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RE: Jenkins upsets incumbent to become Mayor of Cuthbert GA
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Bobby Jenkins elected Mayor of Cuthbert in a landslide

Bobby Jenkins was elected Mayor of Cuthbert, GA by a record margin today, far exceeding the minimum plurality that is required to win. In so doing he defeated the incumbent, Steve Whatley and newcomer Gino Carrera. Out of a total turnout of 961 voters, Jenkins secured 635 votes (66%) in his victory, to 248 (26%) for Whatley and 78 (8%) for Carrera. Jenkins received more votes for the office than any other candidate in a generation,.

Jenkins, a native son of Cuthbert who grew up on a sharecropper farm, brought many aspects of his personal experience to the campaign that voters found significant in choosing him to be the Mayor of Cuthbert. He is the Democratic Party chairman in Randolph County. Jenkins is also the co-founder and co-chair of Neighbor to Neighbor, an organization fighting the spread of COVID in Cuthbert and which has conducted three free vaccination clinics and helped hundreds of residents to access vaccinations. He was the superintendent of Randolph County Public Schools for twelve years during which the schools went from underperforming to meeting state standards. With this proven record of administrative success, Jenkins says he “will advocate for the reopening of the community hospital, the municipal pool, affordable housing, new businesses with good paying jobs.”

The result was not the first time in twelve months that Jenkins and his allies came out on top in local voting. Last November President Biden carried the county by a margin of 6.6%. Then, in the January Senate races, Jenkins’ forces widened the victory margin (for Senators Warnock and Ossoff) to 13.0%, one of the biggest November-January percentage increases in Democratic votes among all of Georgia’s counties.

Joyce Barlow, Jenkins’ campaign manager (and a former candidate for District 151 of the State House of Representatives) said “the voters of Cuthbert have just given a tremendous vote of confidence in Bobby Jenkins, and his vision of a better, more modern and, more just city government.”

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