



GEORGIA CONSERVATION VOTERS

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Georgia Conservation Voters Announces Endorsements of Legislative Champions

ATLANTA – Today Georgia Conservation Voters, the statewide political voice for the environment, announced its first round of state legislative endorsements for the 2010 primary election highlighting incumbent legislators who have made environmental protection a priority.

Included in the list are eight members of the state House of Representatives and five members of the state Senate who are running for re-election.

“These thirteen candidates are committed and effective environmental leaders for their constituents,” said Chris Osborne, Executive Director. “These legislators have made protecting the environment a priority. From growing jobs through water and energy conservation to supporting transit, these are the folks who have worked to improve the quality of life for all Georgians.”

In addition to questionnaires completed by candidates describing their positions on current conservation issues and interviews, Georgia Conservation Voters 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 elect pro-conservation candidates to office through voter contact.

Receiving an endorsement from Georgia Conservation Voters today are:

House Candidates

HD 32: Rep. Judy Manning (R-Marietta)
HD 33: Rep. Don Wix (D-Mableton)
HD 44: Rep. Sheila Jones (D-Atlanta)
HD 55: Rep. Rashad Taylor (D-Atlanta)
HD 74: Rep. Roberta Abdul-Salaam (D-Riverdale)
HD 78: Rep. Glenn Baker (D-Jonesboro)
HD 96: Rep. Pedro Marin (D-Duluth)

HD 177: Rep. Mark Hatfield (R-Waycross)

Senate Candidates

SD 34: Sen. Valencia Seay (D-Riverdale)
SD 38: Sen. Horacena Tate (D-Atlanta)
SD 39: Sen. Vincent Fort (D-Atlanta)
SD 50: Sen. Jim Butterworth (R-Cornelia)
SD 53: Sen. Jeff Mullis (R-Chickamauga)

“The Legislature has defeated rollbacks and achieved important environmental victories over the past two years,” said Osborne. “However, there is much more work to be done on many fronts, including fair sharing of water and strengthening our transportation system. It is critical that we return these leaders to the Gold Dome to continue their work on our behalf.”

Endorsements will be updated online at www.gavoters.com.

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Georgia Conservation Voters works to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all Georgians by making conservation issues a top priority with Georgia’s elected officials, political candidates and voters. For more information, visit www.gavoters.com.