



2026 Democratic Primary Voter Guide

Fayette County, Georgia
Primary Election – May 19, 2026



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A NOTE TO THE VOTER:

Democracy does not sustain itself.

It depends on people, on citizens who choose to stay engaged, to ask questions, to seek understanding, and to take seriously the responsibility of participating in public life.

This guide was created with a simple purpose: to make key details more accessible and to support each voter in making thoughtful, well-grounded decisions.

A meaningful vote is not accidental. It takes time. It takes effort. It requires a willingness to look beyond headlines, to consider different perspectives, and to weigh choices carefully.

We believe that this work matters.

A healthy democracy is built by engaged citizens, people who do the sometimes difficult, often quiet work of learning, reflecting, and showing up prepared to participate.

This guide does not tell you what to think or who to choose. It is a tool, one step in the process of becoming a more engaged voter.

The responsibility, and the power, remain with you.

HOW THIS GUIDE IS ORGANIZED:

This guide is structured to mirror the order of the official Fayette County sample ballot [May 2026 Sample Ballot](#), allowing you to move through the information in the same sequence you will see when voting. U.S. House District 13 is also included, as portions of Fayette County fall within that district, and is grouped with the other U.S. House races.

By aligning this guide with the ballot, we aim to make it easier to navigate, compare candidates, and feel prepared when you cast your vote.

Each section includes:

- The office being elected
- Candidates running for that position
- Background information and key priorities (as available)
- All candidates are presented using a consistent format. Where less information is publicly available, entries may be shorter to reflect that.

This guide is intended to inform, not influence. We encourage every voter to explore further, ask questions, and engage fully in the democratic process.



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

You can use this guide in a way that works best for you:

- Before voting: Review candidates and become familiar with the races
- While filling out a sample ballot: Follow along in the same order
- Before entering the polling place: Refresh your understanding
- As a starting point: Use the included links to explore more information

A few helpful tips:

- Read each race carefully, many have multiple candidates
- Pay attention to “Vote for One” or “Vote for X” instructions on your ballot
- Take your time, an informed vote is worth the effort



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For United State Senate (Vote for One)

Jon Ossoff <https://electjon.com/>

Office: United States Senator

Jon Ossoff, U.S. Senator from Georgia, is running for re-election. A former investigative journalist and nonprofit founder, he focuses on expanding healthcare access, strengthening public education, combating climate change, and investing in infrastructure and clean energy. Ossoff emphasizes voting rights, government transparency, and support for small businesses and working families to promote economic opportunity across Georgia.

His priorities include upgrading infrastructure and expanding rural broadband; protecting healthcare and lowering drug costs; strengthening public safety and veterans' services; creating clean-energy jobs and supporting Georgia farmers; fighting corruption and campaign finance reform; and robust constituent services.

For Governor (Vote for One)

Keisha Lance Bottoms <https://www.keishaforgovernor.com/>

Office: Governor

Keisha Lance Bottoms is the former Mayor of Atlanta, serving from 2018 to 2022, where she built a reputation as a progressive leader focused on equity, transparency, and racial justice. During her tenure she established Atlanta's first Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, eliminated cash bail citywide, appointed an LGBTQ Affairs Coordinator, and launched Atlanta's Open Checkbook, the city's most far-reaching financial transparency platform to date.

After leaving the mayor's office, Bottoms served as Senior Advisor to President Biden for Public Engagement and later as a political commentator for CNN, keeping her in the national spotlight. Her gubernatorial campaign carries forward her record of equitable governance, positioning her as a candidate with both executive experience and a strong public profile heading into the 2026 race.

Olu Brown www.OluForGA.com

Office: Governor

Olu Brown is a pastor, author, and community leader whose personal website highlights his work as a speaker, coach, and author of multiple books on faith and personal development, with his gubernatorial campaign directing supporters to oluforga.com. His background is rooted in faith-based community



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organizing and leadership development, bringing a values-driven perspective to his run for Georgia's highest office.

Brown's campaign emphasizes a community-centered approach to governance, drawing on his experience building organizations and connecting with Georgians across different backgrounds. He presents himself as an outsider to traditional politics whose pastoral and nonprofit experience gives him a unique lens for addressing the challenges facing Georgia families.

Amanda Duffy <https://www.duffyforgeorgia.com/>

Office: Governor

Amanda Duffy is a Georgia gubernatorial candidate, former educator and community advocate. Her platform emphasizes education reform, healthcare access, infrastructure improvements, progressive tax changes, and stronger worker protections.

Priorities include expanding Medicaid/fully implementing ACA coverage, easing teacher and student stress with curriculum and social-emotional learning, raising the state minimum wage toward a living wage, creating local-first bidding on public works, pausing data center construction for local review, increasing child tax credits and tax relief for teachers/first responders, and improving transportation and broadband planning to reduce disruptions.

Geoff Duncan <https://www.duncanforgeorgia.com/>

Office: Governor

Geoff Duncan, formerly Georgia's Republican lieutenant governor and a onetime professional baseball player, is now running for governor as a Democrat after publicly leaving the GOP in 2023. Citing concerns about the party's direction post-2020 and a desire to protect democratic norms, he said the Republican Party no longer reflected his principles—prompting his switch.

Geoff Duncan's campaign focuses on lowering family costs (childcare, healthcare, housing), expanding Medicaid, boosting workforce training, supporting small businesses, strengthening election integrity, and promoting public safety and government accountability through bipartisan, faith-engaged solutions.



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Jason Esteves <https://www.jasonesteves.com/>

Office: Governor

Jason Esteves is a Georgia attorney and former chair of the Atlanta Board of Education who is running for Governor on the message of building “a better, safer Georgia.” His campaign website highlights his priorities around public safety, education, and expanding economic opportunity, reflecting his background in both law and public school governance.

Esteves positions himself as a results-driven leader with hands-on experience improving outcomes for Georgia students and families. His campaign is actively fundraising through ActBlue and emphasizes endorsements and community engagement as central pillars of his effort to win the Democratic nomination.

Derrick Jackson <https://www.votederrickjackson.org/>

Office: Governor

Derrick Jackson is a Georgia state representative, U.S. Navy veteran, former corporate executive and educator now running for governor. He served multiple terms in the state House, ran for lieutenant governor in 2022, and has been a nonprofit leader and adjunct professor—highlighting a career rooted in service, bipartisan lawmaking, and community engagement.

His campaign priorities focus on affordability and economic security—raising the minimum wage (to \$20/hour), honoring public servants with tax exemptions, using surplus funds for Medicaid expansion and small-business grants, and expanding workforce development and public education. He also emphasizes healthcare access, affordable housing, environmental justice, gun safety reform, criminal justice reform, and protecting democracy and civil rights.

Michael “Mike” Thurmond <https://www.mikethurmond.com/>

Office: Governor

Michael Thurmond is a longtime Georgia public servant, former state Labor Commissioner, DeKalb County CEO, interim superintendent, and attorney with decades of statewide experience. Raised in a sharecropping family, he rebuilt government agencies, led workforce and career initiatives as Labor Commissioner, and later turned around DeKalb County’s finances and schools. He’s running for governor in 2026 on a record of competence and service.

His campaign prioritizes job creation and workforce training, expanding affordable healthcare including Medicaid, investing in education equity, supporting farmers and small businesses, bolstering social



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services, and advancing criminal justice reform and environmental protections to build a more inclusive, prosperous Georgia.

For Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One)

Josh McLaurin <https://www.joshmclaurin.com/>

Office: Lieutenant Governor

Josh McLaurin is a current Georgia State Senator running for Lieutenant Governor, with a campaign focused on civil liberties, reproductive freedom, and economic fairness for working Georgians. His website outlines his priorities and endorsements, presenting him as one of the leading progressive voices in the Georgia legislature.

McLaurin has been a consistent advocate in the State Senate for LGBTQ+ rights and voting access, and his campaign draws on that legislative record to make the case that he is prepared to lead the chamber as Lieutenant Governor. He is fundraising through ActBlue and building a coalition of endorsers across the state.

Nabilah Parkes <https://nabilahparkes.com/>

Office Lieutenant Governor

Nabilah Parkes is a former Georgia State Senator who made history as the first Bangladeshi-American woman elected to a state legislature in the United States. Her campaign for Lieutenant Governor runs under the banner of “Fighting for Georgia,” with a focus on healthcare access, economic fairness, and expanding opportunity for working families across the state.

Parkes resigned her State Senate seat in March 2026 to focus full-time on her Lieutenant Governor campaign, demonstrating a serious commitment to the race. Her website collects supporter sign-ups and emphasizes grassroots engagement, positioning her as a historic and energetic candidate in the Democratic primary.

Richard N. Wright <https://wrightforgeorgia2026.com/>

Office: Lieutenant Governor

Richard N. Wright is an Atlanta CPA, entrepreneur, and community leader running for Lieutenant Governor of Georgia. He owns Accounting Done Wright, served as CFO of the Georgia Micro Enterprise



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Network, worked with small businesses, veterans' services, and nonprofits, and was a former mayoral candidate. He holds an MBA and a BS in Business Administration.

Wright's priorities include fiscal responsibility and pragmatic budgeting, expanding Medicaid and healthcare access, increasing affordable housing, and growing workforce development and apprenticeship programs. He advocates tax credits and regulatory relief for small businesses, targeted investment in manufacturing and local entrepreneurship, stronger support for veterans and families, and policies to lower living costs while boosting job creation and community resilience across Georgia.

For Secretary of State (Vote for One)

Cam Ashling <https://www.camlovesga.com/>

Office: Secretary of State

Cam Ashling, a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) and Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA), is running for Georgia Secretary of State. An immigrant from Vietnam and single mother, she built a career in wealth management at Morgan Stanley, Ayco, and Bank of America managing over \$1.5B before launching her Georgia small business Goat Mansion by Buckhead Goats and founding nonprofit civic efforts.

An election-protection leader, Ashling has led absentee-ballot cure teams, served as a poll monitor, participated in hand counts, testified in court, and challenged voter-suppression measures. Her platform combines transparent, auditable elections with business-registration reform, stronger securities enforcement and consumer protections (especially for seniors), licensing modernization, expanded ballot access, and operational reforms to make the Secretary of State's office more competent, secure, and business-friendly.

Dana Barrett <https://electdanabarrett.com/>

Office: Secretary of State

Dana Barrett is a current Fulton County Commissioner representing District 3, bringing local government experience to her campaign for Georgia Secretary of State. She also hosts "The Local Option" podcast, reflecting her interest in civic engagement and public policy communication beyond traditional officeholding.

Barrett's campaign for Secretary of State centers on election access, transparency, and modernizing Georgia's voting systems, drawing on her county-level government experience. Her website serves as a



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hub connecting supporters to her Fulton County work, her podcast, and her social media presence across Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Penny Brown Reynolds <https://www.pennyforgeorgia.com/>

Office: Secretary of State

Penny Brown Reynolds, a former Fulton County judge and USDA Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, is running for Georgia Secretary of State. An Emmy-nominated jurist, attorney, ordained pastor, and former executive counsel to Georgia governors, she prioritizes protecting voting rights, expanding ballot access, modernizing elections, supporting small businesses, and safeguarding seniors from fraud.

Adrian Consonery, Jr. <https://www.aj4ga.org/>

Office: Secretary of State

Adrian Consonery Jr., a Marietta native and voter-rights advocate, is running for Georgia Secretary of State. A Grambling State alum and founder of Lyfeline Initiative Inc., his 2020 absentee-ballot dispute inspired a campaign to protect voter access, modernize licensing services, and increase transparency in elections and securities oversight—aiming to make Georgia’s democracy fairer and more accessible for all.

For Attorney General (Vote for One)

Tanya Miller <https://www.tanyaforgeorgia.com/>

Office: Attorney General

Tanya Miller is a Georgia state representative and former prosecutor running for attorney general. She has served District 62 since 2023 and previously worked as an assistant district attorney in Fulton County. Her campaign emphasizes justice, public safety, and civil rights, drawing on experience prosecuting violent crime and advocating for victims.

Robert “Bob” Trammell <https://www.bobtrammell.com/>

Office: Attorney General

Bob Trammell is a former Georgia House minority leader and attorney running for attorney general in 2026. His campaign focuses on protecting communities, livelihoods, and consumers by fighting crime, fraud, and corporate abuse, while defending civil rights and fair elections. He emphasizes holding powerful interests accountable and ensuring justice works for all Georgians.



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For Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for One)

Katherine E. Juhan-Arnold <https://katherineforgeorgia.com/>

Office: Commissioner of Agriculture

Katherine E. Juhan-Arnold is a farmer, engineer, and small business owner running for Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture in 2026. Her campaign prioritizes strengthening agricultural education and workforce pipelines, supporting sustainable farming and land conservation, protecting consumers and food safety, improving rural infrastructure and broadband, and enhancing disaster preparedness to build a resilient, modern agricultural economy.

Sedrick Kent Rowe, Jr. <https://roweforgeorgia.com/>

Office: Commissioner of Agriculture

Sedrick Kent Rowe Jr. is a first-generation organic peanut farmer and researcher from Albany running for Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture. His campaign focuses on modernizing the food system, streamlining farm aid, supporting young and small farmers, reducing costs through technology and bioscience, and connecting local farms to schools to strengthen Georgia's agricultural economy.

For Commissioner of Insurance (Vote for One)

Clarence Blalock <https://clarencforgea.com/>

Office: Commissioner of Insurance

Clarence Blalock is a small business owner, political consultant, and former local government staffer running for Georgia Insurance Commissioner. His campaign emphasizes lowering insurance costs, expanding Medicaid, protecting consumers, and holding insurance companies accountable through stronger oversight and transparency, while improving access to affordable coverage for working families across Georgia.

Thomas Dean Contact by email or website was unavailable

Office: Commissioner of Insurance

Thomas Gabriel Dean is a Democratic candidate for Georgia Insurance Commissioner in the 2026 statewide primary election. He is among a field of Democratic contenders challenging the incumbent Republican commissioner. He has been identified in election coverage as a non-establishment candidate whose listed occupation is driver, reflecting a working-class background. There is limited



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available biographical or campaign-policy information about him in major news coverage or official campaign materials as of early 2026. Election reporting primarily focuses on Thomas Dean's participation in the crowded Democratic primary field rather than detailed policy positions or prior political experience.

Ambuj "AJ" Jain <https://www.ajforgeorgia.com/>

Office: Commissioner of Insurance

Ambuj "AJ" Jain is an entrepreneur and philanthropist running for Georgia Insurance Commissioner. An immigrant who built a career in business and insurance, he emphasizes lowering premiums, ending unfair rate practices tied to credit scores and ZIP codes, and holding insurers accountable. His campaign focuses on consumer protection, transparency, and making coverage more affordable for Georgia families.

DeAndre Mathis <https://deandreforgeorgia.com/>

Office: Commissioner of Insurance

DeAndre Mathis is a U.S. Navy veteran, insurance agent, and tax accountant running for Georgia Insurance Commissioner. With over two decades of industry experience, his campaign focuses on ending "modern-day redlining," eliminating rate-setting based on ZIP codes and credit scores, strengthening enforcement against fraud, and improving fire safety inspections to better protect schools and rural communities.

Keisha Sean Waites <https://www.keishawaites.org/>

Office: Commissioner of Insurance

Keisha Sean Waites is a former Georgia state representative and Atlanta City Council at-large member running for Insurance Commissioner. Her campaign focuses on lowering home and auto insurance rates, banning pricing based on ZIP codes and credit scores, and protecting vulnerable residents by cracking down on scams and strengthening consumer protections across Georgia.



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For State School Superintendent (Vote for One)

Anton Anthony <https://www.voteantonanthonysr.com/>

Office: Georgia State School Superintendent

Anton Anthony is the superintendent of Hancock County Schools in Sparta and a Democratic candidate for Georgia State School Superintendent. A career educator, he has worked as a teacher, reading specialist, assistant principal, principal, HR professional, central office administrator and district superintendent, and is the author of Loving Education. He holds degrees in business and teaching, advanced degrees in curriculum and leadership, and doctoral study in theology.

His campaign focuses on improving student achievement, supporting teachers, and strengthening public education across Georgia by prioritizing equity of opportunity, targeted turnaround resources for low-performing schools, career pathway exposure before high school, and investments in classroom creativity and school leadership.

Lydia Catalina Powell <https://www.drlydiapowell.com/>

Office: Georgia State School Superintendent

Dr. Lydia Powell is a 25-year educator, currently serving as an assistant principal and former teacher across Georgia and Florida; she holds degrees from Florida A&M, Florida State, and the University of Sarasota and leads diversity consulting and adjunct teaching work. She emphasizes ethical, transparent leadership and community engagement while serving civic roles in Fayette County

Her campaign platform “Raising Standards, Restoring Pride” prioritizes universal preschool access, reduced reliance on standardized tests, student mental health, accountability, career readiness, and expanded support for rural schools; contact and donation info is on her campaign site.

Otha Thornton <https://othathornton.com/>

Office: Georgia State School Superintendent

Otha E. Thornton Jr. is a seasoned educator and executive running for Georgia State School Superintendent under “Otha for Georgia Schools.” A retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel and former National PTA president, he brings classroom experience—from college lecturing to teaching high school students with IEPs and 504s—together with national nonprofit leadership and decades advising state legislators, preparing him to manage Georgia’s multibillion-dollar education system.

His platform focuses on funding wraparound services by modernizing Georgia’s 1985 QBE formula (student enrollment, program types, and local wealth factors), partnering with state agencies and



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nonprofits to reduce poverty-related barriers, empowering families and grassroots advisory groups, restoring teacher authority and resources, expanding career and vocational programs, and ensuring equitable funding for rural and underserved districts.

For Commissioner of Labor (Vote for One)

Brett Hulme <https://www.bretthulme.com/>

Office: Georgia Labor Commissioner

Brett Hulme is a Democratic candidate for Georgia Labor Commissioner whose campaign website highlights his background, priorities, endorsements, and ways for supporters to get involved. His platform centers on strengthening worker protections, expanding access to unemployment insurance, and holding employers accountable for wage theft and unsafe working conditions.

Hulme's campaign presents him as a candidate who understands the challenges facing Georgia's workforce and is prepared to lead the Department of Labor in a more worker-focused direction. He is fundraising through ActBlue and building endorsements as he competes in a five-way Democratic primary for the seat.

Jason Moon (no website, [Jason Moon for GA Facebook](#))

Office: Georgia Labor Commissioner

Jason Moon is a public servant with experience in both government and the private sector. He currently serves as a federal professional service representative at the U.S. Small Business Administration. He spent 26 years working for the late U.S. Senator Max Cleland, and holds an MPA from the University of Georgia plus degrees in political science and justice studies from Georgia Southern University.

Moon brings corporate experience in transportation and logistics sales, where he managed large budgets and business operations. His campaign for Georgia Labor Commissioner emphasizes practical solutions: a federal loan program to help struggling farmers access capital, a one-page guide to simplify starting a business, and plans to improve Labor Department efficiency and transparency while operating on a lean budget through better technology.



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Nikki Porcher [Vote Porcher 4 GA](#)

Office: Georgia Labor Commissioner

Nikki Porcher is a U.S. Air Force veteran, former Georgia public school teacher, and founder of a national nonprofit that has supported hundreds of small businesses across the country. Her campaign for Georgia Labor Commissioner runs under the slogan “Building a Georgia where work WORKS for everyone,” centering her platform on strengthening workers, supporting small businesses, and expanding access to economic opportunity statewide.

Porcher’s campaign website includes sections for volunteers to claim their county, sign up for events, and get involved at the grassroots level. She presents her combined military, education, and entrepreneurship background as uniquely qualifying her to reform the Georgia Department of Labor and better serve the state’s workers and small business owners.

Michelle Sanchez <https://michi4ga.com>

Office: Georgia Labor Commissioner

Raised by her immigrant mother, she became a Christian after a family medical crisis and spent over a decade organizing for workers in Georgia. A founding board member of Georgia Familias Unidas, she fights wage theft, unemployment delays, and unsafe conditions. Running for Labor Commissioner, she pledges to build accessible services, enforce employer accountability, expand job training, and protect workers statewide.

She’s running for Georgia Labor Commissioner to aggressively fight wage theft with proactive investigations and full wage recovery; strengthen worker protections by enforcing misclassification and closing harassment gaps; reform unemployment to be accessible and timely; create clean-energy job pipelines for marginalized communities; expand childcare and healthcare-linked supports for working families; provide multilingual access; and build outreach to end exploited labor.

Christian Wise Smith <https://wiseforthepeople.com/>

Office: Georgia Labor Commissioner

Christian Wise Smith is a Democratic candidate for Georgia Labor Commissioner and an attorney. A former prosecutor who saw firsthand that criminal justice alone can’t fix poverty. Running for Attorney General taught him the limits of courts—real prevention happens earlier, through economic opportunity. This is why he is running for Labor Commissioner.



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His platform emphasizes expanding workforce pathways to prevent poverty, strengthening career training and apprenticeships, and improving unemployment support systems to ensure workers quickly access benefits and re-enter the labor market.

For Public Service Commissioner District 3 (Vote for One)

Peter Hubbard (Incumbent) <https://www.peterforgeorgia.com/>

Office: Public service Commissioner - Running unopposed in primary - Statewide voting for this seat
Peter Hubbard is a clean energy advocate and member of the Georgia Public Service Commission running for a full term in 2026. A former solar developer and nonprofit founder, he emphasizes lowering utility bills, expanding clean energy, and strengthening oversight of utilities. His campaign focuses on protecting consumers, improving grid reliability, and ensuring affordable, sustainable power for Georgia families.

For Public Service Commissioner District 5 (Vote for One)

Craig Cupid <https://www.cupidforpsc.com/>

Office: Public Service Commissioner, District 5 - Statewide voting for this seat
Craig Cupid is a small business owner and political organizer running for Georgia Public Service Commission. His campaign focuses on lowering utility costs, increasing accountability for power companies, and expanding consumer protections for families and seniors. He emphasizes fair energy pricing, investment in infrastructure, and ensuring reliable, affordable electricity across Georgia communities.

Shelia Edwards <https://www.shelia4psc.com/>

Office: Public Service Commissioner, District 5 - Statewide voting for this seat
Shelia Edwards is a longtime community advocate and public service professional running for Georgia Public Service Commission. Her campaign focuses on lowering utility bills, improving energy equity, and holding utility companies accountable. She emphasizes protecting vulnerable households, expanding affordable energy access, and ensuring reliable, transparent oversight of Georgia's electric and gas utilities.



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Angelia Pressley <https://pressleyforgapsc.com/>

Office: Public Service Commissioner, District 5 - Statewide voting for this seat

Angelia Pressley is a community advocate and small business leader running for Georgia Public Service Commission. Her campaign focuses on reducing rising utility costs, expanding consumer protections, and ensuring fair treatment of ratepayers. She emphasizes transparency in utility regulation, stronger oversight of energy providers, and improving access to affordable, reliable power for Georgia families and seniors.

For United States House Representatives – District 3 (Vote for One)

George Melville Johnson <https://www.georgemelvillejohnson.com/>

Office: United States House of Representatives, District 3

George Melville Johnson is a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives in Georgia's 3rd Congressional District. His campaign emphasizes economic opportunity, lowering costs for working families, and strengthening public education. He supports infrastructure investment, rural development, and healthcare access while advocating for bipartisan cooperation to address local needs and improve quality of life across West Georgia communities.

Maura Keller <https://maurakeller.com/>

Office: United States House of Representatives, District 3

Maura Keller is a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives in Georgia's 3rd Congressional District. Her campaign focuses on expanding economic opportunity, supporting small businesses, and improving access to affordable healthcare. She also emphasizes strengthening public education, investing in infrastructure, and promoting bipartisan solutions to address the needs of families and communities across West Georgia.

For United States House Representatives – District 6 (Vote for One)

Lucy McBath (Incumbent) <https://lucyforcongress.com/>

Office: United States House of Representatives, District 6

Lucy McBath is a Democratic U.S. Representative from Georgia's 6th Congressional District, first elected in 2018. A former flight attendant and gun safety advocate, she entered politics after the murder of her



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son. Her work focuses on gun violence prevention, healthcare access, reproductive rights, and protecting voting rights while supporting families and middle-class economic security.

For United States House Representatives – District 13 (Vote for One)

Jasmine Clark <https://www.jasmine4ga.com/>

Office: U.S. House of Representatives, District 13

Dr. Jasmine Clark is a mom, microbiologist, college professor, and Georgia state representative who flipped a long-held Republican seat in 2018. A science communicator and Emory PhD, she's taught nursing, led public-health accountability, and organized local civic action.

Running for U.S. House in GA-13, her platform defends democracy and reproductive rights, restores research funding, protects jobs and unions, expands healthcare access and veterans' services, fights economic inequality with support for small businesses and fair taxation, pushes criminal-justice reform and common-sense gun safety, and prioritizes climate and environmental justice.

Everton Blair Jr. evertonblair.com

Office: U.S. House of Representatives, District 13

Everton Blair Jr. is a former Gwinnett County Board of Education chair running for Congress in Georgia's 13th Congressional District under the message "Change Can't Wait." His campaign focuses on education funding, healthcare access, and economic equity, drawing directly on his experience overseeing one of Georgia's largest school systems.

Blair would make history as the first openly gay Black man elected to Congress if he wins the seat. His campaign is actively fundraising through ActBlue and has secured notable endorsements, with the crypto-backed PAC Protect Progress spending over \$1 million in media and outreach on his behalf heading into the May 19 primary.

Jeffrey Fauntleroy Sr. <https://www.drjeffordistrict13.org/>

Office: U.S. House of Representatives, District 13

Jeffrey "Dr. Jeff" Fauntleroy Sr. is a Snellville-based pastor, husband and father, former law-enforcement officer with 25+ years' service, worked in construction and small business ownership (including a UPS franchise and security services), and holds a B.A. in Ministerial Studies, an M.Div. from Morehouse



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School of Religion, and a doctorate from Howard University School of Divinity. He leads The Fauntleroy Institute, has served on local education and community boards, and is active in Omega Psi Phi.

Jeff Fauntleroy Sr. prioritizes inclusive community engagement; an equitable economy supporting small businesses, job training, and affordable education; compassionate public safety with diversion and mental-health services; universal healthcare including Medicare for All and maternal protections; affordable housing and eviction safeguards; humane immigration with paths to citizenship; environmental justice and water protections; ending endless wars; restoring civility, accountability, and constituent-centered government.

Emanuel Jones <https://emanueljonesforcongress.com/>

Office: U.S. House of Representatives, District 13

Emanuel D. Jones is a longtime Democratic public servant from Georgia—serving in the State Senate since 2005—who previously served as a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officer and leads Legacy Automotive Group; he holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Columbia University.

He's running for Georgia's 13th Congressional District on a platform of economic development, education and workforce training, increased federal support for healthcare and hospitals, environmental justice and infrastructure improvements, public-safety funding with community-focused programs, and stronger protections for workers and small businesses.

Heavenly Kimes <https://drheavenlyforgeorgia.com/>

Office: U.S. House of Representatives, District 13

Dr. Heavenly Kimes is a dentist, entrepreneur, and reality-TV personality from metro Atlanta. She earned a B.S. in Biology from Florida A&M University and a doctorate from Meharry Medical College, founded Heavenly Dental Associates, Inc., and has appeared on Married to Medicine. She is running as a concerned Democrat in Georgia's 13th Congressional District.

She focuses on workforce development and small-business support, improved access to healthcare, environmental justice, modernizing transit, and funding education. Dr. Heavenly Kimes advocates for stronger community-focused public safety, and expanded services for families and veterans, drawing on her medical background and community leadership.

For State House of Representatives – District 68 (Vote for One)



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Mark Baker <https://baker4georgia.com/>

Office: State House of Representatives, District 68 - No Republican running for seat

Dr. Mark Baker is an experienced, reform-oriented leader who is running for Georgia House of Representatives District 68. He has a strong background in public safety, education, and local government. His record of public service includes time as a founding South Fulton city councilmember, a retired school resource officer, and a college professor. His hands-on experience in writing policy, building coalitions, and passing legislation positions him as a candidate who already understands how government works and can deliver results from day one. Dr. Baker's platform centers on lowering the cost of living, supporting local economic development, expanding affordable housing, and ensuring fair wages, along with priorities like public safety, police accountability, voting rights, and homeowner protections. His past efforts related to criminal justice reform, wage increases, and equity-focused policies reinforce his image as a candidate focused on systemic change and community impact.

Jonathan Bonner <https://bonner4house.com/>

Office: State House of Representatives, District 68 - No Republican running for seat

Jonathan Bonner is a community-rooted, working-family advocate running for the Georgia House of Representatives District 68. He is a Fayette County native, single father, and community organizer with much personal experience and grassroots leadership. His firsthand understanding of challenges like rising costs of living, caregiving responsibilities, and access to quality education form his focus on economic affordability, expanding access to healthcare, fully funding public schools, supporting veterans and caregivers, and reducing corporate influence in politics. His commitment to grassroots organizing and civic engagement encourages residents to get involved and help shape policy decisions. Jonathan Bonner calls for people-first policies, emphasizing fairness, opportunity, and stronger public investment in a government that works more directly for everyday Georgians.

Courtney Heard <https://www.heardforgeorgia.com/>

Office: State House of Representatives, District 68 - No Republican running for seat

Courtney Heard is a community-driven candidate for Georgia House of Representatives District 68 who is focused on reforming local governance and strengthening protections for homeowners. She strongly emphasizes reforming homeowner associations (HOAs), advocating for residents who feel overregulated or unfairly treated, and ensuring that community institutions are more responsive to the people they serve. She is a reform-minded candidate challenging existing systems, with a focus on fairness, local control, and empowering everyday residents to have a stronger voice in their communities. A central theme of her messaging is addressing what she describes as overreach or lack of accountability in



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homeowner associations, advocating for clearer rules, greater resident input, and stronger protections for property owners. Courtney Heard frames her candidacy around the idea of restoring balance between governing boards and the communities they serve, while increasing transparency in how decisions are made at the neighborhood and local level.

Quentin “Q” Pullen <https://www.q4thepeople.com/>

Office: State House of Representatives, District 68 - No Republican running for seat

Quentin “Q” Pullen is a community-focused, grassroots reformer who is a candidate for Georgia House of Representatives District 68. He plans to restore local government to “the people” through unity, civic engagement, and community-driven decision-making.

He emphasizes nonpartisan, community-first leadership because it is less focused on traditional party politics and more focused on practical action and neighbor-to-neighbor collaboration. It promotes the idea that stronger communities are built when residents have a direct voice in shaping solutions to local challenges rather than relying on partisan systems or political insiders. He wants to improve the quality of life in Fayette County and District 68, with policy priorities such as affordable healthcare access, livable wages, support for small businesses, stronger public education, housing affordability, and better services for veterans and seniors. Economic fairness and community stability are interconnected parts of building a stronger local future. Quentin “Q” Pullen is advocating for collaboration, civic participation, and policies aimed at improving everyday life for working families while strengthening local government responsiveness.

Timoria McQueen Saba <https://www.timoria.org/>

Office: State House of Representatives, District 68 - No Republican running for seat

Timoria McQueen Saba is a compassionate candidate for Georgia House of Representatives District 68 who is focused on delivering a “bold plan for a better Georgia,” rooted in both personal experience and public service. Her background as a mother and health advocate, including surviving serious maternal health challenges, forms her strong commitment to expanding affordable healthcare and mental health access. Her key issues are healthcare affordability, food insecurity, public education funding, voting rights, and environmental protection. She stresses inclusive representation, constituent service, and bridging lived experience with policy. Timoria McQueen Saba has endorsements from local leaders and organizations with the intention of improving the well-being and economic security of Georgia families across the district and the state.



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Jane Williams <https://janeforgeorgia.com/>

Office: State House of Representatives, District 68 - No Republican running for seat

Jane Williams is a service-driven candidate in House of Representatives District 68 who is committed to strengthening families, improving public safety, and expanding economic opportunity. She is a Georgia native who overcame challenges to become the first in her family to graduate from college and earn a master's degree. She has shown a lifelong dedication to service through voter engagement, support for seniors, and advocacy for formerly incarcerated individuals. Her key priorities are improving healthcare access and affordability, ensuring safer and stronger schools, and promoting responsible development that protects neighborhoods while supporting job growth. Framed around the themes "Cultivate, Advocate, Elevate," Jane Williams advocates for lowering everyday costs, expanding mental health services, investing in education and workforce development, and building safer, more inclusive communities - all focused on practical solutions and community empowerment.

For State House of Representatives – District 69 (Vote for One)

Debra Bazemore (Incumbent) <https://debrabazemore69.org/>

Office: State House of Representatives, District 69 - No Republican running for seat

Debra Bazemore is the Democratic incumbent Georgia State Representative for House District 69, first elected in 2016 and representing parts of Fayette and Fulton counties. A longtime community advocate, she focuses on economic development, small business support, public education, human relations, and environmental protection. Bazemore also prioritizes senior services, aging issues, and policies that strengthen families and local communities.

Cobie Lyrrix Brown <https://cobielyrixbrownforstaterepdistrict69.com/>

Office: State House of Representatives, District 69 - No Republican running for seat

Cobie Lyrrix Brown is a community organizer and music industry entrepreneur running for Georgia House District 69. His campaign focuses on expanding economic opportunity, improving public education funding, strengthening public safety, and supporting small businesses. He also prioritizes affordable healthcare, job training and workforce development, and policies that promote equity, growth, and long-term investment in working families and local communities.



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September R. Cooper Email: ElectSeptember@gmail.com

Office: State House of Representatives, District 69 - No Republican running for seat

September Cooper's holistic view of issues is SOLUTION CENTERED! As a candidate for the Georgia House of Representatives District 69, she believes in quality education, affordable health care, and economic development. She is a Licensed Nurse Practitioner who also serves on the City of South Fulton Development Authority and is an HOA Vice President. September Cooper believes the government must be relatable in order to be EFFECTIVE and will work hard to make sure District 69 has a voice in the State House!

For State House of Representatives – District 73 (Vote for One)

Tim Wilkinson <https://www.timwilkinson2026.com/>

Office: State House of Representatives, District 73

Tim Wilkinson is a retired U.S. Postal Service worker, former local union representative and community volunteer who wants to protect our democracy. Born in Mississippi, he moved to Peachtree City in 1997 and later to Newnan in 2019. He focuses on the division and polarity of our nation, our immigration policy and its blatant racism. He is concerned about the threat posed by data centers on our water supply, and the rates for electricity and water. Tim Wilkinson plans to address the issues of inflation and the national debt, healthcare, public education, and term and age limits for state offices.

For State House of Representatives – District 82 (Vote for One)

Anthony Dickson <https://votedickson.com/>

Office: State House of Representatives, District 82

Anthony Dickson is a leadership-grounded candidate running for Georgia House District 82, based on both his professional experience and local engagement. His background as an educator, business leader, and nonprofit advocate leads to real-world experience and a commitment to public service. He stresses values such as transparency, accountability, and accessible leadership, positioning him as someone who will be responsive to constituents' needs. His platform centers on strengthening communities, supporting economic opportunity, and improving quality of life, with an emphasis on practical solutions and collaboration. Anthony Dickson is a candidate rooted in community leadership, service, and transparent governance to deliver results for local residents.



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William Harris <https://www.representativeofthepeople.com/>

Office: State House of Representatives, District 82

William Harris is a Democratic candidate running for Georgia House District 82 in Fayette County. He describes himself as a 6th-generation Georgian, small business owner, and community organizer with deep local ties and a background that includes service as an Eagle Scout. His campaign centers on representing working families and strengthening the middle class through policies that expand economic opportunity, improve access to quality education and healthcare, and support affordable living. He also emphasizes increasing civic engagement and ensuring that local residents have a stronger voice in state government decisions. Harris frames his candidacy around rebuilding trust in public institutions, promoting accountability, and encouraging more responsive, community-driven leadership. He positions himself as part of a new generation of representation focused on practical solutions to everyday challenges facing Fayette County and Georgia families.

For State Senate District 16 (Vote for One)

Sonya Wimberly Hawkins <https://campaigntoelectsonyawimberly.com/>

Office: State Senate, District 16

Sonya Wimberly Hawkins is a candidate who is grassroots-driven and centered on “unity, trust, and leadership,” with a strong emphasis on protecting democratic values and advocating for everyday families. Her decision to run for State Senate District 16 is a response to pressing political and social issues in Georgia, including challenges to voting rights, attacks on diversity and inclusion initiatives, restrictions on reproductive rights, and concerns about public education and economic pressures like rising costs of living. She is a committed advocate ready to “fight” for fairness, opportunity, and the future of democracy, highlighting a people-powered campaign rather than one backed by special interests. Sonya Wimberly Hawkins is focused on the urgency, community engagement, and collective action needed, and invites supporters to join her in working toward meaningful change in Georgia.

Pauline Henley <https://www.henley4senate16.com/>

Office: State Senate, District 16

Pauline Henley is a candidate with 40 years of federal service both in uniform and as a civilian, who seeks to continue her commitment to public service at the state level. Her career has been grounded in integrity, accountability, and a consistent ability to bring people together to achieve meaningful goals—values that will define her leadership as State Senator of District 16. Guided by her motto, “Collaborate for All to Succeed in our Great Country,” she emphasizes the importance of working across



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communities, organizations, and political perspectives to drive progress. She advocates for transparency in government, open communication, and responsible decision-making as essential tools for rebuilding public trust and strengthening areas such as healthcare, education, public safety, and overall community wellness. Centering her campaign on people over politics, Pauline Henley is committed to serving the public by promoting ethical, responsive representation for District 16, fostering unity across diverse communities, addressing complex challenges, and advancing policies that support education, social welfare, and healthcare.

For State Senate District 34 (Vote for One)

Gabriel Martin <https://gabrielmartincampaign.lovable.app/>

Office: State Senate, District 34 - No Republican running for seat

Gabriel Martin is a community-first candidate running for GA State Senate District 34. His emphasis is on practical leadership, local engagement, and responsive government. His platform focuses on public safety, economic growth, and support for working families by strengthening local infrastructure and community services. He believes in the importance of listening to residents, increasing transparency in government, and delivering measurable results. Some common-sense solutions he proposes include improving neighborhood safety, supporting small businesses, and ensuring responsible development that benefits the whole community. With grassroots involvement, George Martin will be a problem-solver to improve the quality of life for residents.

Kenya Wicks (Incumbent) <https://www.kenyaforgeorgia.com/>

Office: State Senate, District 34 - No Republican running for seat

Kenya Wicks is a service-driven leader running for the GA State Senate District 34. She has a strong background in the military, public service, and community advocacy. Her 30-year Army career and leadership experience form her belief in discipline, accountability, and a commitment to serving others now on the state level. She believes in supporting families, improving education, expanding access to mental health care, and strengthening community safety, with particular attention to veterans, children, and underserved populations. This would be accomplished by practical, community-based solutions and bipartisan collaboration to address local challenges. Kenya Wicks is focused on service, stability, and results, aiming to bring both lived experience and policy action to improve the quality of life across her district.



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For County Commission District 3 (Vote for One)

Chandra C. Wright <https://www.vote4chandra.com/>

Office: Fayette County Board of Commissioners, District 3 - Running unopposed in primary
Chandra C. Wright is a community-focused candidate running for Fayette County Commission District 3, emphasizing local engagement and responsive leadership. She is committed to amplifying community voices, encouraging open dialogue between residents and elected officials, and ensuring that everyday concerns are reflected in county decision-making. She believes that effective leadership starts with listening to constituents and working collaboratively to address local needs. Chandra Wright promotes themes of transparency, accessibility, and community-driven solutions.

For County Commission District 4 (Vote for One)

Charles D. Rousseau (Incumbent) Email: CRousseau@fayettecountyga.gov

Office: Fayette County Board of Commissioners, District 4 - Running unopposed in primary
Charles D. Rousseau is the incumbent Democratic commissioner for District 4 in Fayette County where he has held office since first being elected in 2015 and subsequently re-elected to additional terms. He is running for reelection to continue his work in county governance, including oversight of public services, budgets, and development decisions. He is known for his focus on responsible fiscal management, community engagement, and improving quality-of-life services such as public safety, health resources, and recreational infrastructure. Throughout his tenure, Charles Rousseau has also been involved in initiatives addressing growth management, economic development, and collaborative regional planning to support the county's evolving needs.

For County Board of Education District 2 (Vote for One)

Ashley Smith Email: ashleysmithdistrict2@gmail.com

Office: Fayette County Board of Education, District 2 - Running unopposed in primary
Ashley Smith is a Democratic candidate for the Fayette County Board of Education, District 2. As of early 2026, there is limited public campaign information available. Her candidacy reflects participation in local education governance and community involvement in public school leadership.



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For County Board of Education District 4 (Vote for One)

Regina Daigre (Incumbent) reginadaigre.org/

Office: Fayette County Board of Education, District 4 - Running unopposed in primary

Dr. Regina Daigre is a Fayette County Board of Education member for District 4 and a longtime educator with over 18 years of experience in K–12 and higher education. She is seeking reelection to continue her work in school governance, including overseeing education policy, budgeting, and student outcomes within the county’s public school system. Dr. Daigre emphasizes parental engagement, student career readiness, equitable educational opportunities, and expanding high-quality virtual learning options, along with a commitment to supporting teachers and improving overall school system efficiency.

STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY QUESTIONS (Vote YES or NO)

1. Should the State of Georgia raise the sales tax on everyday items like clothing, food and school supplies to pay for an income tax cut that would make millionaires and billionaires richer? Yes or No

What this is about:

- **Increasing sales tax** (what you pay when you buy things)
- **Decreasing income tax** (what you pay on what you earn)

Who is most **negatively impacted**:

- Lower-income households
- Middle-income households
- This question is **non-binding** (it does not change law directly).

It reflects a **policy preference**, not a vote that enacts anything.

2. Is it ethical for political candidates who have used their public offices to enrich themselves and their families, or have had nearly a billion dollars in business dealings with the State of Georgia, to hold statewide office?

What this is about:

- **Ethics in government**
- **Conflicts of interest**
- **Financial benefit from public roles**



This question is also **non-binding**.

It does **not remove or disqualify any candidate**.

It simply reflects voters' opinions on ethical standards.

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES BELOW

Nonpartisan General Election

The offices listed below will not appear on the November Ballot; the winners of these races will be elected now.

What "To Succeed [Name]" means on this ballot:

- None of these justices are retiring
- All three seats are regularly scheduled elections for full 6-year terms
- The wording "To Succeed" is standard legal ballot language, not a signal of vacancy

For Justice Supreme Court of Georgia (To Succeed Charlie Bethel) (Vote for One)

Charles "Charlie" Bethel (Incumbent) <https://charliebethel.org/>

Office: Justice Supreme Court of Georgia

Charles "Charlie" Bethel is an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, appointed in 2018 after serving on the Georgia Court of Appeals and previously in the Georgia State Senate. A Dalton native and University of Georgia graduate, he practiced law in private practice and business before public service. His judicial work focuses on appellate review, statutory interpretation, and constitutional questions shaping Georgia law, with an emphasis on consistency and legal precedent across the state's courts.

Miracle Rankin <https://www.miracleforgeorgia.com/>

Office: Justice Supreme Court of Georgia

Miracle Rankin is a trial attorney and candidate for the Georgia Supreme Court. A Spelman College and University of Georgia School of Law graduate, she has handled complex civil litigation including wrongful death, medical malpractice, and corporate negligence. Her campaign emphasizes equal justice,



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constitutional rights, and a strong passion for protecting the powerless, ensuring courts are fair, independent, and accessible to all Georgians.

For Justice Supreme Court of Georgia (To Succeed Benjamin Land) (Vote for One)

Ben Land (Incumbent) <https://justicebenland.com/>

Office: Justice Supreme Court of Georgia - Running unopposed

Ben Land is an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, appointed in 2025 by Governor Brian Kemp. A Columbus native, he previously served on the Georgia Court of Appeals and as a Superior Court judge in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit. Before joining the bench, he spent over 25 years in private practice handling complex civil litigation and class action cases. He is a University of Georgia graduate with both undergraduate and law degrees.

For Justice Supreme Court of Georgia (To Succeed Sarah Hawkins Warren) (Vote for One)

Jen Auer Jordan <https://www.jen4georgia.com/>

Office: Justice Supreme Court of Georgia

Jen Auer Jordan is a trial attorney and former Georgia state senator (UGA Law; Georgia Southern alum) and was the 2022 Democratic nominee for Attorney General. She's running for the Georgia Supreme Court in 2026 to bring courtroom experience and legislative perspective to the bench.

Her priorities as a justice: protect constitutional and civil rights (due process, free speech, voting rights); ensure equal access to justice (clear, navigable procedures, language access, fair fees); hold powerful interests accountable (impartial review of government and corporate actions); strengthen judicial independence and ethics; improve transparency and public trust in the courts; and support practical access measures — timely opinions, user-friendly forms, and initiatives that reduce barriers for low-income and rural Georgians.

Sarah Hawkins Warren (Incumbent) <https://www.sarahwarren.com/>

Office: Justice Supreme Court of Georgia

Sarah Hawkins Warren is the Presiding Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, appointed in 2018 by Nathan Deal after serving as the state's Solicitor General. A Duke University graduate, she previously worked as a federal law clerk and litigation attorney in Washington, D.C. She serves on the Federalist Society board and is involved with judicial education and legal policy organizations. Her work focuses on



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constitutional law, appellate review, statutory interpretation, and consistent application of Georgia legal precedent.

For Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia (To Succeed Trenton “Trent” Brown) (Vote for One)

Trenton “Trent” Brown (Incumbent) <https://www.judgetrentbrown.com/>

Office: Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia

Trenton “Trent” Brown is a judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals and a 2026 reelection candidate. Appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Nathan Deal in May 2018, he previously served as a Superior Court and State Court judge in the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit after earlier private practice. Brown earned a BA in Economics from the University of Georgia and a JD from Mercer University.

On the appellate bench he focuses on careful review of civil and criminal appeals, preserving consistent application of Georgia precedent, and writing clear, reasoned opinions. Brown is known for courtroom professionalism, commitment to judicial efficiency, mentoring younger lawyers and clerks, involvement in judicial education, service on judicial boards and commissions, and active participation in local community organizations.

Will Wooten <https://www.wootenfor.ga.com/>

Office: Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia

Will Wooten is a veteran Georgia prosecutor and former public defender running for the Georgia Court of Appeals. He earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Miami and his law degree at Emory University. He’s served as a prosecutor in Clayton and Gwinnett counties, led the White-Collar Crimes Unit as Fulton County Deputy District Attorney, and worked on high-profile cases including the election-interference prosecution; he also co-founded Fulton DA Fani Willis’ LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee and has taught trial advocacy at Emory.

Wooten emphasizes judicial independence, equal application of the law, and protecting constitutional rights—drawing on experience across defense and prosecution to ensure fairness for everyday Georgians and to hold powerful interests accountable.



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For Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia (To Succeed Sara Doyle) (Vote for One)

Sara Doyle (Incumbent) (no website)

Office: Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia - Running unopposed

Sara Doyle is the incumbent Judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals, serving since 2009. A former Chief Judge of the court (2015–2017), she has handled appellate review of civil and criminal cases across the state. A Mercer University law graduate, she previously practiced in private litigation, focusing on education law and complex civil matters. She also serves on judicial committees and commissions focused on court administration and access to justice.

For Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia (To Succeed Elizabeth Dallas Gobeil) (Vote for One)

Fatima Harris Felton <https://voteforfatima.com/>

Office: Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia

Fatima Harris Felton is a practicing attorney, former Judicial Officer in Fulton County Superior Court, and owner of The Harris Law Firm with 19 years' experience handling criminal defense, family, and civil cases; she's run for Cobb County Superior Court Clerk and is a candidate for the Georgia Court of Appeals

Her platform emphasizes defending reproductive privacy and maternal health, protecting voting rights and combating voter suppression, restoring public trust through competent, fair judiciary service, and expanding access to justice for families and children.

Elizabeth D. Gobeil (Incumbent) <https://www.electjudgegobeil.com/>

Office: Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia

Elizabeth D. Gobeil is a Judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals, appointed in 2018 by Nathan Deal after serving as a director and appellate division judge on the State Board of Workers' Compensation. A native of Thomaston, she earned degrees from Emory University and the University of Georgia School of Law.

On the bench and in judicial leadership she serves on the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, the Judicial Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (co-chairs its access-to-justice subcommittee), the Institute for Continuing Judicial Education Board of Trustees, and other statewide legal and community bodies; she's also been active on the Statewide Opioid Taskforce and in local civic organizations.



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For Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia (To Succeed David Todd Markle) (Vote for One)

David Todd Markle (Incumbent) (no website)

Office: Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia - Running unopposed

David Todd Markle is a Judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals, appointed in 2018 after serving as a Fulton County Superior Court judge and as executive counsel to the governor. A University of Georgia and Mercer Law graduate, he has decades of experience in private practice and public service. His judicial work focuses on civil and criminal appeals, emphasizing careful legal analysis, consistency in precedent, and fair application of Georgia law across cases.

For Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia (To Succeed J. Wade Padgett) (Vote for One)

J. Wade Padgett (Incumbent) <https://wadepadgett.com/>

Office: Judge Court of Appeals of Georgia - Running unopposed

Judge Wade Padgett is a lifelong Georgian with over 30 years of experience in the legal profession. A former prosecutor, private attorney, and trial judge, he was appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals in 2024. Known for his fairness, preparation, and respect for the rule of law, he has dedicated his career to integrity, legal education, and public service to his community.

For Judge – Superior Court Griffin Judicial Circuit (To Succeed Benjamin Coker) (Vote for One)

Benjamin David Coker (Incumbent) (no website)

Office: Judge - Superior Court Griffin Judicial Circuit - Running unopposed

Benjamin David Coker is a candidate for Superior Court Judge in the Griffin Judicial Circuit and a veteran Georgia prosecutor. He previously served as an assistant district attorney handling felony cases and later practiced law in private practice before becoming a judge. His campaign emphasizes public safety, fair sentencing, efficient courts, and a commitment to applying Georgia law impartially and consistently.



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For Judge – Superior Court Griffin Judicial Circuit (To Succeed Rhonda B. Kreuziger) (Vote for One)

Rhonda Bender Kreuziger (Incumbent) (no website)

Office: Judge - Superior Court Griffin Judicial Circuit - Running unopposed

Judge Rhonda Kreuziger is a Superior Court Judge for the Griffin Judicial Circuit, serving Fayette, Pike, Spalding, and Upson counties since 2021 after appointment by Governor Brian Kemp. She previously served as an associate juvenile court judge and Fayetteville municipal court judge. Earlier, she owned a private practice handling criminal, family, civil, and appellate law. She is a former prosecutor and forensic scientist, now serving on multiple judicial and State Bar committees.

For Judge – Superior Court Griffin Judicial Circuit (To Succeed Ben J. Miller) (Vote for One)

Ben J. Miller, Jr. (no website)

Office: Judge - Superior Court Griffin Judicial Circuit - Running unopposed

Ben J. Miller Jr. is a Superior Court Judge in the Griffin Judicial Circuit, appointed by Governor Brian Kemp in 2020. A lifelong Georgia attorney, he previously served as a prosecutor, solicitor, municipal court judge, and juvenile court judge. He also practiced private law for over a decade. Miller is known for his broad trial experience, community involvement, and commitment to fair, impartial application of Georgia law.

For State Court Judge (To Succeed Jason B. Thompson) (Vote for One)

Nailah Grant McFarlane <https://electjudgenailahgrantmcfarlane.com/>

Office: State Court Judge

Nailah Grant McFarlane is a seasoned jurist and candidate for Fayette County State Court Judge who emphasizes fairness, integrity, and community-centered justice. She brings more than 18 years of legal experience—including roles as a prosecutor, defense attorney, and judge—and has served on the bench since 2014 across Municipal, Magistrate, State, and Juvenile Courts. She is committed to “justice with compassion” and “leadership with integrity.” She is focused on improving court efficiency, reducing case backlogs, and ensuring transparency while balancing accountability with rehabilitation, particularly for nonviolent offenses. Grounded in her experience as a community leader, wife, and mother, Nailah Grant McFarlane presents herself as a candidate dedicated to making the legal system more accessible, equitable, and responsive to the needs of Fayette County residents.



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Jason B. Thompson (Incumbent) <https://keepjudgejbt.com/>

Office: State Court Judge

Jason B. Thompson serves as the State Court Judge for Fayette County, having been appointed in 2013 after prior experience as a prosecutor, Municipal Court Judge, and Magistrate Court Judge. He has demonstrated leadership in expanding accountability court programs, including creating both the Griffin Judicial Circuit's first DUI/Drug Court in 2016 and a Veterans Treatment Court in 2020, which together have supported over 100 graduates and saved significant jail costs by focusing on treatment-based alternatives for individuals with substance use and PTSD-related disorders. He emphasizes fairness, experience on the bench, and a commitment to public safety and efficient court administration. Jason B. Thompson seeks to keep maintaining judicial integrity, applying the law consistently, and ensuring accountability in the courtroom while also treating litigants with respect and professionalism.

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