

COMMISSION DISTRICT 5

Questionnaire Received

Jared Bailey
4/4/2018 0:21:53

Tim Denson
4/3/2018 15:27:12

Are you a Democrat?

Yes

Yes

If elected, will you work to enact the ACCDC platform?

Yes

Yes

Have you ever been a member of the ACCDC? If you have, please indicate your years of service and describe your work with the ACCDC

Yes, I was a member for a year in 2010.

Yes. I am currently a Committee Member and have been since 2016. I have helped with membership development and candidate recruitment. I also was awarded "Advocate of the Month" by ACCDC in 2015 for the successful campaign to get our transit system running on Sundays.

Please list all campaigns you have worked on, regardless of party affiliation, in either a volunteer or staff member capacity, on either the federal, state, or local level, and briefly describe your work on each.

ACC Mayoral Race 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006- volunteer
ACC District 5 Race 2010, 2014, 2018- candidate

2004 - volunteered with the John Kerry (D) for President campaign in Florida
2008 - volunteered with the Obama (D) for President campaign (phonebanking)
2014 - I ran for Mayor of ACC on a bold, progressive platform
2014 - I volunteered for Melissa Link's Commission campaign (canvassing, policy)
2016 - I was part of the Keep Georgia Schools Local coalition working on stopping Amendment 1 (phonebanking, volunteer recruitment, messaging, social media, delivering yard signs, volunteer training)
2017 - I volunteered for Vincent Fort (D) for Mayor of Atlanta (fundraising, phonebanking)
2017 - I volunteered on the Deborah Gonzalez (D) campaign (canvassing, phonebanking, policy)
2017 - I volunteered on the Jonathan Wallace (D) campaign (canvassing)
2017 - I worked with the Committee to pass TSPLOST (I cowrote one of the passing proposals [bus service on US 29], delivered yard signs, phonebanking, canvassing)

Please describe any work you have done in your community, either in Athens-Clarke County or elsewhere, in support of progressive causes.

Athens-Clarke County Commissioner for District 5 2011-2018.
See the list for the next question below for other information.

Tim Denson was integral in the campaigns for Sunday Bus Service, Living Wages for Athens-Clarke County Workers, an Athens Civil Rights Committee, and Athens Transit's move toward hybrid-engine buses. Tim has helped organize and facilitate massive marches, protests, community meetings, and issue discussions, including the What Now? Organize gathering that engaged over 500 attendees from across the state in a proactive discussion following the 2016 election; the Day of Resistance march where nearly 5,000 people took to the streets of Athens; and the Northeast Georgia Healthcare Summit. Tim has worked to influence legislation, as well, successfully advocating against potentially damaging laws and policies like the Athens public curfew law and Georgia's campus rape bill.

Please list organizations and/or causes you have been involved with in any kind of substantial way.

Arts
Arts and Economic Prosperity Partners- Co-chair- 2011-2012
Athens Area Arts Council- Founding Board Member 1996-2003, President 2001-2003
Athens Area Chamber of Commerce- Chair Arts-As-Industry Task Force 1991
Canopy Studios - Treasurer 2004-2007
Morton Theatre Corporation Board - Treasurer 2004-2008
Community
Athens Bar and Restaurant Association- Secretary 1993-1994, President 1994-1995
Athens Non-Profit Holiday Charity Coalition - Chair 2005-2007
Community Connection Latino Advisory Committee-Chair 2006-2007
Downtown Athens Business Association - President 2007-2014
Jeannette Rankin Foundation- High Hat Fundraiser Committee- 2010-2013
Economic Development
Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau - Advisory Board 2006-Present
Athens-Clarke County Atlanta Highway Corridor Study Committee- Member 2012-Present
Athens-Clarke County Economic Development Foundation- Board 2005-2007
Athens-Clarke County Entrepreneur Friendly Designation Task Force - Chair 2006-2007
NEGA Regional Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Committee- 2012
Governmental
Athens-Clarke County Audit Committee- Member 2011-Governmental
Athens-Clarke County Audit Committee- Member 2011-Present, Chair 2011-2012
Athens-Clarke County Community Oriented Police – Chair, Alcohol Issues Committee 1994-1998
Athens-Clarke County Government Operations Committee- Board 2011-Present
Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services - Advisory Board 2006-2010

-Occupy Athens (2011-2013) - spotlighting income inequality in Athens; successfully stopped the Public Curfew Ordinance that would have negatively effected the Athens homeless population
-Occupy Congress (2012) - organizing a massive protest at our Nation's Capitol & organized meetings between constituents and Georgia Congressmen
- Georgians for Local Economic Control (GLEC) - advocating for Georgia municipalities to be able to set their own minimum wages
- Athens for Everyone - cofounded and served as President and Organization Coordinator (2014-2017)
- Moral Monday Georgia (2015-2016) - I worked on steering committee and was arrested as part of a civil disobedience
- Athens Anti-Discrimination Movement - consulted, helped organize actions, policy
- Athens Immigration Rights Coalition - member and advocate
- Georgians for a Healthy Future - advocate and lobbying for healthcare access for Georgians action demanding the expansion of Medicaid in Georgia
- Clarke County NAACP - Member since 2016; have helped organize protests-Occupy Athens (2011-2013) - spotlighting income inequality in Athens; successfully stopped the Public Curfew Ordinance that would have negatively effected the Athens homeless population
-Occupy Congress (2012) - organizing a massive protest at our Nation's Capitol & organized meetings between constituents and Georgia Congressmen
- Georgians for Local Economic Control (GLEC) - advocating for Georgia municipalities to be able to set their own minimum wages
- Athens for Everyone - cofounded and served as President and Organization Coordinator (2014-2017)
- Moral Monday Georgia (2015-2016) - I worked on steering committee

Athens-Clarke County Public Facilities Authority – Member
 2013- Present
 Clarke County Superior Court Grand Jury - Foreman 1997
 Health
 Athens-Clarke County Teen Pregnancy Prevention Task Force -
 Chair 1995-1997
 Clarke County Board of Health- Chair 2011-Present
 Mental Health Association of NEGA - Board 1994-1997,
 President 1995, State Board Delegate 1996
 NEGA Homeless Coalition- Member 2005-2007
 Natural Resources
 Clarke County Wildlife Association- Vice President 2002-2003
 Georgia Museum of Natural History – Member 2014-Present
 The Orianna Society, Member 2012-Present
 Southeast Deer Study Group Association - National
 Convention Committee 1999-2001
 State Botanical Garden of Georgia Member 2012-Present
 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Florida Panther Recovery Team -
 Board 2002-2003

Safe and Prosperous Community for all Citizens
 Neighborhood Empowerment and Engagement
 Effective Stewardship of all Community Resources
 Open and Inclusive Government

- Facilitating resident engagement with the County Government through active communication, continuation of canvassing, and creation of monthly District 5 Assemblies.
- Focusing on racial and social justice policies including the creation of an Athens Civil Rights Committee
- Criminal justice reform package including marijuana decriminalization, cash bail reform, and no longer working with for-profit prison companies.
- Focusing Economic Development on working-class Athenians through policies such as a fare-free public transit system,.
- Protecting the environment by having the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government commit to 100% renewable energy by 2035

If elected, what will be your policy priorities? Please describe 3 - 5 priorities.

Does your campaign have a platform? If so, please include a link here.

If for some reason this link does not work correctly please contact me and I will gladly supply a copy of my platform.
https://www.facebook.com/ReelectJaredDistrict5/?hc_ref=ARTi72nMrECFwbkwl7nIVfsrPHffORNWn707BHOWK3aYZnFuDAcvTHmRQG5lizss4dA&fref=nf

As all good candidates should,
<http://www.timdensonforathens.com/platform/>

Do you support raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour?

Yes

Yes

Do you support making it easier for workers to organize and join unions?

Yes

Yes

Will you support policies aimed at increasing the stock of affordable housing in in-town neighborhoods and making home-ownership more possible for ACC's low-income residents?	Yes	Yes
Would you support initiatives to help keep longtime Athens residents in their homes -- people who are in danger of being pushed out of their neighborhoods by gentrification and rising taxes?	Yes	Yes
Do you support equal pay for equal work for women?	Yes	Yes
Should marijuana be removed from the list of "Schedule 1" federal controlled substances?	Yes	Yes
Should local law enforcement agencies be required to assist federal immigration law enforcement agencies with deportations?	No	No
Should military-style weapons be accessible to civilians?	No	No
Do you support repealing the Campus Carry law?	Yes	Yes
Do you support incentivizing investments in clean energy and ending tax breaks and other perks for fossil fuel companies?	Yes	Yes
Do you support increasing protections for wetlands buffers to help keep our waterways uncontaminated?	Yes	Yes
Do you support comprehensive non-discrimination legislation in ACC?	Yes	Yes
Should it be illegal for public businesses and institutions to discriminate against LGBTQ people?	Yes	Yes
Do you support the expansion of Medicaid in Georgia?	Yes	Yes

Do you support the goal of Universal healthcare – healthcare as a fundamental human right for every American?

Yes

Yes

Should all state education funds should be directed to public schools?

Yes

Yes

What are your thoughts about how to secure safe schools for all students?

Gun control first--ban assault weapons, mandatory firearms licensing & training, mandatory background checks, prohibit gun ownership for domestic violence offenders & those with a history of dangerous mental health conditions. Remove the stigma of mental illness, encourage outreach, enable access to counseling & treatment

First, we must deal with the underlying causes for these tragedies. We must have healthcare, including mental healthcare, accessible to all. As part of that, we must fight the stigma that surrounds mental health. We must be sure that there is adequate counseling available at all schools and that there is funding and training for teachers and administrators to recognize warning signs and be able to reach out to students and effectively communicate with them.

We also need to shut down loopholes that make it easy for people to get a hold of dangerous weapons so quickly, such as at gun shows. We also need to put in place real universal background checks and waiting periods.

Do you support the current Teacher Retirement System of Georgia?

Yes

Yes

Should legislation requiring electoral districts be drawn by an independent, nonpartisan redistricting commission?

Yes

Yes

Do you support restoring the full protections of the Voters Rights Act?

Yes

Yes