A COMMUNITY COMMITTED TO PLANNED AND MANAGED GROWTH

- 1. Support local and state efforts to have a comprehensive management plan and funding mechanism to fortify and stabilize vulnerable shoreline areas on the Georgia coast.
- Expansion of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)
 program to include infill housing. Individuals who qualify
 for this existing state credit for qualified rental properties
 would also be able to apply for this credit for infill housing
 in the city of Brunswick.
- 3. Expansion of Georgia Dream Homeownership Program. The availability of this homeownership program and broadening of program qualifications in Glynn County would provide more opportunities for individuals and/or families to achieve homeownership.
- 4. Support local community efforts to ensure MSA designation stays intact under current law.
- 5. Support additional funding for Pre-K programs.
- 6. Support funding to create affordable housing and workforce housing initiatives for public service employees, like police officers and educators, especially in downtown Brunswick. The development of affordable and safe

- workforce housing will increase the number of residents living in unoccupied areas which will spark revitalization and beautification initiatives in the city of Brunswick.
- 7. We oppose legislation that limits local decision making regarding the development of architectural design standards, building codes that improve resilience in areas with unique hazards, and zoning. These decisions are best left to communities.
- 8. Support revitalization and stabilization of the City of Brunswick neighborhoods by providing homestead exemption options. The City of Brunswick currently does not offer any exemptions for homeowners and would like to provide an opportunity for growth and development without overburdening local residents.
- 9. Support the provision of homestead exemptions to facilitate the stabilization and revitalization of City of Brunswick neighborhoods. The City of Brunswick currently does not offer any exemptions for homeowners and would like to provide an opportunity for growth and development without overburdening local residents.

Working together to make Brunswick and the Golden Isles an exceptional place to live, work, and visit by strengthening our communities and by enhancing the quality of life.

It is our goal to ensure Brunswick and Glynn County remain a:

Prosperous Community
Community Committed to Managed Growth
Desired Location to Live and Visit

Glynn County Shared Vision

2025

A DESIRED LOCATION TO LIVE AND VISIT

- Support funding for Jekyll Island Authority capital improvement.
- 2. Support the current Certificate of Need (CON) Program to help support hospitals.
- 3. Support efforts to ensure that affordable health insurance coverage is available to our citizens.
- 4. Support funding initiatives to combat chronic blight and policy changes which promote home ownership and housing stability.



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2025 TOP PRIORITIES: THE LOCAL ECONOMY

The Golden Isles are home to four barrier islands, which draw an estimated 7.2 million annual visitors, creating a \$1.6 billion annual economic impact. The tourism industry is the largest single industry in Glynn County and supports over 15,000 jobs. It is vital that our county and islands can apply reasonable and practical solutions to address beach erosion, dangerous tidal pools and hazards that occur on the beach regularly. To protect our beaches, visitors, and residents, we need the assistance of the state and the Department of Natural Resources in identifying and promptly solving short and long-term safety concerns. These efforts will not only keep Georgians safe but also protect wildlife and the number one draw for our local economy.

A SAFE COMMUNITY

- 1. Support Glynn County's request for a regional Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the case of a catastrophic event. We are seeking state support for an EOC that can be used by multiple entities throughout the coastal region should they need to evacuate their EOC because of a catastrophic event.
- Support funding for the implementation of traffic signalization for pedestrian safety and access to public parks and facilities along the Bay St. corridor. Installation of proper signalization will provide convenient access to waterfront areas and public recreation spaces for citizens and visitors.
- 3. Support state bond investment in bridges and maintain or increase earmarked funding for local bridges. County officials rely on asset management data provided by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to prioritize the use of limited infrastructure funding for repairing and replacing these structures.
- 4. Guarantee Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) maintains current traffic flow on Sea Island Road while the bridge over Dunbar Creek is being replaced to include keeping existing water and sewer infrastructure in service. Installing new water and sewer lines could cause Sea Island Road to be shut down for 4-6 weeks. The closing of Sea Island Road affects businesses, residents, guests, and especially Glynn County School System transportation. Much of our community workforce utilizes Sea Island Road as a major means of transportation to and from work.
- 5. Support funding to promote sustainability of the city's infrastructure and address impacts of sea level rising.
- 6. Support funding for mental health crisis in Georgia and homelessness in Glynn County. This support should include more practitioners and facilities that are accessible to the community.
- 7. Encourage support in reopening state offices fully to provide the comprehensive, in-person support that so many Georgia residents urgently require. The prolonged closures and limited in-person services are creating significant barriers, especially for the most vulnerable members of our community. Across our state, families and individuals are experiencing delays, confusion, and hardships in accessing the help they need. Many programs administered by state offices, such as those through the Department of Human Services and Department of Labor, are critical lifelines for residents.
- 8. Invest in Hazmat capabilities for the Glynn County Fire Department.



A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

- 1. Continue to support funding for transportation projects in Glynn County to enhance economic development opportunities and evacuation routes.
 - SSI Gateway project and partnership with GDOT and City of Brunswick: For St. Simons Island Causeway and Entrance/Exit point, this is a significant traffic issue for citizens trying to get to work on St. Simons Island and Sea Island. It also serves as a choke point during evacuations. Glynn County would like to partner with GDOT on this project and possibly combine with their plans to upgrade the Mackay River Bridge. In addition, Glynn County would like to work with GDOT and the city of Brunswick to address flooding issues on the FJ Torras Causeway, during King Tides and Tropical Storms/Hurricanes. Now that this SPLOST project is approved, we need commitment from GDOT and assistance to mitigate challenges related to potential federal/state environmental issues.
 - Bay Street Project: Both the city of Brunswick and Glynn County are advocates for enhancements to the Brunswick waterfront and full development of Mary Ross Park. Traffic processes to make Bay Street a pedestrian friendly corridor is a crucial component of this effort.
 - Dunbar Creek Bridge replacement: Glynn County needs to ensure the plan for this project and the scope of work allows for traffic routes to remain open on Sea Island Road. This road is a major artery for traffic moving to the North end of St. Simons Island and to the entrance to Sea Island. This road cannot afford to be closed while the project is being completed. It will cause Frederica Road to become gridlocked as the only exit route for citizens in this area.
 - GDOT partnership on roadways in North Glynn: Glynn County is asking for GDOT support on the following roads for traffic improvements, evacuation routes and safety improvements: Glynco Parkway, Canal Road (both sides) Perry Lane Road (to include bridge replacement), and Old Jesup Road.
 - GDOT partnership in relocation of underground infrastructure.
- Support the improvement of roadway and traffic management infrastructure to ensure safe and efficient access to GPA's Colonel's Island Terminal from Interstate 95 at Exit 29. Continue to support and fund rural broadband expansion.
- 3. Include within the annual budget a funding program for investments into Georgia's Airports for Economic and Capital Developments as recommended by the Georgia Legislature Joint Study Committee on Airport Infrastructure and Improvements. Amend the Taxpayer Bill of Rights to allow for plain language. State-required advertising language has created confusion amongst the public when taxing authorities are setting the millage rate.

- 4. Protect Georgia's Lodging Tax from redirection. Support the current State accommodation tax laws that provide funding to Destination Marketing Organizations (DMO) as an essential means of promoting tourism and apply the laws equally to those providing accommodations in the state.
- 5. Support and fund key improvements of the main State entrance gateways along I-95 corridor. Support Glynn County's efforts to beautify and enhance the four major exit ramps off I-95 and create a better sense of arrival for our visitors and investors.
- 6. Support legislation that provides enhanced funding to communities impacted by regional projects and economic development incentives to regional economic development entities.
- 7. Oppose legislation that infringes on local control and flexibility for Development Authorities.
- 8. Support funding for infrastructure improvement to locally owned industrial sites.
- 9. Support legislation that maintains competitive statutory and discretionary incentives.
- 10. Support State Legislation to protect Airports Utilization by enabling height zoning requirements consistent with federal standards.

