



GEORGIA CONSERVATION VOTERS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT

Jill Johnson, 404-522-8144 or jill@gavoters.com

Georgia Conservation Voters Endorses Roy Barnes for Governor

ATLANTA (October 13, 2010) – Today Georgia Conservation Voters, the nonpartisan political voice of the environmental community in Georgia, announced its endorsement of Roy Barnes for Governor of Georgia.

“Georgia Conservation Voters is proud to endorse Roy Barnes to become Georgia’s next Governor,” said GCV Executive Director Chris Osborne. “He has a proven record of fighting for a clean, healthy Georgia.”

As Governor from 1998-2002, Barnes created a new regional water planning agency responsible for managing water conservation and reducing water pollution from lawns, driveways and parking lots. His administration also launched a clean water campaign to educate the public about pollution in metro Atlanta streams that were in violation of state water quality standards.

Barnes established the Georgia Greenspace Program to help local governments purchase and preserve environmentally sensitive land in rapidly developing areas. It helped protect more than 10,000 acres of land. He also supported protecting the Okefenokee Swamp from a proposal to mine the swamp for minerals.

Barnes also created the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority with the intent of further developing regional mass transit and combating air pollution and traffic congestion in metro Atlanta.

“Roy Barnes has a vision for Georgia’s future that includes protecting our natural resources while creating jobs,” said Osborne. “He knows how to bring broad interests to the table to make big decisions.”

Since 2000, Georgia Conservation Voters has been turning conservation values into state priorities. GCV works to elect pro-conservation officials and hold them accountable for protecting our air, land and water. Any candidate seeking a Georgia Conservation Voters endorsement must first fill out a comprehensive questionnaire. Following review of the questionnaire, GCV staff and board members conduct face-to-face interviews with candidates and consider their environmental record, experience, leadership and viability. All endorsements are finalized by the Georgia Conservation Voters Board of Directors. In addition to statewide races, GCV is endorsing candidates for the House of Representatives and Senate. For more information, visit www.gavoters.com.

#