



## GEORGIA CONSERVATION VOTERS

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### **Georgia Conservation Voters Releases First Round of General Assembly, Public Service Commission Endorsements for 2008 General Election**

ATLANTA – Today Georgia Conservation Voters (GCV) released their first set of 2008 general endorsements for the General Assembly and Public Service Commission. Their endorsements include four Senate candidates, ten House candidates and one Public Service Commission candidate.

“We are delighted to endorse these exceptional pro-environment candidates from both parties. They have demonstrated commitment to protecting Georgia’s land, air and water,” said Charlie Tanksley, GCV Political Committee Chair and former State Senator. “Protecting the environment and our quality of life for future generations is not a partisan issue and that is why we have a great mix of Republicans and Democrats who have promised to actively support pro-conservation legislation.”

In addition to questionnaires completed by candidates describing their positions on current conservation issues and interviews, GCV also considers candidates’ record, experience, leadership and viability as well as the input of local conservationists when deciding whether to support a candidate.

The Georgia Conservation Voters Action Fund, the only pro-conservation PAC in Georgia, will actively work to get selected pro-conservation candidates elected to office through voter contact. More endorsements will be released before the election in November.

“With increasing threats to our natural resources, it’s more important than ever that we have elected officials who will speak out for conservation solutions,” said Chris Osborne, GCV’s Executive Director. “At Georgia Conservation Voters, we are dedicated to ensuring strong environmental enforcement and maintaining common sense protections. Who we elect matters -- particularly at the state level, where important decisions are made affecting the water our families drink, the air we breathe and how we travel around the state.”

Georgia Conservation Voters Endorsements as of September 24, 2008 - for updates, please visit [www.gavoters.com](http://www.gavoters.com).

#### Senate

District 6 – Doug Stoner (D)  
District 29 – Seth Harp (R)  
District 42 – David Adelman (D)  
District 46 – Bill Cowsert (R)

#### Public Service Commission

District 4 – Jim Powell (D)

#### House

District 8 – Charles Jenkins (D)  
District 11 – Barbara Massey Reece (D)  
District 13 – Katie Dempsey (R)  
District 28 – Jeannette Jamieson (D)  
District 34 – Rich Golick (D)  
District 44 – Sheila Jones (D)  
District 80 – Mike Jacobs (R)  
District 81 – Jill Chambers (R)  
District 85 – Stephanie Stuckey Benfield (D)  
District 177 – Mark Hatfield (R)

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