



## GEORGIA CONSERVATION VOTERS

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### **Georgia Conservation Voters Releases General Assembly, Public Service Commission Endorsements for 2008 Primaries**

ATLANTA – Today Georgia Conservation Voters (GCV) released their list of 2008 primary endorsements for the General Assembly and Public Service Commission. Their primary endorsements include five Senate candidates, six House candidates and two Public Service Commission candidates.

“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 general elections 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 June 24, 2008 - for updates, please visit [www.gavoters.com](http://www.gavoters.com)

#### Senate

District 2 – Lester Jackson (D)  
District 3 – Jeff Chapman (R)  
District 12 – Freddie Powell Sims (D)  
District 36 – Nan Orrock (D)  
District 46 – Bill Cowsert (R)

#### Public Service Commission

District 4 – Pam Davidson (R)  
District 4 – Jim Powell (D)

#### House

District 10 – Rick Austin (R)  
District 44 – Sheila Jones (D)  
District 59 – Margaret Kaiser (D)  
District 66 – Virgil Fludd (D)  
District 98 – Bobby Reese (R)  
District 177 – Mark Hatfield (R)

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