

NAME: Kwanza Hall
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Lieutenant Governor

1. Why are you seeking your office?

Georgia needs leadership that is focused on serving Georgians.

I am running to help Georgians live. That means living a financially secure life by having the skills and training to work in a new economy. For rural communities to thrive, we must reopen medical facilities in areas that have closed. We must expand Medicaid so that people with chronic health issues like heart disease and diabetes may survive and thrive. Helping Georgians live also means working to protect our parks and ensure clean water and air.

It's time for a better Georgia for all of Georgia.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

1. Expand access to affordable quality healthcare
2. Fully fund and protect public education and ensure teacher retention by increasing salaries and restoring draconian cuts in their benefits
3. Create and expand economic development programs that create prosperity for all Georgians

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

As a former member of Atlanta City Council and U.S. Representative I have a track record and expertise. I have worked with Republicans to further the interests of our common constituents. I will make every effort to identify those opportunities as Lt. Governor. I am running to be a leader that builds the bridge between equity and progress. I have experience in making sure development and economic growth do not come at the expense of underserved communities. We can create equitable opportunities and thrive as a community.

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

Economic Prosperity for Working Families

We will address ensuring economic prosperity for working families by making sure Georgians have the skills and training to work. I want to see Georgia invest more in community colleges and apprenticeship programs to educate youth in trades. Families are more prosperous when they are healthy and not paying out of pocket for healthcare so we are going to expand Medicaid and reopen medical facilities in areas that have closed. I would work to increase public investment in infrastructure like public transit and broadband so families can get to work or effectively work from home.

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

I support expanding federal background checks on unlicensed dealers so they may not sell to those who are not legally allowed to purchase firearms. I also support prohibitions on people who are not legally allowed to own guns fabricating their own “ghost gun” at home.

I also support state legislation that prohibits gun possession by domestic abusers convicted of domestic violence and/or subject to final protection orders, and ensures domestic abusers to turn in their guns promptly after becoming prohibited purchasers.

6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background

For 15 years, I served as an elected member of Atlanta City Council and the Atlanta School Board. I represented the city’s most socially and economically diverse district. The W.K. Kellogg Foundation recognized my initiative to expand opportunities to families in neighborhoods with the highest concentration of poverty in the southeastern United States.

I served as United States Representative for Georgia’s 5th district, completing the late Congressman John Lewis’ term. I introduced 6 pieces of legislation requesting \$55million dollars for transit-oriented development on Atlanta’s Southside. My service has been about being a bridge for the next generation of leaders.