



The Hollberg Platform

✓ Effective Leadership

A better Griffin is just as important to us, as it is to you, and I believe that my record as your Mayor, knowledge of this community, and the relationships I have developed over the years will allow me to continue bringing to the City Commission the kind of Leadership YOU expect and deserve.

For the past twenty years, I have worked hard to identify serious issues in our city government that desperately needed attention, to include financial accountability, economic development and emphasis on a safe wholesome community.

I have had the opportunity to represent the City of Griffin on the Chamber of Commerce, Griffin Downtown Council, Three Rivers Regional Commission, and Griffin Main Street Board. As Griffin's Mayor, I have been appointed by The Georgia Municipal Association as a member of Legislative Policy Committee, Municipal Training Board and EDI Advisory Council.

Financial Accountability

As hard-working and responsible citizens, we expect our city's management to manage, conserve resources and build in efficiencies that will result in a better quality of life for you. We have laid the foundation to build and re-develop this community. YOU deserve no less.

As in each year, the City Commission has to make tough budget decisions and again unanimously adopted a conservative 2023-2024 budget that meets our financial requirements and the goals our board developed. We have maintained a stable tax base and not raise property taxes. Our 2022 millage rate of 7.083, with a \$10,000 homestead exemption, is less than the 8.85 millage rate in 2004. This past year's audit reports that our general fund balance is \$15,800,663 compared to a negative \$3,139,477 in 2004 when I was sworn in as your At-Large Commissioner. You deserve proven leadership that works to manage the city's budget and governmental services provided.

✓ **A Safe, Wholesome Community Protected for Everyone**

I have pushed for stricter property maintenance codes to ensure quality neighborhood redevelopment. This past decade, the city has created redevelopment opportunities in our hometown by working to demolish more than 1000 substandard housing units. Community Policing initiatives are needed to reduce Part I Crime. Emphasis on code enforcement is giving our neighborhoods the kind of community you expect and deserve. Our Commission continues to work together on parks and pathways that bring our neighborhoods together. You deserve a hometown where you can live, learn, work, play, and retire.

✓ **Pro-Economic Development**

Our local governments have aggressively planned for future economic development to include industrial land acquisition, transportation improvement projects, airport relocation, quality housing/land use planning, and support of higher education. Safe, reliable and affordable public utilities, economic incentives and an educated workforce are mandatory in recruiting business investment. I believe in smart growth development and will continue to fight to keep out undesired growth that becomes a tax drain and liability to our hometown.

✓ **Cross-Governmental Cooperation**

As a local diplomat, I am comfortable wading across local municipal lines to advocate and achieve what is best for the overall Griffin-Spalding Community. I have worked to eliminate the very counter-productive, negative competitive relationship between Griffin and Spalding County Commissions. My pledge is to remain an effective, diplomat for the needs of the constituents I serve.



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