

NAME: Nabilah Islam
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Senate, District 7

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am running for the State Senate to fight for voting rights, expanded access to healthcare, and fully funding our public schools. I will work tirelessly for working families, and I will be a champion for the diverse constituents of this district. I will continue doing the hard work of turning Georgia blue, and I will do everything in my power to block Republicans from stripping us of our rights. Change is overdue and we can't wait for it any longer.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

1. My mother hurt her back working at a warehouse and I saw firsthand how broken our healthcare system is; I will work on legislation to hold insurance companies accountable. You can count on me to fight to expand Medicaid. 2. I am a graduate of Gwinnett public schools; I will fight to fully fund our classrooms and to pay teachers a competitive salary. 3. Protecting our voting rights is fundamental to our democracy; I will work to repeal racist laws that disproportionately disenfranchise Black and brown people. I will work to expand access to the ballot.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I have fought for over a decade to help elect Democrats up and down the ballot. I have learned a lot from working in the trenches with Democratic leaders and organizing with people on the ground. I understand how to fight back against Republicans, and I won't back down. I know how to build public consensus around issues that matter to us most. Now more than ever, we need bold Democrats who will fight back, not go along. If elected, I would be the first Muslim woman and first South Asian woman in the Georgia state legislature.

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

We need to address teacher retention and make sure our public schools have adequate resources. When elected I will work with my colleagues to introduce legislation that will update the outdated formula that is used to fund our public schools. I will fight to make sure our state budget increases teacher pay permanently, and I will work to ensure smaller classroom sizes. I will make sure that curriculum and other decisions related to our schools are driven by educational needs, not partisan politics.

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

Kemp's "criminal carry" law has made our community less safe. We need to repeal it and require a background check for anyone that wants to purchase a gun. That should be the floor, not the ceiling. More broadly, we need to address the root causes of crime. We need to invest in underserved communities with job training and job placement programs. We also need to supplement our police and public safety spending with more money for mental health and social workers.

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

I am the daughter of working class immigrants, a product of Gwinnett public schools and the first person in my family to graduate from college. In the 2020 general election, I was the Senior Advisor for the Gwinnett County Democratic party and helped recruit poll watchers, fight voter suppression and helped boost turnout in our diverse communities. I am a progressive Democrat. I will work everyday to fight for my constituents, to stop Republicans from undermining our rights and our healthcare, and to uplift our party's progressive values.