



Conservation
 Equality
 Labor
 Women/Choice
 Children/Social

President Barack Obama C E L W S ▶

U.S. Senate Jim Martin C E L W

Public Service Commission
 Jim Powell C
 John H. Monds

U.S. House
 5th John Lewis C E L W
 6th Bill Jones
 13th David Scott C

State Senate
 6 Doug Stoner C L W S
 21 Carlos Lopez
 32 Chris Cameron
 40 Martin McConaughy
 42 David Adelman C L W S
 43 Ronald B. Ramsey Sr. L S
 56 Akhtar Sadiq

State House
 34 Earl Giddins E W
 35 Jason Adams E W
 37 Terry Johnson L
 38 Pat Dooley L W
 39 Alisha Thomas Morgan E L W S
 44 Sheila Jones C E L W S
 45 Ruth E Levy E L
 47 Tony Patel
 79 Keith Kaylor
 80 Michelle Conlon W
 81 Chris Huttman S
 85 Stephanie Stuckey Benfield C E L W S
 95 Toney Collins
 96 Pedro "Pete" Marin C E L W
 103 Allan Burns
 104 Lee Thompson
 106 Tony Lentini

DeKalb County
County Com. 1 Larry Danese
Judge, Ct. of Appeals* Christopher McFadden*
Judge, Superior Ct. Tom Stubbs
Judge, Superior Ct. Johnny Mason
Board of Ed. 2 Marshall Orson
Board of Ed. 4 Shayna M. Steinfeld
Board of Ed. 8 Pam Speaks
Board of Ed. 9 Earnest Brown
Soil & Water Conserv. William D. Denton
 Dell F. MacGregor

Fulton County
Sheriff Theodore Jackson
Surveyor William "Bill" J. Daniel
Judge, Ct. of Appeals* Christopher McFadden*
Judge, Superior Ct. Keisha Lance Bottoms
Judge, Superior Ct. Karlise Yvette Grier
Judge, State Ct. Susan Edlein
School Board 4 Adrienne H. Berry
Soil & Water Conserv. Preston D. Mason
 Alan O. Toney

*Other good, qualified Court of Appeals candidates are: Bruce Edenfield, Michael Von Bremen, and Sara Doyle

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A Guide to the Guide:

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Endorsements for Barack Obama include: League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Human Rights Campaign, AFL-CIO, SEIU, National Organization for Women, Planned Parenthood, and National Education Association, National Association of Social Workers.

An explanation of the C E L W S

▶ The C E L W S notation means the candidate has been endorsed by one of the following groups we consult: AFL-CIO of Georgia, Atlanta Stonewall Democrats, Georgia Association of Educators, Georgia for Democracy, Georgia Equality, Georgia Conservation Voters, Georgia Log Cabin Republicans, Georgia WIN List, National Association of Social Workers Georgia Chapter, Planned Parenthood Action Fund Georgia, SEIU of Georgia, Sierra Club of Georgia

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 most 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. Where there is more than one candidate, we are offering our opinion on the most progressive choice. More often than we'd like, this is a choice of the lesser-of-two-evils.

▶ We only provide input on metro Atlanta races - Fulton, DeKalb, and congressional races in Cobb and Gwinnett 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 is technically a non-partisan guide

▶ We're looking for the more progressive choice in each opposed race. This guide contains mostly Democrat choices only because that's where most of the progressive candidates are aligned. Republican, Independent and Libertarian candidates that meet our criteria get our nod when possible. Non-partisan judicial and municipal races are also included on this guide.

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, as s/he may have built important alliances or be in a leadership position helpful to the our causes. In a toss-up between poor candidates, we tend to pick the non-Republican candidate since the Georgia GOP's voting record (particularly while controlling the legislature) has been consistently unfavorable to progressive causes.

Amendments

- 1 - No** This one's tough. While many conservationists support this, we say no because it's a roundabout (and temporary) way to conserve land that would keep developers' property taxes artificially low. If our priority is to permanently preserve land we should vote directly to raise taxes or sell bonds to do so.
- 2 - No** Taxes collected to fund school projects could be used to fund other projects instead, but voters would have no say in which ones.
- 3 - No** Taxpayers outside the district could be stuck with the infrastructure expense of its development. Developers should just borrow the \$ directly instead of going through the district.