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Statewide Races

		C	E	L	W	S
		Conservation	Equality	Labor	Women/Choice	Children/Social
U.S. Senate	Michael "Mike" Thurmond			L	W	
Governor	Roy E. Barnes	C		L	W	S
Lt. Governor	Carol Porter	C		L		S
Secretary of State	Georganna Sinkfield			L	W	S
Attorney General	Ken Hodges			L		S
School Superintendent	Joe Martin			L	W	S
Commissioner of Insurance	Mary Squires			L	W	S
Commissioner of Agriculture	J. B. Powell					
Commissioner of Labor	Darryl Hicks			L	W	S
Public Service Commissioner	Keith Moffett			L		
U.S. Congress District 4	Henry C. "Hank" Johnson Jr. (I)	C	E	L	W	S
U.S. Congress District 5	John Lewis (I)	C	E	L	W	S
U.S. Congress District 13	David Scott (I)	C		L	W	S

State Senate

5	Curt Thompson (I)	C	E	L	W	S
38	Horacena Tate (I)	C		L	W	S
40	Eric Christ	C		L		
41	Steve Henson (I)	C	E	L	W	S
43	Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr. (I)	C		L		S

State House of Representatives

46	Paul Kennedy		E		W	
79	Keith A. Kaylor					
80	Mike Jacobs (I)	C	E		W	
81	Elena Parent	C	E	L	W	S
85	Stephanie Stuckey-Benfield	C	E	L	W	S
94	Dar'shun N. Kendrick	C	E		W	S

Nonpartisan

Supreme Court Justice	Matt Wilson		E			
Appeals Court Judge	Chris McFadden		E			
Superior Court, Atlanta	Karlise Grier		E			
Superior Court, Stone Mtn.	Denise Warner		E			

Fulton County

Commissioner District 1	John H. Eaves		E			
Commissioner District 2	Robert "Robb" L. Pitts					
School Board, District 5	Marti Miller Elliott					

DeKalb County

District Attorney, Stone Mtn.	Robert James		E			
Board of Education, 1	Nancy Jester					
Board of Education, 3	Corey E. Wilson					S
Board of Education, 5	Kirk A. Nooks					S
Board of Education, 7	Donna Edler					S
Board of Education, 9	Ella "Coach Smith" Smith					

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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 by one of the following progressive groups we consult, including: AFL-CIO of Georgia, Atlanta Stonewall Democrats, EduKalb, Georgia Association of Educators, Georgia Equality, Georgia Conservation Voters, Georgia WINLIST, Planned Parenthood Action Fund of Georgia and Sierra Club of Georgia. The full list, and links to each organization are provided at www.urbanindependents.org.

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 necessarily share all of 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 strongest progressive choice. Unfortunately, sometimes this is a choice of the lesser-of-evils.

► We only provide input on metro Atlanta races - Fulton and 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.

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.

Amendments / Referendum

- 1 NO.** The wording of this amendment is intentionally misleading. Employers already may require non-compete agreements for employees -- as long as they are reasonably limited in time, geography and job description. This proposed amendment will erode this minimal protection for employees.
- 2 YES.** Trauma care coverage is dangerously lacking in large parts of our state. While the tag fee is not a truly equitable way of financing healthcare needs, nor a substitute for a well-designed comprehensive policy, it is a stopgap measure that will help to increase access to life-saving services.
- 3 NO.** This would allow GDOT to agree to construction projects it may not be able to pay for in the long-term. It also only addresses construction, and not future funding of much-needed public transit projects, which GDOT has almost entirely ignored.
- 4 YES.** Endorsed by Georgia Conservation Voters and Sierra Club, this enables the state to make its buildings more energy efficient while minimizing financial risk, by requiring that the vendors are paid out of the energy cost savings, rather than with taxpayer dollars.
- 5 NO.** This is a boomerang amendment, essentially reversing changes - affecting only 2 Georgia counties - that were enacted by amendments more than fifty years ago. We feel it is an example of how the amendment process is used, inappropriately, to advance limited special interests.
- A NO.** This would repeal the inventory tax, which, although it raises little money for the state as a whole, is an important source of revenue for some cities and counties. It is representative of a piecemeal approach to a much needed larger overhaul of the state tax code.