

NAME: Mary West
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Congress, 7th District

1. Why are you seeking your office?

To Secure America

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

To represent my constituents by implementing security measures at the southern US border; within federally-controlled technology systems; for national energy self-reliance; for election security; and to repatriate back to the US mining, manufacturing, and technology sourcing.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I'm the only candidate who served in the US military, served in the Georgia legislature, and with the experience needed at the federal level to Secure America on all fronts.

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

Widespread criminal gang activity in the district is directly related to Congress' failure to control immigration and secure the southern border. Congress can and should direct the US Department of Defense to secure and man the border to break the backs of the gang-directed drug, human, and illicit materials trafficking. I will introduce legislation to do just that.

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

Many area-wide shootings are directly related to gang activity in the district, e.g., the movement of fentanyl through southern Gwinnett into the north Atlanta area heroin-triangle locations of Duluth, Johns Creek, Alpharetta, and Sandy Springs. US citizens and legal residents must be allowed to exercise their constitutional right to access firearms for self-protection and to transport and carry their firearm in any US state and territory. To handle gang and non-gang related shootings one of the best deterrents is the Department of Justice's community policing program (COPS). Congress must fully fund this program.

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

- Former Army enlisted soldier and officer.

- Former Member of Georgia Legislature in the House and Senate from Gwinnett.
- Raised children through elementary and middle school in Norcross/Tucker area of Gwinnett County then through high school in west Atlanta and north Fulton County.
- Current owner and CEO of health-life sciences technology company.
- For four decades, worked in law, self-insurance, regulatory compliance, information technology, and technology security.
- Along with husband, Tom, have four children.
- Attends St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Norcross.