



Benjamin Brooks

State Senate – District 44

Benjamin Brooks is a constitutionalist, human rights activist and non-profit leader. He is a licensed realtor and has been a paralegal for more than 20 years. Mr. Brooks is a student of the Constitution and believes that the foundation of a free society rest upon constitutional liberties. What is a society if its people are bound in bondage?

Since 2003, while under the mentorship of Mel Jackson, Founder and President of the Leadership Training Institute (LTI), civil rights activist and community leader, Mr. Brooks has served communities through employment or partnerships with community organizations.

From 2006 to 2008 Mr. Brooks served as board member for Willie M. Simpson Ministries. He eventually took on the role as program director from 2008 until 2012. In his leadership role as director of programs, Mr. Brooks brokered several successful partnerships that led to the success of the 4.2 million dollar federally funded abstinence education program administered by the ministry.

The partnerships included Clayton County Schools, and Hancock County School. Over 2000 students in these communities received abstinence education. The success of the program under Mr. Brooks' leadership led to the organization's partnership with the Atlanta Regional Commission; King Street, LLC; Georgia Department of Juvenile Services; and the Georgia Department of Corrections Reentry Services.

Also in 2008 Benjamin founded the National Alliance of Prisoners and Parolees (NAPP), a 501-c3 organization. In 2011 Mr. Brooks partnered with the Georgia Department of Corrections Reentry Services; It Takes a Village, LLC; and the Georgia Board of Pardons and Parolees. Mr. Brooks facilitated the "It Takes a Village fatherhood program to inmates housed in the Atlanta Transitional Center, Clayton Transitional Center, and Philips State Prison Transitional Center.

In 2010 when funding for the GED program was abruptly cut without explanation, Mr. Brooks was asked to lead the inquiry into the standards and guidelines used to fund area organizations. He discovered that the commission had deviated from established guidelines when deciding upon how to fund Willie M. Simpsons Ministries. Through successful negotiations funding was eventually restored to the program.

Non-profit organizations help to address many social issues government cannot take on alone. This work is critically important and, if elected, I will work to help our non-profit sector better coordinate and deliver resources.

Georgia is a rapidly growing state, and if we are not careful we will become just another big city in 20 years. We will have fewer trees through deforestation and urbanization in keeping pace with our growing population. This means warmer temperatures do to less trees; elevated costs to build and cool our homes; heavily condensed commercial and residential areas; poor water and air quality; inflated taxes to keep up with big government politics; crime and expansive poverty; and insider corruption that typically infiltrates big government.

I promise to fight against this type of future, and with your help I will work towards making our state an even better place for all to live, work and play.