



GEORGIA FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

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The Voice of Law Enforcement Professionals: The Fraternal Order of Police is the world's largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers, with more than 2,100 local lodges and over 356,000 members. We are the voice of those who dedicate their lives to protecting and serving our communities. We are committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those we serve through education, legislation, information, community involvement, and employee representation. No one knows the dangers and the difficulties faced by today's police officers better than another officer, and no one knows police officers better than the FOP. Founded in 1915, we are still "Building on a Proud Tradition."

The Georgia Fraternal Order of Police is made up of local Lodges and members spread out around the State of Georgia.

Each election cycle, The Georgia FOP seeks to endorse candidates whose priorities align with ours. The first step in this process is a questionnaire that is presented to the candidates who are seeking office in statewide races. The returned questionnaires will be posted for the FOP membership's review and consideration. Ballots will then be mailed to the membership. Once the ballots are returned and tallied, the Candidate receiving the majority of the votes will receive the endorsement of the FOP.



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I have attached the questionnaire for your consideration. The questionnaire, once completed, and be returned via email to captcall@fop.net. I ask the questionnaire to be returned no later than July 28, 2022.

Sincerely,

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To earn the endorsement of our members, we expect candidates to share our values and articulate how they would use their position to enact laws that protect and stop laws that erode the rights and quality of life of Law Enforcement Officers. Your responses to the following questions will help us determine where our priorities align.

1. In your view, what is the biggest Public Safety challenge facing our State.

Public Safety has several challenges, but I believe the biggest issue is the failure of people to recognize the value of our law enforcement. When citizens no longer respect the law enforcement community and refuse to respect their authority, the importance of their contribution to society, and the value our officers provide, then a crisis occurs. This creates an environment that makes retention and recruitment in the law enforcement community nearly impossible. If the lack of respect and increased stress was not bad enough, now officers are subject to retaliation from the courts or worse targeted by criminals for simply trying to protect the public.

2. What is your vision for the Georgia Department of Labor's interaction with Law Enforcement?

I am a huge advocate of our law enforcement community evidenced by 65 current sheriff endorsements. I also have developed a strong friendship and working relationship with Terry Norris from the Sheriff's association.

As a Senator, I successfully passed legislation that was favorable to the law enforcement community including allowing a retired peace officer to keep their service weapon. This year, I introduced a bill that would allow expedited licensing to a law enforcement officer's spouse, and I was outspoken about fully funding the police!

As the Commissioner of Labor, I will ensure unemployment claims are processed in an expedited manor, so the unemployed can pay their bills and hopefully not resort to crime. I will also institute a task force charged with working directly with the law enforcement community to help with recruitment. I will also appoint a liaison responsible to assist families of the law enforcement community with their needs.

3. What qualifies you as the best candidate for the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Labor?

I grew up in a very dysfunctional family in rural Montana where alcohol and drug abuse permeated and ultimately destroyed my family unit, so I understand how important a stable home life is. I have often said that I didn't grow up with a silver spoon rather a broken plastic fork, but at 18, I made a choice to change the trajectory of my life and my future family. Together with the Lord's help, I started several companies in the SE that I have sold or still own and effectively changed the course for my family and future generations.

I am strong leader that understands processes, people, and efficiencies, and believe the government is not the answer; human capital is the answer. I plan to turn the DOL into a Job generator rather than an unemployment office, and my background and experience turning around companies is the leadership style "in my humble opinion" needed to fix this broken agency.

4. Why should the Members of the Georgia Fraternal Order of Police support your candidacy?

It is no secret that the Democratic party has openly stated as well as actively moved to defund or restrict our law enforcement. They openly berated members of the police department in public and on the media, and do not believe the men and women in blue should be equipped to enforce the laws of the land. I believe that with the erosion of law and order, we not only become less safe, but we lose our freedoms. For that reason, I would be honored to receive the endorsement and support from the hard-working men and women that put their lives on the line each and every day for me and everyone (regardless of their political affiliation) in our great state.

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