5. What are your ideas on curbing all the many area-wide shooting?

As Lieutenant Governor I will tackle our root issue of an unwillingness to pass reasonable gun measures. As a legislator I've voted against the bad legislation that has weakened safety in our communities when the current majority has expanded the places weapons are allowed and the removal of the need to have a concealed permit. I firmly believe in responsible gun ownership and as Lieutenant Governor I will push for a repeal of Constitutional Carry, magazine capacity limits, and universal background checks for all transfers.

6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background

I'm a small business owner, husband, and father who has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for everyone around me. I've worked in State Government and know firsthand how the hard-working state employees not only want fair pay but to be heard and respected by state leaders. When my community needed a voice in the legislature I ran and successfully won a seat that was held by a 20-year incumbent republican. As an accomplished legislator and proven leader I'm prepared and qualified to be an effective Lieutenant Governor.