

## NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 GEORGIA GOVERNOR'S RACE

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<b>Abortion:</b> Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Legal. Led efforts to weaken 20-week abortion ban & to block TARP (Targeted Restrictions on Abortion Providers). " <a href="#">Staunch defender of reproduction choices.</a> "	Ban. Supports "Heartbeat Bill" outlawing abortions after 6 weeks. As governor, will " <a href="#">sign the toughest abortion laws in the country.</a> "
<b>Climate Change:</b> Consider climate change a critical threat?	Yes. " <a href="#">It is vitally important that we do everything we can to help fight climate change.</a> " <a href="#">Renewable energy is central to her economic development plan.</a>	No stand found.
<b>Contraception:</b> Allow employers to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if disagree with it morally?	No specific stand, but opposes Judge Kavanaugh for potentially jeopardizing " <a href="#">access to birth control.</a> "	Yes. As governor, <a href="#">will sign a "religious freedom" bill</a> that would allow withholding of contraceptive coverage.
<b>Courts:</b> Support President Trump's Supreme Court nomination of <a href="#">Brett Kavanaugh</a> ?	No. " <a href="#">Georgians should be deeply troubled by [his] track record.</a> "	Yes. Applauds Trump's choice. Kavanaugh " <a href="#">will serve our country well.</a> "
<b>Economy:</b> Support Trump's imposition of tariffs on Chinese steel & other products?	No. They are " <a href="#">a terrible idea</a> " & have triggered major concerns in many sectors of the Georgia economy.	" <a href="#">Supports whatever decision the president makes on delicate trade negotiations.</a> "
<b>Education:</b> Increase funding for K-12 education?	Yes. <a href="#">Make necessary investments to reduce long-term costs &amp; increase long-term return on investment.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Vows to "fully fund public school education."</a>
<b>Education:</b> Support publicly funded vouchers or tax breaks to help parents send children to private schools?	No. Opposes vouchers for private schools & unchecked expansion of charter schools.	Yes. Supports vouchers to attend private schools & expanding charter schools.
<b>Education:</b> Increase state funding for higher education?	Yes. <a href="#">Includes needs-based aid for low-income students, restoring tuition-free certificates, and funding Georgia 2025 program.</a>	No stand found.
<b>Elections:</b> Support nonpartisan redistricting to address charges of partisan <a href="#">gerrymandering</a> ?	Yes. Voting rights platform supports nonpartisan redistricting commission to create fair districts.	No stand found.
<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	Yes. First endorsed marriage equality in 2006.	Unknown. Supports business owners choosing not to serve gay customers on religious grounds.

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<b>Gun Control:</b> Support more restrictive gun control legislation?	Yes. Supports requiring universal background checks; banning assault weapons; establishing protective risk orders plus laws for domestic violence situations, & repealing campus carry.	No. Opposes new gun control restrictions, supports campus carry, arming K-12 teachers, & <a href="#">“constitutional carry”</a> without permit or application. In humorous ad, <a href="#">pointed a shotgun at teenage boy sitting next to him</a> , saying dating his daughters required appreciating the Second Amendment.
<b>Healthcare:</b> Support or Repeal ACA, aka Obamacare? Accept ACA’s Medicaid expansion to subsidize low-income participants?	Supports ACA. Led efforts to expand Medicaid, which is <a href="#">“transformative for our state.”</a>	Repeal ACA. <a href="#">“[It] is an absolute disaster &amp; needs to be repealed immediately.”</a> Opposes Medicaid expansion.
<b>Healthcare:</b> Require people to work to receive Medicaid?	No.	Yes.
<b>Immigration:</b> Support DACA, allowing “Dreamers” who arrived illegally as children, then grew up in the US, to achieve legal status if meet certain conditions?	Yes. Advocates a clean DREAM Act legislation with path to citizenship.	No. End DACA, which <a href="#">“provides amnesty for illegal immigrants—many of whom are adults, not children, &amp; includes those with criminal records.”</a>
<b>Immigration:</b> Support path to citizenship for America’s 11 million illegal immigrants?	No stand found.	No. In <a href="#">ad</a> , said he wants to round up “criminal illegals” in his pickup & take them home himself. Will crack down on illegal immigration.
<b>Marijuana:</b> Legalize or decriminalize marijuana?	Supports medical use and decriminalization of small amounts for recreational use as <a href="#">“a critical step to criminal justice reform.”</a>	“Unequivocally” opposes recreational use. Supports limited medical use.
<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Raise the minimum wage?	Yes. Raise state minimum wage to \$15/hr.	No stand found.
<b>President Trump:</b> Response to President Trump’s actions & policies?	Strong opponent, consistently questions policies & actions.	Endorsed by Trump in primary. Vocal supporter who shares many of the same policy goals. Vows to <a href="#">“unapologetically stand with” Trump.</a>
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes. Co-sponsored multiple bills providing financial incentives for solar, biomass, & wind. <a href="#">Advanced Energy Jobs Plan centers on creating a Green Bank to spur investment in renewables.</a>	No stand found.
<b>Voting Rights:</b> Support stricter voting rules such as voter ID requirements or reduced registration times, even if they prevent some people from voting?	No. <a href="#">Detailed voting rights platform</a> includes nonpartisan redistricting commission; online, automatic, & same-day registration; & early voting.	Yes. Stricter voter ID laws prevent fraud & <a href="#">“threat of illegal voters casting ballots.”</a> Has been named in 3 lawsuits over election policies opponents claim <a href="#">“disproportionately harm Georgia’s growing number of minority voters.”</a>

Other candidates for governor include [Ted Metz](#) (Libertarian) & [Larry Odom](#) (Independent). Due to limited space, we can include only responses of candidates who poll over 15%, but encourage you to check out their websites.

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