

NAME: Gregg Kennard
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Ga. Senate District 101

1. Why are you seeking your office?

Public policy and legislation impact many social issues I care deeply about. I want to see Georgia work well for everyone who resides here.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Advocate and legislate for strong public education, improvement of literacy, access to higher education, criminal justice reform, economic opportunity, social and racial justice, mental health and substance abuse treatment access.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

Empathy. As a minister, I have connection to a broad range of people of different cultures, ethnicities, sexual orientations, ages, economic ranges, etc.

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

Literacy is a CRISIS in Georgia and that is not an overstatement. Two-thirds of Georgia 3rd-graders are not reading on grade level. Children who can't read proficiently by the end of third grade are more likely to experience poor health, have discipline problems, become teen parents, and drop out of high school. As adults, they're more likely to spend time in prison, struggle with unemployment, and face shorter life expectancies.

I will work on policy and legislation to expand our PreK program so that every Georgia 4-year-old will get the necessary jumpstart into early childhood learning.

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

Bring back the concealed weapon permit that was eliminated last session. Pass a red flag law to identify troubled citizens who are mentally unfit to own/carry a firearm. Raise the age to purchase or own an assault weapon from 18 to 21.

6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background

Gregg Kennard was born in Atlanta and has remained in Georgia his entire life, most of that time residing in Gwinnett County. He attended Bible college and has been in pastoral ministry for over 30 years. In addition, he is a non-profit executive director (working to end homelessness and domestic violence), a John Maxwell life coach, and an

accomplished musician. For Gregg, the most significant role is that of family man. He has been married to his best friend, Pam, for 31 years and is the proud father of Alex, Abbe and Anna.