

NAME: Connie Stokes
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Lieutenant Governor



Why are you seeking your office?

I am running for Lt. Governor because Georgians need leaders who will protect education and create jobs, so that people can put food on the table, pay the rent or mortgage, and buy healthcare. I am running to stand up and be a strong voice as LT. Governor in handling the legislative process as bills go through the senate. The constitution defines the role of the Lt. Governor as President of the Senate. I will push for bills to provide opportunities for the people of Georgia to have a better life and a bright future by working on these issues.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Restore cuts to education by bringing back teachers and reducing class size. I expect to save lives by expanding Medicaid to keep the community hospitals open. When Community hospitals have closed 30 percent of the people lose their jobs. Research as shown us that if people cannot get to the hospital in time in many instances they will die. Medicaid expansion will provide healthcare to hundreds of thousands of people who cannot currently afford healthcare.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

I have the courage to stand up and speak put on critical issues. The people of Georgia want leaders who will be a voice of what is best for the people. I have been speaking out on touch issues for a long time serving for ten years as a state senator and six years as a county commissioner. I have received many awards for the courage to lead on critical issues like "Gendar Justice" award for speaking out for women and families.

What are the key issues in your race?

The billion dollar cuts to education by furloughing teachers, and increasing class sizes. The lack of leadership on Medicaid expansion causing Georgians to miss out on over 70,000 new jobs, causing community hospitals to suffer and close, causing our state to miss out on over 40 billion dollars coming into the Georgia economy. Additional cuts to Hope Grants and Hope Scholarships leave students in limbo when they are trying to graduate from university or technical college. Open and honest Government is important because people want to trust their government and feel that the people they elect follow the rules.

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

I will work to expand Medicaid because we need jobs right now. I will advocate for bringing in the estimated 70,000 jobs for the people of Georgia. These jobs are not all in healthcare. They are in different industries as well as different parts of the state. I will work not just on the jobs component, but the healthcare as well. I will work to get a bill passed through the senate using the power of presiding and the bully pulpit to bring attention to the benefits of expanding Medicaid and the tremendous economic impact for Georgia.

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

I believe that if people have the opportunity to do something with their life they will. I have worked hard all of my life since I was just a young girl working in a factory with my grandmother who raised me, because my mom was an alcoholic and I never knew my father. Living in this state I have been able to graduate from high school as a teen mom, earn an undergraduate and a graduate degree. Serve sixteen years as a senator, and commissioner. I want to work for you I will be so honored to have your vote.