

NAME: Jaime “Jay” Trevari
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Board of Commissioners, District 2



Why are you seeking your office?

Since 1988, the people who served on the Board reflect the same basic mindset. I will bring a different perspective to the job, I will focus on people we serve instead of things. For ex. It's not about roads, it's about the people who use the road, the people who pay the taxes, etc. I will consider how my actions impact the people who hired me and always remember I work for them and they are my priority.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

A different, more productive way of approaching issues and solving problems. Change the focus from process focused to goal focused. I believe in win-win, not win-lose. When we define and agree on what the goal is, the process loses importance and problems get solved.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

Almost everyday, I go out into the community and ask people what they feel the issues are and then I listen to them and write down what they say. I don't ask what party they are affiliated with, just what concerns them. I feel, as neighbors we have shared concerns and if we are to move Gwinnett forward and solve problems, we have to listen to each other and work together. I have had many people tell me that no one has ever asked them their opinion. That's unacceptable.

What are the key issues in your race?

Failure of the current Board to aggressively enact genuine ethics reforms, lack of accessibility to constituents, disproportionate allocation of our tax dollars, favoring certain areas over others and lack of promoting diversity when opportunities arise, are the primary concerns of the constituents I have listened to during this campaign. Constituent concerns are my issues.

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

Accessibility. I divided the district into 4 areas and have already begun making arrangements to establish a consistent presence in each. For ex: First Wed, in Peachtree Corners/Norcross, 2nd Wed in unincorporated Norcross 3rd Wed, Lilburn and surrounding unincorporated areas, 4th Berkeley Lake etc. No appointments are required; just walk in, sit down and let's talk. The area breakdown or time and day may change after a test

period, but the commitment is set. It will be publicized and people can go to different areas to accommodate their availability.

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

I was born in Columbus, Ga. Growing up I lived in six states, but kept coming back to Ga. I graduated from GSU in 1975, while raising twin sons as a single mom. Joined Southern Bell in 1978 as one of its first female "linemen" and retired in 2009. I am a Gwinnett Master Gardener, Legislative Committee of AARP, GNLI, former treasurer of the Gwinnett LWV and Vice Chair of the GDP, Board of Norcross Meals on Wheels, founder of the Georgia Sustainable Business Coalition, member of SW Gwinnett Chamber, original Board of Norcross Community Garden and more.....