

Dear Troup County residents,

What are your deepest concerns for Troup County? If you were the county commission chairman, what would you be working on?

These are questions I've been asking residents of Troup County since October at small, informal gatherings, usually held in the home of a generous host. I have learned much and continue to learn from these meetings.

Last fall, I ran unopposed for my second term as your county commission chairman. Whether you want me or not, you have me by default for the next four years. I have promised my wife and family, however, that I will not pursue a third term. I believe in term limits, and I feel that by the end of eight years, every good idea I might have will have surfaced and it will be time for me to do something new.

In the meantime, I want to focus my attention on what matters most to you. In order to learn what that is, I have to hear from you. And that's where the community meetings come in. At these informal gatherings, Troup County citizens are encouraged to share their concerns, their ideas and their goals for their county's future. Since I am not running for reelection and have no agenda other than to hear from you, these conversations have been open and honest, and productive.

I sincerely appreciate the response I've had in meetings held from one end of the county to the other, from living rooms in Oak Grove to Liberty Hill to Gray Hill and beyond. Our candid discussions have been on topics ranging from litter to property taxes to land use. I have learned much from Troup County residents and hope I've been able to impart some knowledge about how your local county government operates.

But there's more to learn. I would welcome the opportunity to visit your home, church or club to hear your concerns for Troup County's future and ideas on how we can improve our communities. If you are interested in hosting a small gathering with your neighbors and friends, please contact Jackie Kennedy at 706-957-2419 or [jackiekennedy8899@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiekennedy8899@yahoo.com) to schedule a meeting.

All you need to bring are answers to this question: If you were me, what would you focus on to improve Troup County over the next four years?

Sincerely,

Ricky Wolfe

Troup County Commission Chairman