**NAME:** Jasmine Clark

**PARTY:** Democratic

SEEKING: Ga. House, District 108

## 1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am running for reelection to the Georgia House to continue the fight that I have started over the last two terms. In 2018, I ran in being a science voice for GA and that is what I have done. I've used that science voice to fight for our rights to vote, to bodily autonomy, to access affordable healthcare, to clean air and water, to quality public education, to access to higher education, and to safety from gun violence. Now, unfortunately, many of those rights are under attack and we need someone willing to stand up to the extremists in (100).

# 2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I would continue to legislate as I have my last two terms—holding those in power accountable and fighting for more transparent data for my constituents. I plan to reintroduce common sense legislation that has yet to get a hearing and push back against harmful laws that try to take away our freedoms

### 3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

Right now, I am the only scientist in the Georgia legislature. I believe strongly that it's important to have a diverse set of backgrounds in our legislature—it makes the legislation we write stronger and helps us deliver better for our constituents. I'm proud of what my background has allowed me to do in order to both craft and analyze legislation—I believe it has made a lot of legislation we've passed in my four years at the Capitol a lot stronger.

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

My biggest legislative priority is expanding access to affordable healthcare and keeping our GA hospitals open. That is why I will continue to fight for Medicaid expansion to cover the hundreds of thousands of Georgians that fall into the coverage gap. Additionally, I want to fight for reproductive freedom in Georgia. I will continue to oppose and vote against any further effort to ban abortion or contreceptives in our state. I also plan to introduce proactive legislation that empowers Georgians with access to reproductive healthcare, and removes unnecessary barriers to that care that exist in our current Georgia code.

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

I think we need to institute common sense gun laws in Georgia. In a state that has seen a rise in gun violence, and with gun violence being the number one cause or death of our children, policies such as universal background checks, red flag laws, and gun safety courses would make our communities safer. I will also fight for the repeal of Georgia's new concealed carry law that

has already made us less safe and has had a negative impact on local economies and small business owners in our state.

## 6. Give a 100 word summary on your background

I have a PhD in Microbiology from Emory University and currently lecture there at the School of Nursing. I decided to run for office in 2018 after leading the Atlanta March for Science and unseated the incumbent. I was re-elected in 2020 and currently serve as the Vice Chair of the Gwinnett House Delegation and on the Executive Board of the GA Legislative Black Caucus. I reside in Lilburn and am the mother of two children.