

NAME: Johnny Crist
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: House District 108

1. Why are you seeking your office?

Ga. House District #108 is one of the most diverse districts in the state. The collective voice of everyone in the district needs to be heard. Presently only a limited minority voice is being heard. We must listen and respond to the overlooked needs of the Hispanic, Indian, Asian and various religious communities. I have brought these communities together as the Mayor of Lilburn. I will do it again.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Although a lot of cultural change has occurred since we first moved here in the 1980's our community values have remained relatively unchanged. I represent these family values. People want a safe community, great schools, affordable housing and economic opportunities. I will host monthly Town Hall meetings to listen and hear the needs of our communities and inspire hope and confidence that our legislation will lift all of us. I will unite District 108 to give everyone a voice.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

Having lived in Lilburn for 40 years, I served on the Lilburn City Council for 4 years then served as the Mayor of Lilburn for 8 years. I have a track record of building a community where all ethnicities have been served well. Additionally through my leadership and team building strengths we were able to totally transform a sleepy City of Lilburn into the walkable, livable, destination that it is today. Everyone is welcome in Lilburn and we must feel the same throughout the District.

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

Regardless of the issue I will approach the decision making process in the same way. I will work with others in the legislature to study the issue, discuss it, find the liabilities or benefits of the proposed legislation and create an implementation process. For any piece of legislation to get to the Governors desk it requires legislators to work together, talking with one another while thinking about the long term effect of this legislation.

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

During the 8 years that I served as Mayor our records show that under my leadership we reduced crime in Lilburn by 40%. We effectively reduced crime by empowering our Chief of Police, building comrade among our officers, launching a massive plan to begin neighborhood watch

programs, empowered our court to enforce the law, retaining officers through annual pay raise increases, hosting annual Citizens Police Academies and supporting our law enforcement officers. As a member of the Ga House of Representatives I will support all law enforcement agencies.

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

There is a clarifying factor that have well prepared me for this assignment ~ I have been the Mayor of Lilburn. It is not possible to have a prospering district without a prospering City of Lilburn. While presiding over this city for nearly a decade I have been thoroughly connected to all things Lilburn and all things Gwinnett County. I know the institutions and leaders of our county. Through the Gwinnett Chamber of Commence, Leadership Gwinnett, Gwinnett Municipal Association, courts, schools and University system I understand and am very acquainted with the opportunities and challenges we face.