

NAME: Timothy Swiney
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: State Senate, District 9



Why are you seeking your office?

I have a 5 year old son and a 4 year old daughter, they are the reason I'm running. Georgia is ranked as one of the worst states in the nation for the economic security of its residents. Over a third of Georgians are living in poverty. Yet, Republicans are focused on a radical and divisive legislative agenda and neglecting the issues that are most important to the health, well-being, safety and economic future of our children.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Frankly, if Republicans maintain a super-majority in the State Senate, the best I can hope for is to keep the voters informed, rally the public against all these bad bills that keep being introduced, and try to use enough guilt to negotiate with the GOP on important legislation. If we can break this supermajority in the Senate, I hope to work to expand Medicaid, increase the state minimum wage, eliminate the property tax on owner occupied residences, fully fund the public school system, and actually pass real ethics legislation.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

In all honesty, I realize that this is a David vs. Goliath contest with the Republicans having all the advantages. I truly believe that Georgia voters are realizing the destructive nature of single party domination and are sick of the corruption that goes with it. I'm not just running against a Republican opponent, I'm running against the systemic corruption and misguided values of a political party that has dominated Georgia for over a decade. And, I have to point out one important and overlooked fact; in the story of David and Goliath, the David won.

What are the key issues in your race?

Ethics! Georgia was ranked as the worst state in the nation for Ethics, and with good reason. In the decade of Republican domination in Georgia, the Ethics Commission has been dismantled and politicians have been left to police themselves behind closed doors. Second, expanding Medicaid will create over 70,000 jobs, bring \$65+ billion dollars to Georgia over the next decade, and give healthcare to 650,000 of the working poor. It just makes sense for Georgia.

Education. Social Justice, Equality, Jobs, Economy. There are too many issues to be cover in 100 words. Please see my website at www.electTimothy.com

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

Tax Reform. Republicans have completely dominated Georgia for over a decade, if they wanted tax reform we would have had it. The truth is, homeowners and hard-working Georgians are targeted to carry an excessive amount of the tax burden. I support a complete overhaul of the tax code that eliminates both the state income tax and the residential property tax. Under a sales tax system everyone pays a fair share of the tax burden regardless of legal presence, and tax is based on what a person consumes rather than on what they produce.

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

I have been a Real Estate Broker for 7 years working with buyers and sellers of single family residential properties. Prior to that, I worked 29 years as a neonatal-pediatric respiratory specialist, serving in various clinical and leadership roles in the hospital setting. I am the father of two children, a 5-year old boy and 4 year old girl with special needs. Like most Georgians, I want to take government out of our bedrooms and hospital beds, and get back to the people's business of job creation and building a strong economy.