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RE: Jenkins announces run for Cuthbert Mayor
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Bobby Jenkins will run for Mayor of Cuthbert

Bobby Jenkins, Former Superintendent of Randolph County Schools, has announced that he is a candidate for Mayor of Cuthbert, GA. A native of Cuthbert, Jenkins was raised on his grandparents' share cropper farm, graduated from the segregated Randolph Public Schools, and earned a bachelors and graduate degrees during his career as an educator.

Characterizing himself as a lifelong fighter, causing "good trouble," Jenkins lists several accomplishments that qualify him for the head administrative role in Cuthbert. As superintendent of the Randolph County Public School District for twelve years, he led the schools from the state rating of "needs improvement" to "making adequate yearly improvement." As co-chair of the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Program, hundreds of county residents gained access to COVID vaccination appointments through door-to-door canvassing and two free vaccination clinics. Jenkins led the successful fight against the voter suppression closing of voting sites in the county, a success that was recognized by US Senator Diane Feinstein. He led the voter turnout in the county in the January 2021 US Senate runoff election that outperformed all other counties in the state.

Believing that "representation matters," Jenkins says that he understands Cuthbert through his unique community engagement. He is a deacon in the Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church and "my faith informs my community activities." He is a leader in the county Retired Educators group, is a friend of the Starlight Social Club, is the Chair of the Randolph County Democratic Committee, a leader in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and the Henderson HS Class of 1970 Alumni Association, among others. He says further, "My campaign is about relationships. I am surrounded by the hearts, the eyes, and the ears of my family. I hope to bring the voters into this extended family."

Jenkins says, "If I am elected Mayor of Cuthbert, I have several priorities to move our city to reach our potential. Transparency in city government is long overdue. I have been on the streets fighting the COVID epidemic in a county with one of the highest rates of infection because there was no one else to do it. I am determined to find a way to reopen our community hospital. We need an increase in the availability of affordable housing for purchase or rent. Another focus will be the attraction of good paying jobs. Our youth need more recreational activities like reopening the swimming pool that has been closed for six years. I want to add a position of City Manager who will be able to facilitate these and other priorities. I promise that I will never talk down to Cuthbert residents but will always look up to you for inspiration."

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