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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?

Greg Miller's Response:

ADUs should be allowed to protect property rights. I've been on both sides of this issue and I believe it is essential to protect property rights and allow for additional housing. Regarding local zoning, that should be left to localities and neighborhoods.

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?

Greg Miller's Response:

The state should provide more funding to MARTA public safety specifically to allow everyone to use our public transportation without fear. Compensation for public safety officers needs to increase to deter corruption and increase their ranks.

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?

Greg Miller's Response:

Most decisions should be left to local boards and authorities. However, in the case of cell phone use in schools and other clearly studied and known detriments to educational attainment, the state may need to step in.