



Georgia House of Representatives, District 132

General Election: November 3, 2020

Early Voting: October 12 – 30, 2020

Candidate	Bob Trammell (D - Incumbent)	David Jenkins (R)
# Years in District/County	36 years	5 years in District 132; 10 years in Coweta County; grew up in Tyrone
Education (please include the highest level completed)	University of Georgia, 1996 BA in English and Political Science; University of Virginia School of Law, 1999, JD	Bachelors of Science
Work/Professional Experience	Law Clerk for the Honorable Judge Jack T. Camp, USDC Northern District of Georgia, 1999-2001; King & Spalding, Atlanta, GA 2001-2003; The Trammell Firm, LLC 2003-present; Georgia General Assembly (State Representative) 2015 through present; Minority Leader in the Georgia House of Representatives from July 2017 through present.	Current air ambulance pilot and farmer. Retired Army. I have also worked as a woodland firefighter and police officer.
Community Service/Volunteerism	Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce; Meriwether County Habitat for Humanity; Meriwether County Ferst Foundation	Meriwether County Republican Party; American Legion; Roosevelt Memorial Airport Authority member
Political Experience	State Representative in House District 132 from 2015 through present; elected Democratic Leader in the Georgia House in 2017 through present	Nation building in Afghanistan
Question 1 Describe what you believe makes Coweta County most appealing to	Current and future residents are attracted to the quality of life in Coweta County, a great school system, and economic opportunity available in our region.	Rural setting with urban convenience, employment opportunities, and good schools.

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Question 2 What top 3 assets does the state of Georgia possess which attract new business and stimulate growth of existing businesses?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A terrific school system. 2. Easy access to a major logistics corridor and literal proximity to the world with convenient proximity to Hartsfield-Jackson airport. 3. An outstanding chamber of commerce working with business, community, and elected leadership to advance Coweta County. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interstate access 2. Proximity to the Atlanta airport 3. Good schools
Question 3 What do you think are the top challenges that could prevent economic prosperity and business growth?	<p>COVID-19 is the defining issue of our time, and the State faces immediate, emergency needs related to COVID-19.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Healthcare. The immediate need is saving lives and preventing the overwhelm of our hospital system and overload of our hospital capacity. In the weeks and months ahead, the State will have to reckon with the economic toll our hospitals and healthcare system have sustained in dealing with COVID-19. And we will have to address the issue of coverage for Georgians who have lost their health insurance and/or who did not have coverage prior to COVID-19. 2. Rebuilding small businesses that have been devastated by the economic impact of COVID-19 and addressing the usage in unemployment related to COVID-19. 3. Addressing the infrastructure disparity (lack of broadband access and hospital access, for example) in many parts of the state. COVID-19 has made all too plain the costs of this widening gap. 4. Lack of available talent and workforce to fill the positions that will come available in the next decade in the region. 	<p>Poor growth planning leading to quality of life issues.</p>
Question 4 Describe how you would use your elected position to promote business growth and	<p>Work collaboratively with the Chamber, local business leaders, and local elected officials to continue to promote the opportunities in Coweta County, and to continue to be an ambassador for Coweta County for the recruitment of new business, expansion of existing business, and the further development of small business.</p>	<p>Listen and proactively engage businesses and local government to learn their issues and remove barriers to growth.</p>

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Question 5 Describe your top priority in this role and how you might approach accomplishing it.	Top priority in this role is continuing to build upon the relationships at the state level to leverage the leadership clout for the benefit of Coweta County.	Ensure Georgia is postured to manage the COVID-19 pandemic so that we can move forward as quickly as possible into the bright post-pandemic future before us.
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?	Yes. A statewide mask mandate would have benefitted the state both from a public health perspective and from an economic perspective. More testing and more contact tracing would have helped. Additionally, the available COVID-19 data and information could have been presented in a more reliable, consistent manner. The State also could have added staff to the Department of Labor to process the UI claims, which were backlogged in some cases for months.	The basic needs of the public are not met during an economic shutdown. Georgia has done better than any state at balancing the management of the pandemic while meeting the basic needs of the public.
Question 7 What policies should the state create to ensure future economic and health/well-being safety in future pandemics?	We need to invest in a more robust Public Health Department preparedness for future pandemics. We need a better plan for ramping up testing and managing contact tracing. And we should have a better plan of action for handling unemployment claims. I would also adopt a policy that we exhaust the rainy-day reserves before making cuts that impact healthcare and public health service delivery.	Bring medical manufacturing back to the United States; stockpile PPE. Make pandemic planning a priority in the state's disaster plan.