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Dear Constituents,

As you know every ten years after the Census data is released our District maps and numbers can change. While we remain District number 77, our District map has changed. With these changes I will now be running to serve as your State Representative for the new District 77.

I am writing to ask for your support in the upcoming May Primary Election. I thought this letter might help familiarize you with District 77's precincts as well as my service to Clayton County before and during my three terms as State Representative.

District 77's New Makeup:

These precincts will remain in District 77: New Macedonia Baptist Church, Clayton County Fire Headquarters, and Lake Ridge Elementary.

These precincts will be new to District 77: Oliver Elementary, Riverdale Christian Church, Fountain of Faith Church, North Clayton Middle School, North Clayton High School, West Clayton Elementary, Christian Fellowship Church, King Elementary, Fountain Elementary School, Babb Middle School, and Forest Park Middle School.

As a resident of Clayton County for the past 26 years I spent the bulk of my career working as a classroom teacher, Instructional Lead Teacher, and Community Relations Liaison at Clayton County Public Schools. After retiring from CCPS in 2018 after twenty-five years of service, I continue supporting and working with the school district wherever and whenever needed.

First elected as State Representative in 2016, I continue working towards securing economic development opportunities, creating and retaining jobs, and promoting neighborhood revitalization, as well as finding ways to care for our seniors and veterans. I am a strong advocate for education and access to the best public and private health care that can be provided to our local communities.

As a State Representative for the past three terms, some of my major endeavors have included:

- During my time at the Capitol, I was able to secure \$45 million dollars from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport after the loss of the Jet Fuel Tax. I was charged with coordinating elected officials, businesses, local leaders, educators and students from CCPS, as well constituents to contest a bill which threatened to drain much needed funds from the county, its cities, and our school district. These collaborative efforts led to securing \$27 million in local government grants and a commitment from Delta Air Lines to offset \$18 million on behalf of CCPS. This solution ensured that our children were not denied access to the resources and opportunities vital to receiving a first-class education, and ensured taxpayers would not have to bear any additional costs. I am still working on a permanent



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solution so that Clayton County, our seven cities, and Clayton County School Public Schools can continue to provide necessary services.

- Assist constituents with their unemployment claims during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Secured \$1.6 million for Atlanta Technical College for their Center for Transportation and Logistics.
- Secured the ability for our Health Department to have their own Health Director.
- Recognized multiple Clayton County organizations for their services, including Clayton County Senior Services and Clayton County Parks and Recreation.
- Arranged for First Lady Sandra Deal to come to Clayton County to read to the students at Tara Elementary School.
- Graduated from Atlanta's prestigious Regional Leadership Institute (sponsored by the Atlanta Regional Commission) in 2019.
- My work in the House also led to the unanimous passage of Georgia House Resolution 655 during the 2018 legislative session. This bipartisan effort selected November 9th as the annual Gold Star Fathers Recognition Day, so that Georgians may honor fathers who have lost a son or daughter in combat or as a result of combat in the Armed Forces of the United States. I continue working to make Gold Star Father Day a National Day of Recognition.
- Collaborated on the Legacy Letters Book featuring the 41 African American Women elected to office in Clayton County. Our county has the most elected African American Women in the USA.
- Participated in programs at the schools in my district and brought fifth graders to the Capitol.
- Allowed Middle and High School students to participate in the PAGE Program.
- Honored Clayton County Senior Services at the Capitol for becoming accredited by the National Institute of Senior Centers.
- Honored the Clayton County Parks and Recreation staff for winning their third National Accreditation.
- I have sponsored or co-sponsored legislation and resolutions that support anti-discrimination, equal voting rights, absentee ballot access, and issues facing veterans and senior citizens. I have also authored numerous pieces of legislation that not only strengthen education but recognize and celebrate educators statewide.
- I have voted on at least 95% of proposed legislation during each session.
- Represented Clayton County as a delegate during the 2020 Democratic National Convention.
- Endorsed by the Sierra Club for being a strong environmental candidate.
- Since 2018, my peers have chosen me to serve as Chair of the Clayton County Legislative Delegation, which consists of Clayton County Legislators from the House and Senate.

I plan to continue developing valuable relationships with state and local elected officials, community and professional organizations, parents, students, and school personnel throughout Clayton County and Metro Atlanta.

As I shared when I first ran for office in 2016, fresh ideas, perspectives, and positive solutions will enhance the quality of life of all Georgians. Your support will not only allow me to continue this work, but also help me continue effecting positive change on behalf of Clayton County in the State House.



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I am excited at the opportunity to continue serving many of my current constituents while welcoming new constituents to the District 77 family! As always, I thank you in advance for your encouragement and support! Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns by email: rhonda.burnough@house.ga.gov, by phone: (404) 656-0116, or through my website: www.statereprhondaburnough.com.

Respectfully yours,

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