

NAME: Donna McLeod
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Congress, 7th District

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am seeking this office because I believe the people in the 7th Congressional District deserve to have a voice in Congress that knows the district, lives in the district and cares about serving the district. Representation Matters and I have done the work in the 7th Congressional district for over 20 years. Registering over 30, 000 new voters, securing Sunday voting and extending early voting. I worked with candidates up and down the ballot to ensure our diversity was acknowledged, respected and represented.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Ensuring we pass legislation for Universal Pre-K to reduce the school to prison pipeline. Access to quality healthcare for all so that people are not forced to choose between food and medicine. Anyone who is citizen and who is 18 years of age and older must have unfettered access to the ballot box. We have seen too many anti-voting laws being passed that limits access to the ballot box.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am the only candidate that actually lives in the 7th Congressional District for over 20 years. I am the only one who has raised a family here, the only one who has consistently done the work in Georgia's 7th Congressional District, and the only one who will be able to vote for myself. I have served two-terms as a State Legislator and none of my opponents have had that local connection to the constituents, especially with the recent census redistricting.

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

Education: ensuring funding is provided to review the funding formulas for public schools so that we address equity for the entire spectrum of our student population.

Focusing on the funding needs for teacher's salaries and funding curriculum that ensure our children are able to compete on the global market with a first-class education.

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

Stop Constitutional Carry that would allow people to have access to more guns without a permit. I don't believe the solution to gun violence is more guns. Sensible gun safety laws are required. We need to enact laws like background checks, reducing access to

guns that are considered weapons for warfare and providing gun safety training to gun owners. Community policing is a viable option.

Providing young people more outlets to play, use their creativity and talent rather than being idle. Ensuring employment for young people will create constructive use of time.

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

I was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and grew up in Ontario, Canada. I am a Chemical Engineer/QA Consultant who moved to Georgia in 1998 and became a US citizen in 2012. My immigrant background and my choice to become a US citizen is one that I am proud of.

Earning my citizenship involved a financial cost of \$680, reading the US Constitution and taking the test. All of this has made me keenly aware of the uniqueness and possibilities that this country has to offer.