



Georgia House of Representatives, District 72

General Election: November 3, 2020

Early Voting: October 12 - 30, 2020

Candidate	Josh Bonner (R - Incumbent)	Fred Rovner (D)
# Years in District/County	40 years	17-18 years
Education	BA in Communications from the University of Georgia	Post-graduate Education and teaching certifications Master of Science, Family Practice (Nurse Practitioner)
Work/Professional Experience	Owner of a commercial asset management firm specializing in property management, leasing and sales. In addition, I serve as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves.	Soldier U.S. Army Infantry officer, 8 years (Vietnam) Teacher and university lecturer 12 years Practitioner (Emergency & Family) 20+ years
Community Service / Volunteerism	I currently serve as the Board Chair for The Eden Project, a veteran-focused non-profit dedicated to helping service members transition to civilian life. My wife and I teach juniors and seniors in the Youth Ministry of New Hope Baptist Church where I also serve as a deacon.	Kerr indigent care clinic Member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners President of home owners association Mentor for Coweta Veterans Treatment court Medical Reserve Corp of Georgia (MRC)
Political Experience	I have served the citizens of House District 72 since 2017. Previously I served on the Georgia Real Estate Commission and am a former Chairman of the Fayette County Republican Party.	I have been actively involved in various political campaigns starting with the 1964 Goldwater for President campaign, but have never held a public office.
Question 1 Describe what you believe makes Coweta County most appealing to both current and future residents.	Coweta County has much to offer. In addition to close proximity to the airport and Atlanta, Coweta offers a number of family-friendly communities with a high quality of life and access to a wide range of quality educational opportunities and world-class healthcare.	Availability of wide range of modern services; a semi-rural and quiet feel. Affordable, and near Atlanta with good transportation.

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<p>Question 2 What top 3 assets does Coweta possess which attract new business and stimulate growth of existing businesses?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to a high-quality workforce 2. Access to major logistic lines (interstate, airport, ports) 3. Business-friendly environment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proximity to Atlanta 2. Good services, especially medical facilities 3. Affluent but affordable
<p>Question 3 What do you think are the top challenges that could prevent economic prosperity and business growth?</p>	<p>The top challenges to increased economic prosperity and business growth are burdensome regulation, an onerous tax policy, and lack of a trained workforce. Under Republican leadership, Georgia has been named as the number one state in which to do business for seven years in a row. We have reduced regulations, lowered taxes, and created a family-friendly environment that attracts corporate investment.</p>	<p>Improving infrastructure in a changing world. Education options for families and for businesses. Changing climate.</p>
<p>Question 4 Describe how you would use your elected position to promote business growth and economic prosperity in Coweta County.</p>	<p>One issue highlighted by the pandemic is access to reliable internet services. We still have areas within Coweta County that do not have service. I will continue to work with the state and internet providers to ensure every resident has access to high speed internet services.</p>	<p>Work to improve infrastructure for an increasing population and changing climate. Improved and expanded healthcare availability. More funding for our schools.</p>
<p>Question 5 Describe your top priority in this role and how you might approach accomplishing it.</p>	<p>My top priority in government service is to ensure our community remains the best place in the country to raise a family, start a business, and fulfill the American dream. I have consistently supported legislation to improve our state's ability to attract new industry, reduce the burden on existing businesses, and provide a highly-trained workforce.</p>	<p>Expanding Medicaid, improved and expanded healthcare availability, and support for Georgia's rural hospitals. I will work with anyone of good will to improve the lives of all of us.</p>
<p>Question 6 Can you think of anything further that could have been done by the state or governor in response to the current COVID-19 crisis?</p>	<p>The response by Governor Kemp has been exemplary. He has balanced the need to protect both the lives and livelihoods of Georgia citizens during this pandemic. He did not give in to the detrimental idea of shutting down our state's economy, which would have devastated our community. In particular, the Governor's decisive action in mobilizing our state's National Guard saved countless lives. The men and women of</p>	<p>A book could be written about the failures of our state government, but for starters what was needed was a more comprehensive, thoughtful, and aggressive approach to public health measures. Expanded and better testing and a serious effort to provide the front-line healthcare workforce with proper equipment. We have lost many of our best and bravest due to lack of support and safe working conditions. Some of those lost were friends and colleagues of mine.</p>

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	our National Guard and Air Guard are true heroes of this pandemic.	
Question 7 What policies should the state create to ensure future economic and health/well-being safety in future pandemics?	As a state, we must ensure that our Department of Public Health is better prepared to respond to future pandemics. We need to work on the infrastructure of testing and processing results in a more timely manner. Additionally, our collection and distribution of data needs to be more streamlined and user friendly so that local leaders can make rational, informed decisions.	Expanded and comprehensive affordable healthcare to reduce the burden of unnecessary chronic illness which has been a major contributing factor in the overall death rate. Better funding, staffing levels, and professional preparation for the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH). Improved public health education.