**HOUSE DISTRICT 37**

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| **GEOGRAPHIC AREA** | |
| **Counties** | Cobb |
| **Metro Area/Region** | Atlanta Area |
| **Cities/Towns/Areas** | Marietta, Fair Oaks |

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| **DEMOGRAPHIC DATA** | | |
| **Population** | 55,808 | |
| **Median Household Income** | $55,100 | |
| **Education** | **Completed HS** 39.7% | **Completed College/Beyond** 46.6% |
| **Race** | **White** 55.7% | **Black** 20.9% |
|  | **Hispanic** 16.6% | **Asian** 5.0% |

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| **POLITICAL AREA & INCUMBENT** | |
| **Congressional District(s)** | GA-6, GA-11 |
| **GA Senate District** | SD 6, SD 32, SD 33, SD 37 |
| **Incumbent (R)** | Sam Teasley (R) |
| **Campaign Website** | <http://www.samteasley.com> |
| **FB Page** | <https://www.facebook.com/VoteSamTeasley> |
| **Twitter** | [**@**Sam\_Teasley](https://twitter.com/Sam_Teasley) |

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| **DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES** | |
| **2018 Democratic Candidate** | Bill Bolton |
| **Campaign Website** | http://www.bolton37.org |
| **FB Page** | N/A |
| **Twitter** | N/A |
| **2018 Democratic Candidate** | Ragin Edwards |
| **Campaign Website** | http://raginedwards.com |
| **FB Page** | https://www.facebook.com/Ragin2018/ |
| **Twitter** | https://twitter.com/ragin2018 |
| **2018 Democratic Candidate** | Mary Frances Williams |
| **Campaign Website** | [https://maryfrances4marietta.com/](http://https//maryfrances4marietta.com/) |
| **FB Page** | N/A |
| **Twitter** | N/A |

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| **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS** | | |
| 2016 Clinton - 48.89% | Trump - 46.46% | 2016 Margin - D+2.4% |
| 2012 Obama - 43.83% | Romney - 54.52% | 2012 Margin - R+10.7% |

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| **2016 HD 37 ELECTION RESULTS** | | |
| Sam Teasley (I) | 56.93% | 13,965 |
| Bill Bolton | 43.07% | 10,567 |

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| **2014 HD 37 ELECTION RESULTS** | | |
| Sam Teasley (i) | 62.5% | 10,054 |
| Bill Bolton | 37.5% | 6,038 |

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| **2012 HD 37 ELECTION RESULTS** | | |
| Sam Teasley (i) | 59.5% | 13,427 |
| Bill Bolton | 40.5% | 9,137 |

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| **FOLLOW THE MONEY** |
| In 2016, Incumbent Teasley outspent Democrat Bill Bolton by $75,699 to $2,450. In 2014, Teasley outspent Bolton $64,864 to $610. In 2012, Teasley outspent Bolton $65,376 to $1,200. |

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| **NOTES AND SUMMARY** |
| Incumbent **Sam Teasley (R)** was the sponsor of a RFRA, or the “religious liberty” bill, which allows businesses and individuals to refuse service to LGBT individuals. He has significantly outspent his Democratic opponent Bill Bolton in the last three election cycles. He has extremely high ratings from the NRA and the American Conservative Union.  Three Democratic Opponents:  **Bill Bolton (D):** Has run the last three cycles. Has sometimes been identified as a Libertarian rather than a Democrat. Believes the Democratic party has been “absconded” by the elite of the party. Stances include: Limit Obamacare's penalties and legal resources; Educate the children of immigrants and work with them and their families to return to their countries; Make all drug crimes misdemeanors to reduce drug war costs and allow people to prosper and pay taxes; Provide low-wage workers with hourly subsidies instead of raising the minimum wage; Bring casinos to GA under the Georgia Lottery system;Create a Georgia Road Medical System to combat the worst maternal mortality rate in the nation.  **Ragin Edwards (D):** Attended Georgia Tech then studied organizational leadership at the Christian Business College, Nyack College. In DC, she worked in federal and local government, including the civil rights division of the Dept of Energy. Her family has a long history of fighting for civil and human rights.Priorities include: affordable healthcare, veterans benefits, growing and sustaining the middle class, equal protections for minorities and LGBT, environmental protections and affordable education.  **Mary Frances Williams (D):** Has a long track record of advocacy for non-profits and progressive causes. Legislative and Policy Consultant and a leading expert on the state budgeting process. “Creates, motivates, and activates state-wide grassroots networks into a lobbying machine.” Directed initiative to pass legislation increasing retirement benefits for members of Public School Employees Retirement System. Convinced budget leaders to restore $3 million to state school nutrition program, when most state programs sustained across-the-board cuts. Recruited and managed coalition of adult adoptees, adoptive parents, adoption attorneys and agencies to pass the Georgia Adoption Reunion Registry legislation.  **Clinton won this district by 2.4%.** |

**MAPS**

[**https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/dc10map/SLD\_RefMap/lower/st13\_ga/sldl13037/DC10SLDL13037\_001.pdf**](https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/dc10map/SLD_RefMap/lower/st13_ga/sldl13037/DC10SLDL13037_001.pdf)