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Candidate for mayor in Johns Creek withdraws from race

**Mitchell Northam** - The Atlanta Journal-Constitution11:17 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017 Filed in [Neighborhoods](#)*Alex Marchetti website*

Alex Marchetti was the only challenger to Bodker, who has been the city's mayor since 2006.

One upcoming election in north Fulton County will feature one less name on its ballot.

In Johns Creek, the path to re-election for incumbent mayor Mike Bodker just got easier.

Tuesday night, just moments before a candidate forum at The Standard Club, Alex Marchetti announced that he is withdrawing from the mayoral race.

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Marchetti **was the only challenger** to Bodker, who has been the city's **mayor since 2006**. Marchetti **told those gathered at the forum** that he was dropping due to personal and professional reasons that would prevent him from carrying out the duties of mayor, if elected.

Marchetti ran on the platform **of being a businessman and a longtime resident** of Johns Creek, having lived in the city for more than 20 years. A slogan **on his website** indicated his campaign represented “integrity, common sense” and “fiscal responsibility.”

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In his closing comments near the end of the forum, **Bodker addressed the voters** about Marchetti and the campaign.

“The last thing I thought I'd be doing tonight is thanking you for four more years. I thought I'd be asking you for your vote,” Bodker said. “...I do hope that whatever is going on with Alex is nothing too bad. We've been talking throughout the campaign. Alex and I have known each other for more than 15 years and I certainly want what's best for him and his family.”

The AJC has reached out to Marchetti's campaign for comment.

Early voting in Johns Creek — and across all of Fulton County — began Monday. The election is set for Nov. 7.



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(1/2) Johns Creek mayoral candidate Alex Marchetti delivered notice that he has withdrawn from seeking this office in the Nov. 7 Municipal General & Special Elections. Marchetti's name will still appear on the ballot since he withdraw after its publication.

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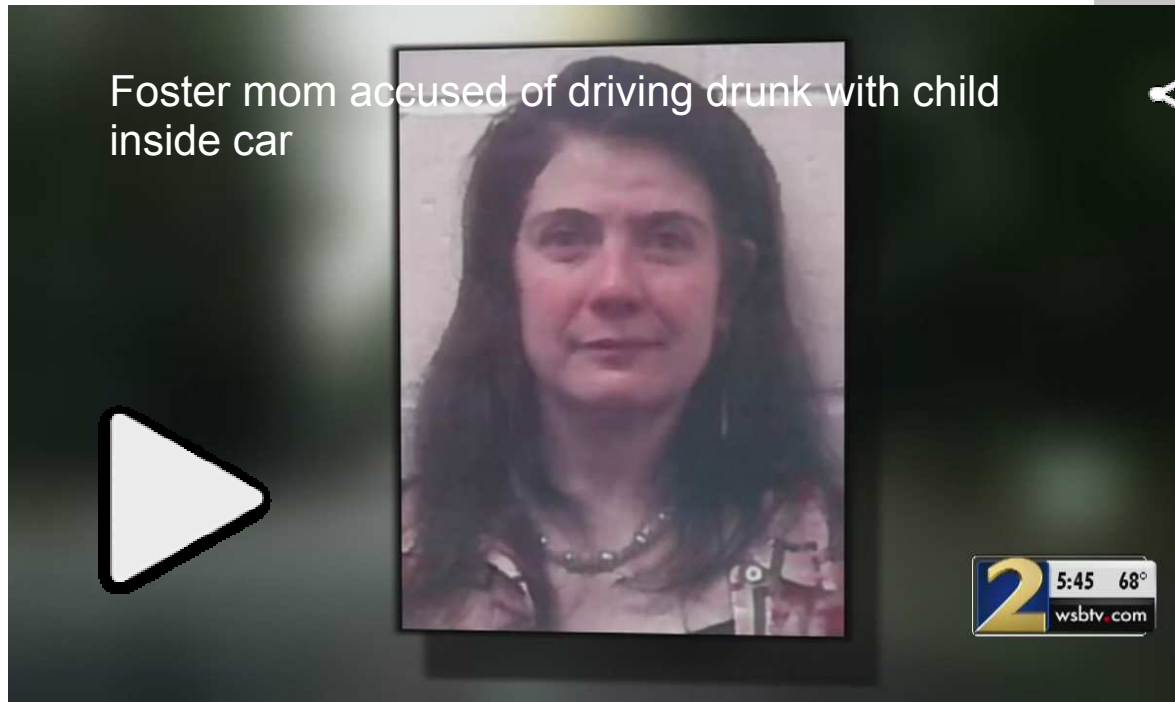
(2/2) As required by the Official Code of Georgia, Title 21, Chapter 2, Section 134(a)(2), “all votes cast for such withdrawn candidate shall be void and shall not be counted.”

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