

MAYOR of ATHENS

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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. Prior to membership on the committee, and continuing now, I have volunteered for multiple local, state, and national elections, including canvassing, fundraising, providing rides to polls, and other activities.

YES, MORE THAN 30 YEARS. TREASURER, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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.

Work has included - - 2000 Ralph Nader for President - fundraising, 2002 George Maxwell for County Commissioner - volunteer work assembling voter data, 2004 Democratic Party slate - canvassed and provided rides to polls, 2006 - successfully ran for local office, 2008 - Barack Obama for President - canvassed, 2012 - Barack Obama for President - canvassed, 2014 - Rachel Watkins for County Commission - canvassed.

1988 RAN AS DELEGATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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

1992-1994 - founding member of In Support of Children, a Norfolk, VA nonprofit aimed at nonviolent support for children, 1997-present - public educator in middle and high schools in Athens, 1999-2000 - sought environmentally beneficial zoning policy, 2007-present - work as County Commissioner toward an inclusive, sustainable community.

25 YEARS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 2 1/2 YEARS CITY COUNCILMAN

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

Cancer Foundation of Northeast Georgia - past board member (including coordination and development of TRI for Athens fundraiser), Family Connection/Communities in Schools of Athens - past board member, Keep Athens Clarke County Beautiful - past board member, Greenpeace - member and supporter, Amnesty International - member and supporter

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

Interwoven community development, including: 1) developing and supporting a range of accessible, integrated housing; 2) business development and entrepreneurship support, including creating a more accessible Athens-Clarke County Unified Government; 3) youth development support, including significant job training for public and private entities; 4) mobility/transportation improvements throughout the county; 5) enhancement and preservation of natural resources

PUBLIC SAFETY, JOB CREATION, LIVABLE WAGE

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

<https://votegirtz.com/vision/>

YES SEE WEB SITE

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 Yes

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 be directed to public schools? Yes Yes

What are your thoughts about how to secure safe schools for all students? School safety is enhanced through: 1) broadly supportive communities, including job opportunities, support for (physical and mental) health needs 2) safety measures including comprehensive background checks and limiting military-purpose weapons and high-capacity ammunition clips WE SHOULD ALL WE CAN TO NSURE SCHOOLS ARE SAFE. IF THAT MEANS ADDING MORE RESOURCE OFFICERS THEN WE SHOULD.

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