



September 2018 Newsletter

It is important to take time and "smell the roses" as we look forward into fall. The success in Georgia is extraordinary and we are blessed. During a campaign season often people will focus on the negative or sensationalize issues. I focus my attention on fixing problems, celebrating success and leading with a positive message.

I often talk about my family in this section of my newsletter. I am very proud of my wife Kari and sons. We also have four legged family members, Hudson and Brooklyn. Both are rescue dogs whom we love dearly. They have a great personality and offer the best greeting when I arrive home each day.



End Human Trafficking

As the Chairman of Public Safety in the Senate, I am working tirelessly to end this atrocity. My friend and fellow Rotarian Dave McCleary is a hero in bringing the awareness and solutions. We have worked together to pass legislation, focus resources and appropriate budget dollars. We will continue this battle until all people can live free.



Fulton Property Tax Reform

I have been leading the effort to fix this problem although the cause is coming from Fulton County. I led the charge working with my colleagues earlier this year to pass important legislation to solve this problem moving forward and I need your help!

Please be sure to **vote "YES" on the three ballot questions** this November to cap property taxes starting in 2019. This will also reset your home value to the lowest amount of the values during

2016, 2017 and 2018. If these questions pass, your value can never increase more than 3% or the CPI, whichever is lower. This will help protect our families and homeowners moving forward. The third question will help senior citizens aged 65 and older receive a homestead exemption up to \$50,000.

- ✓ Do you approve a new homestead exemption from Fulton County school district property taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the difference between the current year assessed value of a home and its lowest base year value, provided that the lowest base year value will be adjusted yearly by the lesser of 3 percent or the inflation rate?"
- ✓ Do you approve a new homestead exemption from "Your City" property taxes for city purposes in the amount of the difference between the current year assessed value of a home and its lowest base year value, provided that the lowest base year value will be adjusted yearly by the lesser of 3 percent or the inflation rate?"
- ✓ Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from Fulton County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of \$50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are older than 65 years of age?"
- ✓ John Albers, Senator District 56

Campaign Season

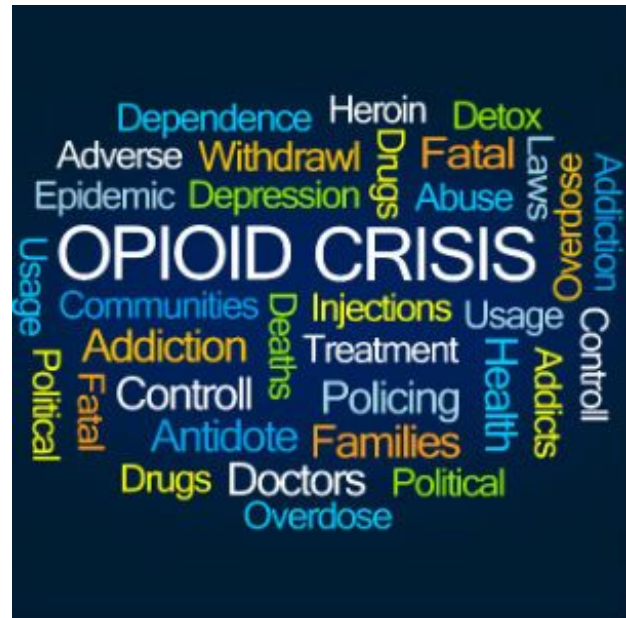
It has been my honor and privilege to serve you in the Georgia Senate. I am running for re-election this November and would sincerely appreciate your support. During my tenure, I have sponsored critical legislation and budget items helping our families, businesses, first responders, veterans, schools, senior citizens, roads and more. Georgia is leading the way and we want to continue the momentum. If you would like a yard sign and/or are willing to help my campaign, please send me an email to: helpjohn@senatorialbers.com.



Opioids...

According to numbers tabulated and verified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is a growing epidemic that "killed more Americans in one year than the entire Vietnam War". This epidemic now kills approximately 1,000 people in Georgia each year. While your immediate thought might be that this epidemic is referring to vehicle accidents, heart disease or cancer, it is not. The growing epidemic I am referring to is drug overdoses resulting from abuse of illicit drugs and prescription opioids.

This past session, we focused on appropriating funds to assist the law enforcement community with their efforts to combat the opioid epidemic in Georgia. As chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice and Public Safety Appropriations Subcommittee, I am proud we appropriated around \$2.3 million in the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) budget for 11 positions to expand drug enforcement task forces statewide. Additionally, \$4 million was appropriated to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to provide substance abuse recovery programs. I am committed and leading the way to solve this critical issue.



Super Bowl & Cause

We have so many wonderful charities in North Fulton. As a proud member of Roswell Rotary, we support many of them with our annual fund raiser. This year is very special with hosting the Super Bowl and great opportunity. Go Falcons!

Your Chance to Win
**2 TICKETS TO
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