

NAME: Ruwa Romman
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: House District 97

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I spent more than a decade empowering our communities to make their voices heard at every level of government. After spending years doing that advocacy work, it became clear it is time for us to become the decision makers we always needed instead of spending time begging our leaders to do the right thing. With my community's support, I made the decision to run. I believe it's time to put public service back into politics and continue to move Georgia forward.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

If elected I will represent my community at the Georgia Capitol and execute on our most pressing issues. This includes passing legislation and working to build political power through both community work and finding common ground with other elected officials. Given that the Democrats are in the minority in the Georgia State House our ability to pass legislation relies on finding this common ground with Republican lawmakers while simultaneously not straying from our important policy goals. I will effectively navigate the politics of the Capitol to deliver results for my district and become a trusted partner for my community.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I earned my Masters in Public Policy from Georgetown University focusing on voting rights and spent more than a decade empowering our communities to become civically engaged. I also work in the private sector for a professional services management company assisting government agencies in developing improved strategies to deal with major public policy issues at the local, state, and federal level. I would be ready on day one to tackle the challenges facing our communities and state because of that unique experience. Additionally, if elected, I would be the first Muslim woman to serve in Georgia's State House.

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

The cost of living in our District and across the state continues to rise, placing undue burdens on everyone and exacerbating the economic opportunity gap. I will work to fight inflation by bringing down the cost of gas, housing, and groceries, fixing supply chain issues, providing tax relief including lowering property and income taxes and providing a rebate to taxpayers, and reducing wasteful government spending. I will empower

businesses to create good jobs and thrive, and ensure that both Gwinnett County and Georgia are a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

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

Gun Violence is a serious problem that plagues our nation and state. Earlier this year, we memorialized the victims of a horrific mass shooting of Asian workers at a spa in Metro Atlanta. We need strong hate crimes laws to prevent acts of violence like this.

Additionally, we need better background checks on gun purchasers, and promote responsible gun ownership by keeping guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and those with a violent history. We need to invest in a comprehensive approach to public safety. Laws allowing guns everywhere will not improve public safety.

6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background

Ruwa is an organizer, policy analyst, and public speaker who works to empower communities to become more civically engaged. Ruwa has leveraged her platform through her work organizing with Asian American Advocacy Fund, co-founding the Georgia Volunteer Hub, and organizing with the Georgia Muslim Voter Project. Ruwa grew up attending Georgia public schools, holds a Bachelor of Arts in Politics from Oglethorpe University, and a Masters in Public Policy from Georgetown University. Ruwa works as a senior consultant for a professional services management company to solve complex public policy problems for government agencies.