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PARTY: Libertarian
SEEKING: Secretary of State

1. Why am I seeking the Office of Secretary of State.

I have been a volunteer with VoterGA for over eight years and I've learned everything about the vulnerabilities and shortcomings of computerized voting; the lack of security, transparency, and verifiability. I've spent eight years lobbying at the Capitol for a system that is secure, transparent, and verifiable. Running for Secretary of State is the best next step for me to escalate ending the electronic/computerized voting in order to restore election fidelity so that each voter can trust their vote is recorded for their candidate. Voting is the foundation of our Representative Republic and therefore must be honest, accurate and verifiable.

2. What do I expect to accomplish if elected?

My goal is to lawfully restore confidence in our elections through full transparency and verifiability as written into SB 202, allowing public access to ballots and the data necessary to prove the legitimacy of elections. Your vote should count for your candidate and not be turned into a fractionalized, manipulated data point like it is in the computerized systems. My second goal is to be an "ambassador" to attract business and industry to Georgia to grow jobs and the economy. My third goal is to ensure access to Georgia's laws, the Federal laws, and information on becoming successful in business.

3. What distinguishes my candidacy?

In addition to my tenure with VoterGA, I am a GSU Business School graduate. I have the education necessary to fulfill the position. I have over 20 years in IT and database administration experience. The Navy taught me computer and programming skills, but most importantly taught me how to analyze systems. Many components make up our election system and each has vulnerabilities needing improvements to make our elections trustworthy. Also, as a business analyst, I see great opportunities for improvements in many of the SOS functions.

4. Pick and expand on one issue, offer a solution.

Gallup polling showed 59% of voters don't have confidence in the honesty of elections. Hand counting ballots at the precinct level is the time tested and simplest solution. If elected, I will send a memo to all of Georgia's Election Superintendents to rigorously verify signatures and hand count absentee ballots as well as the paper ballots produced by the Ballot Marking Devices, along with strict instructions prohibiting the use of Dominion Tabulators due to their inaccuracy as demonstrated in the 2022 DeKalb County District 2 Primary.

5. What are my ideas on curbing all the many area-wide shooting[s]?

"It takes a good guy with a gun to stop a bad guy with a gun (unless the bad guy is a better shot)"
-Quentin R. Bufogle. "An armed society is a polite society. Manners are good when one may have to back up his acts with his life." Robert A. Heinlein. I am strongly pro-Second Amendment. Bad actors are less likely to engage a person if they think the other person may be armed. Most mass shootings could have been stopped sooner if an armed citizen were present. Look to the Greenwood Park Mall shooting in Indiana as proof.

6. 100-word summary on my background

I had loving, encouraging parents and grew up with a sense of humor, wonder, adventure, and an insatiable desire to learn. The Air Force moved us every 9 to 18 months so I experienced most of America at an early age. Church and Boy Scouts were a huge part of my life. I played guitar in our choir bands. Earning merit badges gave me a broad understanding of many subjects. Both helped me to form my morality, ethics and character and understand my obligation to serve others. I traveled the world in the Navy, and spent 19 years in college.