



## Georgia House of Representatives, District 71

**General Election: November 3, 2020**

**Early Voting: October 12 - 30, 2020**

Candidate	Philip Singleton (R - Incumbent)	Jill Prouty (D)
<b># Years in District/County</b>	3+ years	23 years
<b>Education</b>	BA History - Georgia State University MS Aeronautical Science - Embry Riddle MA International Relations - Webster University	BA - University of Nebraska-Lincoln MSLS - Clarion University of Pennsylvania
<b>Work/Professional Experience</b>	15 Years in the US Army 3 Years at PSA Airlines (Airline Captain)	Library Administrator, City of Peachtree City; CFO, Kuhns Enterprises, Inc. dba Jersey Mike's Subs
<b>Community Service / Volunteerism</b>	Fayette Humane Society	Support of numerous local organizations and charities through Jersey Mike's. (It's part of our corporate culture.) I am also a member of the Patient-Family Advisory Committee at Piedmont Fayette Hospital.
<b>Political Experience</b>	Current State Rep. for HD-71	2019 Democratic candidate for Georgia House District 71 special election.
<b>Question 1</b> Describe what you believe makes Coweta County most appealing to both current and future residents.	Georgia's economy and job growth. Strong conservative government that gives its citizens the freedom to live their lives. Amazing community with a safe family-friendly environment and outstanding schools.	We have the best of both worlds in Coweta County. Great schools and plenty of greenspace and recreational opportunities for families. Attractive to industry, easy access to I-85 and Hartsfield-Jackson, and a hospital with an excellent reputation. Big city amenities with a small-town feel.
<b>Question 2</b> What top 3 assets does Coweta possess which attract new business and	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Permissive tax climate.</li> <li>2. AAA state bond rating.</li> <li>3. Engaged and effective Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An educated/well-trained citizenry.</li> <li>2. Access to I-85 and Hartsfield-Jackson.</li> <li>3. Reasonably priced property with room to expand.</li> </ol>

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stimulate growth of existing businesses?		
<b>Question 3</b> What do you think are the top challenges that could prevent economic prosperity and business growth?	Over leveraging of state bonds and increased debt to GDP spending would hurt our AAA bond rating. Over regulation of industry and skilled workers will also limit growth.	Close-mindedness. Economic prosperity requires people to expand their thinking. If you do what you always did, you'll get what you always got. We must embrace new ideas in order to move Coweta forward. Worthwhile projects don't just magically happen. We have to be willing to make long-term investments for better roads, better schools, and better development.
<b>Question 4</b> Describe how you would use your elected position to promote business growth and economic prosperity in Coweta County.	Deregulation and tax liability predictability will both help bring new growth.	I would advocate for Coweta County by working with the Development Authority, the Chamber, and the CVB to attract industry with higher-paying jobs. This would include developing initiatives for workforce development.
<b>Question 5</b> Describe your top priority in this role and how you might approach accomplishing it.	Deregulation. I am working on some things with my colleagues on the regulated industries committee to streamline and eliminate unnecessary red tape.	My top priority in the State House would be CON reform so that we can build more in-patient psychiatric care facilities in Georgia. Medicare expansion goes along with that. It is a no-brainer as far as business decisions go. We are leaving federal dollars on the table.
<b>Question 6</b> Can you think of anything further that could have been done by the state or governor in response to the current COVID-19 crisis?	I would have preferred that the Governor NOT directed the restrictions in a statewide mandate, but left the decisions to local leaders. ATL and Coweta have very different demographics, social patters, and density. Our requirements are far different.	The state response to COVID has been wishy-washy at best. Masks should have been mandated. Although impossible to enforce, the governor had an opportunity for stronger messaging that could have saved lives. Instead, he capitulated for political brownie points. This is not over by a long shot.
<b>Question 7</b> What policies should the state create to ensure future economic and	We need to amend Georgia code on emergency powers. The way the code is written, the governor can extend his powers indefinitely without ratification by the General Assembly. I believe they should automatically sunset unless reauthorized by the state of Georgia.	The first thing they must do is restore public trust in our science/medical community. They should bring our top health experts to the table to devise a plan to contain the pathogen and develop a coordinated response with medical providers/hospitals and local governments. Economically, the

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health/well-being safety in future pandemics?		state should work with the business community on how to safely continue operations and/or develop new service delivery strategies in the likely event of a future pandemic.