

# JASMINE CLARK

GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES | DISTRICT 108



At a young age, Rep. Jasmine Clark realized her passion for the sciences and aspired to follow in her father's footsteps to become a doctor. She received a Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Microbiology from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. After publishing her work on retroviral particle tracking using live cell imaging microscopy, she went on to earn a Doctorate in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics from Emory University's Laney Graduate School in 2013. Subsequently, she completed a Postdoctoral project at Emory University, studying high-throughput sequencing of HIV

patient samples. Jasmine currently serves as a Lecturer of Microbiology and Human Anatomy and Physiology at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University. In 2018, she ran for the Georgia State House on the platform that her scientific background would add a unique and refreshing perspective to the legislature. She currently serves as the Representative to House District 108, covering the Lilburn and Mountain Park areas of Gwinnett County.

As a first-term legislator, Jasmine's agenda has been focused on education, voting rights, reproductive rights, environmental protection, common sense gun reform, and healthcare. Jasmine is the primary sponsor on HB 133, which seeks medically accurate sex education that includes accurate information regarding HIV prevention. She is also a top sponsor of dozens of bills that reflect constituent issues and concerns, as well as her own core values.

Along with her academic and professional accomplishments, Jasmine is a mother of two and has been involved in community organizing and activism. She served as the Director of the March for Science held in Atlanta in April 2017. She then continued to work with other groups, including the Georgia Alliance for Social Justice, to advocate for social justice. Jasmine believes that an inclusive Georgia is a thriving Georgia, and that there is no place for divisive rhetoric and discriminatory practices in Georgia's future.

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## ON THE ISSUES

### ON AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

Georgia's healthcare system is in critical condition; the state has among the highest rates of uninsured residents in the country. In Gwinnett County alone, more than 100,000 residents are uninsured. The state's refusal to expand Medicaid has resulted in a large number of Georgians left without viable insurance options, and many rural hospitals having to shutter their doors. Jasmine believes that access to affordable healthcare is a right. She will continue to fight for policies that ensure access to healthcare for all Georgians. Jasmine also believes that reproductive care is healthcare. Laws that seek to strip away women's bodily autonomy and allow government intrusion on private medical matters are unconstitutional and unnecessary. Jasmine holds that Georgians should have access to safe, legal abortions as is granted to them by the Constitution (Roe v. Wade).

### ON EDUCATION

Serving as a faculty member at some of Georgia's top universities, Jasmine is particularly passionate about education. She believes that all children, regardless of race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status, should have access to a quality education. Jasmine believes that Georgia, whose education system ranks 38th in the nation, must invest more in its public education. Jasmine will invest in Georgia's students and educators by dedicating more dollars per student in the state budget and increasing teacher pay.

### ON JOBS AND WAGES

Jasmine believes that it is unconscionable that there are so many Georgia residents that work more than 40 hours a week, sometimes at multiple jobs, but still cannot afford everyday necessities. Wages in Georgia have not kept pace with the state's cost of living, and it



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is time we as a State take time to fix it. Jasmine believes that workable solutions can be achieved through collaboration with the business community, including small business owners.

## ON GUNS

Gun violence in the US has become a staggering public health issue, and it needs to be addressed. While sweeping changes on the federal level are long overdue, there is also plenty of work to be done on the state level. This includes closing loopholes that allow individuals to curtail background checks, as well as mandatory gun licensing. Jasmine believes that Georgia should increase the minimum age for purchasing a gun to 21. Georgia needs legislators that understand that enacting common sense gun laws and protecting Second Amendment rights are not mutually exclusive.

## ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Jasmine believes that Earth is our home and we must protect it. There is overwhelming scientific evidence that without willful intervention, there could be catastrophic consequences of climate change across the globe. Now is the time for Georgia to invest in renewable energy. Not only will this help Georgians contribute to the global effort to reduce carbon emissions, but it will also bring economic growth to the state.

## ON REDISTRICTING

Jasmine is a proponent of creating an independent nonpartisan redistricting commission in Georgia. Gerrymandering disenfranchises voters and is antithetical to democracy. She believes that an independent nonpartisan redistricting commission is the best way to protect democracy.

## ABOUT THE DISTRICT

**Nested Congressional Districts**  
GA-4 (D+24), GA-7 (R+9)

Georgia State House District 108 is located in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area and includes the suburbs of Lilburn and Mountain Park. The district is in Gwinnett County and is currently represented by Democrat Jasmine Clark. There are 59,018 residents in the 108th District. Georgia state representatives represent an average of 53,820 residents. The state has grown; after the 2000 Census, each member represented 48,980 residents.

## PAST RESULTS IN THE DISTRICT

2018 GUBERNATORIAL  
Democrat: 52.1%  
Republican: 46.4%

2018 CONGRESSIONAL  
Democrat: 51.9%  
Republican: 48.1%

2016 PRESIDENTIAL  
Democrat: 48.10%  
Republican: 47.65%

2012 PRESIDENTIAL  
Democrat: 38.64%  
Republican: 59.74%

## DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Population	Households	Over 65	White	Black	Latinx	Asian	Other	Median Income	% Poverty	% Unemployment	% College	% HS Grad	% No HS
59,018	19,026	12.8%	40.8%	18.7%	21.4%	15.5%	.8%	\$63,391	13.4%	3.7%	45.8%	38.7%	15.5%

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## ABOUT THE OPPONENT

Democratic incumbent Jasmine Clark is being challenged by Republican Johnny Crist, who was Mayor of Lilburn for 8 years before giving up his seat in January 2020 to run for the State House. Crist is a radical Republican whose platform is far too extreme for the 108th District. He was designated a [Certified Pro-Life candidate by the Georgia Life Alliance](#), and has made his anti-choice stances the center of his campaign.

He also takes an extremely conservative position on gun control, stating on his campaign website, "the Second Amendment is foundational to all other Constitutional rights." If elected to the State House, he has made it clear that plans to vote against all common sense gun control measures.

## WHY THIS RACE IS IMPORTANT

Georgia's state legislature is poised for Democratic gains. Despite rampant voter suppression and racial gerrymandering by Republicans, Democrats were able to flip 11 seats in the House and 2 in the Senate in 2018. And Democrat Stacey Abrams within 1.5% of becoming the nation's first African-American woman to be elected as Governor.

These are 'last chance' races: whoever is elected to the state legislature in 2020 will draw the next round of district lines. It is our last chance to build power in Georgia's legislature ahead of redistricting, which has implications for the next entire decade.

## WHY GEORGIA IS IMPORTANT

### GEORGIA FAST FACTS

- **Current Control:** Republican Trifecta (Since 2005)
- **Gubernatorial Election:** Not up in 2020
- **Length of State Senate and House Terms:** 2 years
- **Candidate Filing Deadline:** March 6, 2020
- **State Legislative Primary Date:** May 19, 2020; Run-offs July 21, 2020 (subject to further delay)
- **Redistricting:** State legislature controls Congressional and state legislative redistricting; Governor has veto power over maps
- **Electoral College Votes:** 16

### BROADER 2020 OPPORTUNITIES

Georgia is becoming more purple – and it has important implications for the presidential election. While Romney carried Georgia by nearly 8 points in 2012, Trump's win was by 5 points just four years later. And since then, demographic and partisan shifts have continued to swing in our favor, as evidenced by Stacey Abrams' narrow 1.5-pt loss for the Governorship in 2018, and Democrats' 11-seat pickup in the State House that year.

There are also two important, competitive Senate races in GA this year (R-Perdue, and R-Loeffler), as well as two very competitive Congressional races (GA-06 and GA-07).

Working to support GA state legislative candidates will be instrumental in helping drive turnout up and down the ticket in this historic election year.