



August 10, 2010 Runoff Election

		C	E	L	W	S
		Conservation	Equality	Labor	Women/Choice	Children/Social
Statewide Races						
U.S. Senate	Michael "Mike" Thurmond			L		
Governor	Roy E. Barnes			L		
Lt. Governor	Carol Porter			L		S
Secretary of State	Georganna Sinkfield					
Attorney General	Rob Teilhet		E		W	S
School Superintendent	Joe Martin				W	S
Commissioner of Labor	Darryl Hicks					S
U.S. Congress District 4	Henry C. "Hank" Johnson Jr. (I)			L		
U.S. Congress District 13	David Scott (I)			L		
State Senate						
35	Torrey O. Johnson					
38	Horencea Tate (I)	C			W	
39	Vincent Fort (I)	C	E		W	
State House of Representatives						
44	Sheila Jones (I)	C	E	L	W	
55	Rashad Taylor (I)	C	E	L	W	
61	Ralph Long (I)			L	W	
65	See Note below					
80	Sandy Murray		E			
88	Billy Mitchell (I)			L		
89	Earnest "Coach" Williams (I)			L	W	
94	Dar'shun N. Kendrick				W	
DeKalb County						
Commissioner District 7	Bryce Evan "B.E." Farbstein					
Fulton County						
Commissioner District 6	Joan P. Gardner		E			

Note: Lesser-of-two-evils alert. Sharon Beasley-Teague endorsements are L and W, but she is anti-equality. George Sneed has the E endorsement, but is anti-choice. Your decision - is equality or choice more important to you?

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An explanation of the C E L W S

► The C E L W S notation means the candidate has been endorsed in this primary by one of the following progressive groups we consult: AFL-CIO of Georgia, Atlanta Stonewall Democrats, Georgia Association of Educators, Georgia Equality, Georgia Conservation Voters, Georgia WINLIST and Planned Parenthood Action Fund of Georgia. Note that many organizations do not endorse in the primary; this is why only a few groups' endorsements are included here.

Our guide and why it's different

(1) It is researched, compiled and produced solely by volunteers, without ties to any one organization or political party.

(2) It is not a slate of "endorsed" candidates that share our values. It is a list of the opposed races in the metro Atlanta area, with our pick for who would be the strongest progressive choice for that seat.

What "progressive" means to us

► Core progressive values include freedom, hope, community, compassion, responsibility, equality, opportunity, family and trust. Our issues are civil rights, environmental protection and conservation, quality public education, affordable healthcare, reproductive freedom and worker's rights.

You won't see every race on this guide

► We only give input on contested races because you have no choice in the uncontested ones. When there is more than one candidate, we are offering our opinion on the most progressive choice. Unfortunately, sometimes this is a choice of the lesser-of-two-evils.

► We only provide input on metro Atlanta races - Fulton, DeKalb counties. We'd love to do more, but for now we don't have the time and volunteer power to research every opposed race in Georgia.

This guide is only for the Democratic primary races

► In a primary race in Georgia, voters must choose either a Democratic or a Republican ticket. Our ultimate goal is to elect progressive candidates to office. Because the majority of the progressive candidates right now are on the Democratic ticket (and virtually none on the Republican ticket), we concentrate our efforts on researching those races. We simply don't have the volunteers and the time needed to research both tickets for the primary.

We weigh various factors in making our decisions

► We consider candidates' views and records on our issues, how smart and non-corrupt s/he is, and his/her chances of being elected. In a toss-up between good candidates we usually select the incumbent (I), as s/he may have built important alliances or be in a leadership position helpful to our causes.