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Housing, ADUs and Local Zoning Authority

Question:

As Georgia continues to grow, state policymakers have considered ways to increase housing supply, including policies affecting accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and local zoning.

What role, if any, should the General Assembly play in local land-use and zoning decisions, including ADUs, and how should the state balance housing needs with local control and the interests of established neighborhoods?

Dr. Helmut Love's Response:

The General Assembly should help Georgia expand housing supply while preserving local input and neighborhood character. I support enabling mixed-use and multifamily development, encouraging accessory dwelling units, and introducing build-to-rent incentives to create more attainable housing options. We should also fast-track public housing through efficient, accountable processes and launch a No-Homeless-Georgian Initiative that connects people with housing and appropriate support. State policy should remove unnecessary barriers without imposing a one-size-fits-all approach on every community. Local governments should retain meaningful input on infrastructure, traffic, safety, and neighborhood compatibility. Our goal must be responsible growth that expands opportunity, protects property owners, raises housing standards, and delivers measurable results for Georgia families.

Public Safety and the Criminal Justice System

Question:

Public safety depends on law enforcement as well as an effective judicial and corrections system.

What changes, if any, should the General Assembly make to improve the enforcement of Georgia's criminal laws and the effectiveness of the state's courts, prosecution, corrections, and public-safety systems?

Dr. Helmut Love's Response:

Georgia should strengthen public safety through effective enforcement, community trust, and accountability. I support equipping law enforcement and first responders with modern tools and advanced training, expanding community policing, and using data-driven strategies to prevent crime. Courts and prosecutors need the resources to deliver timely, fair justice. Corrections funding should reward rehabilitation, reduced recidivism, education, employment, and addiction recovery—not simply incarceration rates. I also support certified firearm safety training with privacy-preserving digital credentials that verify eligibility without creating registries or tracking gun owners. Local communities should retain authority to establish reasonable safe-storage standards, particularly to protect children. Public safety and civil liberties must advance together.

Education and Local Control

Question:

Recent legislation addressing student cell phone use in public schools is one example of the General Assembly setting statewide policy on an issue that also affects the day-to-day operation of local schools.

What role should the state play in setting education policy, and which decisions do you believe are best left to local school districts and boards of education?

Dr. Helmut Love's Response:

The state should establish clear educational standards and ensure every Georgia student has access to essential skills, while preserving local flexibility in how schools deliver instruction. I support statewide, AI-enabled financial literacy education covering budgeting, credit, investing, and wealth-building, alongside research and pilot programs that use AI to personalize learning without reducing teacher staffing. I also support school choice, including increased assistance for low-income families and students with disabilities. Decisions about daily operations, instructional methods, staffing, and community priorities are best left to local school boards, educators, and parents. Statewide policies affecting children's development should be age-appropriate, transparent, and developed with meaningful parent involvement. Georgia should empower families, respect diverse communities and faith traditions, and hold schools accountable for measurable outcomes. Our goal should be educational excellence, parental partnership, and preparing every student for financial independence, responsible citizenship, and meaningful opportunity.