

## Governor

### Keisha Bottoms (D)

#### Economy

- Draws on her mayoral record of balanced budgets and business attraction
- Pledges to prioritize affordability, support small businesses, and lower costs for working families.

#### Housing

- Pledges to crack down on corporate landlords buying single-family homes
- As mayor, she launched \$700 million in public and private funding to build or preserve 7,000 affordable homes.

#### Public Safety

- As mayor, invested in law enforcement pay, technology, and officer housing
- Issued administrative orders requiring de-escalation and reforms to reduce unnecessary police interactions
- Eliminated cash bail for nonviolent offenses
- Approved the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center ("Cop City") under her administration
- Continued the Atlanta Police Department's participation in the GILEE program

#### Education

- Proposes investing in public education with pathways to career training or college
- Supports free technical and community college
- Would eliminate state income taxes for teachers

#### Healthcare

- Supports Medicaid expansion to cover approximately 300,000 more Georgians and protect rural hospitals
- Supports reproductive rights and a return to pre-Dobbs abortion access

#### Voting & Elections

- Has advocated for protecting voting rights and opposed measures she views as suppressive, including Georgia's SB 202
- Pledges to safeguard ballot access and counter federal efforts that undermine democratic participation

#### Immigration

- As mayor, signed an executive order ending the city's acceptance of ICE detainees.
- Started a free immigration legal representation program.
- Has publicly criticized aggressive ICE tactics under the current administration.

#### First Amendment

- During the 2020 protests, condemned property damage while urging protesters to honor the legacy of nonviolent civil rights leadership.



### Olu Brown (D)

#### Economy

- Supports a living wage tied to inflation.
- Supports small business tax breaks.
- Proposes using part of the state budget surplus to establish a capital reserve for startups.
- Would create a "first hire" tax credit for new businesses.

#### Housing

- Proposes addressing large-scale corporate home ownership.
- Supports stabilizing rent and creating a state affordable housing fund.
- Would expand down payment assistance.
- Pushes for zoning reforms that favor mixed-use and transit-oriented development.

#### Public Safety

- Believes public safety requires preventing violence before it starts.
- Wants to launch a statewide crime prevention taskforce and invest in neighborhood officers.
- Would create a mental health crisis team separate from law enforcement.
- Supports passing gun safety legislation.

#### Education

- Proposes redesigning the state's funding formula to a student-centered model.
- Supports raising educator pay.
- Would expand career-aligned pathways and apprenticeships.
- Proposes replacing standardized testing with portfolio-based assessments.

#### Healthcare

- Pledges to expand Medicaid and remove work requirements from the Pathways to Coverage program and work toward a universal single-payer system.
- Supports investments in rural healthcare, maternal health, and reproductive freedom.

#### Voting & Elections

- Supports fully funding local election boards to protect their independence.
- Pledges to safeguard voting rights against federal interference.

#### Immigration

- Believes immigrants strengthen the country.
- Has opposed the use of the Georgia State Patrol to facilitate immigration raids like the Hyundai raid in Savannah.

#### First Amendment

- No information listed



### Amanda Duffy (D)

#### Economy

- Pledges to restructure Georgia's income tax into a progressive system.
- Would raise the state minimum wage.
- Supports small businesses. Would lower administrative costs by simplifying the infrastructure bidding process.

#### Housing

- No information listed.

#### Public Safety

- No information listed.

#### Education

- Pledges to expand the state's pre-K program to guarantee every child a spot.
- Would integrate social-emotional learning into K-12 curriculums.
- Proposes modifying the curriculum to reduce teacher and student stress.

#### Healthcare

- Pledges to expand Medicaid.
- Would assess discontinuing the Georgia Pathways to Coverage program.
- Supports finding ways to lower prescription drug costs.

#### Voting & Elections

- No information listed.

#### Immigration

- No information listed.

#### First Amendment

- No information listed



## Governor

### Mike Thurmond (D)

#### Economy

- Champions workforce development through technical colleges, free adult education, and AI certifications.
- Proposes tax relief including no taxes on tips or overtime.
- Proposes requiring corporate tax-break recipients to hire local Georgia labor.

#### Housing

- Has pledged to declare housing affordability a statewide crisis on day one.
- Would partner with cities, counties, and developers to invest in affordable housing.
- As DeKalb CEO, invested over \$21 million in affordable housing and homelessness prevention.

#### Public Safety

- Emphasizes strong support for first responders including raising police salaries.
- As DeKalb CEO, actively supported the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center.
- Increased the DeKalb public safety budget from \$189 million to \$270 million.

#### Education

- Supports multiple pathways to success through technical colleges, apprenticeships, and trades alongside four-year degrees.
- Proposes free adult education and AI certification programs at technical and community colleges.

#### Healthcare

- Pledges to safeguard and expand Medicaid coverage.
- Committed to ensuring no Georgian has to travel long distances for care, particularly in rural areas and for maternity services.

#### Voting & Elections

- Has publicly acknowledged Georgia's 2020 election results.
- Condemned the 2026 FBI raid on Fulton County's election offices as an attack on democratic integrity.

#### Immigration

- In an economic context, has proposed requiring companies that receive state tax breaks to prioritize hiring local Georgia labor rather than foreign workers.

#### First Amendment

- As DeKalb CEO, raised the Israeli flag in solidarity after October 7, 2023.



### Jason Esteves (D)

#### Economy

- Supports investing in small businesses by improving capital access and keeping dollars in local communities.
- Pledges to bring economic growth to rural Georgia.
- Promises to increase wages statewide.

#### Housing

- Pledges to increase housing supply.
- Would stand up to out-of-state corporations and private equity firms buying single-family homes.
- Committed to protecting renters from predatory landlords.
- As a state senator, sponsored bills to lower property taxes for seniors.

#### Public Safety

- Has signed the 2026 Georgia Majority for Gun Safety Candidate Pledge.
- As a state senator, voted yes on a resolution backing the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center.
- Co-sponsored a resolution commending Israel's GILEE law enforcement training program.

#### Education

- Positions himself as a potential "Education Governor."
- Pledges to fully fund public schools and modernize the funding formula.
- Would increase teacher pay and expand early learning.
- Supports investments in literacy while opposing voucher programs.

#### Healthcare

- Supports Medicaid expansion, lower prescription drug costs, investment in rural hospitals, and senior care.
- Has pledged to repeal Georgia's abortion ban on day one.

#### Voting & Elections

- Has accused the Trump administration of attempting to rig the 2026 election following the FBI raid on Fulton County's election offices.
- As senator, introduced a bill to allow same-day voter registration.

#### Immigration

- Opposes the Trump administration's immigration raids.
- Says as governor he will ensure the state follows the rule of law on immigration.

#### First Amendment

- As state senator, voted to pass HB 30 codifying the IHRA definition of antisemitism into state law, which critics say curtails pro-Palestine speech.
- Briefly co-sponsored SB 375 targeting criticism of India's BJP government before withdrawing.



### Derrick Jackson (D)

#### Economy

- Pledges to raise the minimum wage to \$20 per hour.
- Would exempt nurses, teachers, military veterans, and seniors over 65 from state income taxes.
- Commits to cutting red tape and expanding small business and Black farmer access to capital.
- Supports investing in infrastructure and high-speed rail.

#### Housing

- Supports repealing the statewide ban on rent regulation to allow limits on rent increases.

#### Public Safety

- Pledges to repeal and replace laws he says have fueled gun violence.
- Calls for stricter gun regulations.

#### Education

- Promises deep investments in public education from pre-K through technical colleges.
- Would modernize the QBE funding formula and increase teacher salaries.
- Supports expanding trades and apprenticeship programs.

#### Healthcare

- Pledges to expand Medicaid and protect rural hospitals.
- Would increase the supply of healthcare providers in underserved areas.
- Pledges to repeal Georgia's six-week abortion ban.

#### Voting & Elections

- Pledges to replace the current redistricting scheme with an independent process.

#### Immigration

- Explicitly includes defending immigrant rights as part of his platform.
- As a state representative, introduced legislation to stop state resources from being used in ICE raids.

#### First Amendment

- His platform broadly pledges to uphold the full Constitution.
- In 2024, did not cast a vote on HB 30 codifying the IHRA antisemitism definition into law.
- In 2022, voted yes on a bill making it illegal for state contractors to boycott Israel.



## Governor

### Geoff Duncan (D)

#### Economy

- Proposes a "Jumpstart Fund" redirecting approximately \$1.7 billion from state reserves to lower childcare, transportation, and housing costs for low-income families.
- Would expand small business access to capital. Believes labor unions should have a seat at the table.

#### Housing

- Pledges to work with local governments and the private sector to accelerate responsible housing development.
- Would reduce unnecessary barriers to building. Prioritizes workforce housing near job centers.

#### Public Safety

- Supports universal background checks, red-flag laws, and safe firearm storage requirements.
- As Lt. Governor, passed hate-crimes legislation.
- Supported a co-responder program pairing law enforcement with behavioral health specialists.

#### Education

- Aims to expand early childhood education.
- Would overhaul the Quality Basic Education model in favor of a student-centered approach.
- Supports investment in HBCUs.
- Would expand dual enrollment and industry-aligned credential programs.

#### Healthcare

- Advocates for Medicaid expansion and rural healthcare access.
- Pledges to repeal the six-week abortion ban and issue an executive order protecting doctors from prosecution.
- As Lt. Governor, previously supported the ban he now pledges to repeal.

#### Voting & Elections

- Supports a bipartisan, independent redistricting commission.
- During the 2020 elections, pushed back against Trump's election fraud allegations.
- Has called out the FBI's raid on Fulton County election offices as federal interference.

#### Immigration

- Pledges to take a stand against ICE raids, which he calls inhumane.
- Says the state will not participate in any raids under his governorship.

#### First Amendment

- As Lt. Governor, declined to bring the bill that would have codified the IHRA definition of antisemitism into law to a Senate floor vote, citing concerns it would curtail activism.



### Chris Carr (R)

#### Economy

- Prioritizes low income and property taxes, job creation, infrastructure, and private-sector opportunity.
- Believes public safety is intrinsically tied to economic growth.

#### Housing

- Supports cutting red tape and regulations for housing builders to increase housing supply and affordability.

#### Public Safety

- Prioritizes strong policing and targeting retail crime, opioids, elder abuse, and cyber threats.
- As attorney general, supports the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center.
- Frames protest-related violence and destruction as "domestic terrorism."
- Opposes gun control legislation.

#### Education

- Supports school choice, early childhood literacy, and parental rights.
- Supports ensuring high schoolers are educated on all available opportunities including trade school and college.

#### Healthcare

- Opposes the ACA and Medicaid expansion.
- Supports the current Georgia Pathways healthcare system.
- Supports Georgia's six-week abortion ban.

#### Voting & Elections

- As attorney general, filed an amicus brief supporting an Arizona law requiring proof of citizenship with voter registration.

#### Immigration

- Believes violent criminals should be deported based on process and the rule of law.
- Supports a federal temporary workers program to help American industries.
- Discusses illegal immigration in tandem with drug trafficking and gangs.

#### First Amendment

- As attorney general, prosecuted Cop City protesters under RICO and domestic-terrorism statutes.
- Joined an amicus brief supporting victims of the Oct. 7 attacks who are suing U.S. groups including Students for Justice in Palestine chapters for alleged material support.
- Conflates anti-Zionism with antisemitism.



### Clark Dean (R)

#### Economy

- Pledges to champion innovation, workforce development, and public-private partnerships.
- Would cut red tape to grow Georgia's economy.
- Supports reducing the overall tax burden on Georgians.

#### Housing

- Believes that housing prices are high because of red tap and pledges to bring them down.

#### Public Safety

- Calls for a greater law enforcement presence across Georgia.
- Has expressed strong support for the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center.

#### Education

- Pledges to improve Georgia's education system.
- Supports expanding early childhood education.

#### Healthcare

- Pledges to expand access to care in both rural and urban areas.
- Would tackle barriers to healthy living and address maternal mortality.
- Opposes Medicaid expansion and supports expanding enrollment in the Pathways Program.

#### Voting & Elections

- No information listed.

#### Immigration

- Supports stronger law enforcement presence for immigration enforcement
- Calls for more transparency around ICE operations.

#### First Amendment

- No information listed.



## Governor

### **Rick Jackson (R)**

#### **Economy**

- Pledges to immediately freeze property taxes to halt runaway assessments.
- Would cut the state income tax in half within four years and work to eliminate it entirely within eight years.
- Supports deploying AI and technology to slash wasteful spending while improving services.
- Supports tying public assistance to job training or employment for able-bodied adults.

#### **Housing**

- Pledges an immediate statewide freeze on property taxes.

#### **Public Safety**

- Pledges full support for law enforcement with resources, training, and respect.
- Rejects "soft-on-crime" policies.
- Would ban policies that release offenders quickly.

#### **Education**

- Opposes DEI programs and ideological indoctrination in education.
- Supports strengthening Georgia's Parents' Bill of Rights.
- Would bar boys from competing in girls' sports or using girls' bathrooms and locker rooms.
- Supports freezing tuition, room, and board at public colleges and technical schools.

#### **Healthcare**

- Opposes Medicaid expansion.
- Supports Georgia's existing abortion ban.

#### **Voting & Elections**

- Supports term limits for politicians.
- Supports auditing government programs for effectiveness.

#### **Immigration**

- Supports mass deportations.
- Supports state law enforcement assisting the federal government in immigration enforcement.
- Opposes sanctuary policies.

#### **First Amendment**

- Pledges to expand the state's anti-BDS framework.
- Supports investment in Israel bonds.
- Would strengthen Georgia-Israel law enforcement and economic partnerships.



### **Burt Jones (R)**

#### **Economy**

- Supports eliminating state income tax.
- Supports providing gas tax relief and streamlining permitting and licensing processes.
- Would cut fees and regulations on small businesses.
- Prioritizes vocational and technical training to build a skilled workforce.

#### **Housing**

- Supports property tax relief measures.
- Supports targeted budget support for homelessness programs, particularly those aiding veterans.
- Promotes workforce housing through vocational training and economic expansion.

#### **Public Safety**

- Pledges increased funding, better retirement benefits, and resources for police officers.
- Would crack down on violent crime, gangs, sex traffickers, and repeat offenders through mandatory minimum sentences.
- Prioritizes addressing the fentanyl epidemic with tougher penalties.

#### **Education**

- Supports school choice and expanded vocational and technical education.
- Supports investments in teachers, literacy coaches, and students.
- Supports banning critical race theory.
- Would protect girls' sports by ensuring participation aligns with biological sex.

#### **Healthcare**

- As Lt. Governor and former state senator, pushed to expand rural hospital access and reduce barriers to new healthcare facilities.
- Supported extending Medicaid postpartum coverage to one year.
- Opposes gender-affirming care for minors and broad expansion of government programs.

#### **Voting & Elections**

- Prioritizes restoring voter confidence through full enforcement of SB 202, which introduced stricter ID requirements for absentee ballots, limited drop box availability, shortened runoff election cycles, and restricted handing out food and water to voters in line.
- As a 2020 alternate elector, questioned the election results.

#### **Immigration**

- Supports Trump's immigration enforcement policies and tactics.
- Supports strong border enforcement and curtailing sanctuary policies.
- Opposes prosecutors that hinder enforcement.
- Ties immigration to public safety by cracking down on gangs and fentanyl smuggling.

#### **First Amendment**

- As lieutenant governor, prioritized the True Patriotism and Universal Student Access Act to codify and protect public school students' First Amendment rights.
- Denounced campus pro-Palestine protests.
- Routinely conflates anti-Zionism with antisemitism.



### **Gregg Kirkpatrick (R)**

#### **Economy**

- Supports eliminating the state income tax. Supports offering property tax relief.
- Would waive state business corporate taxes for the first three years of new business operation.
- Wants to ensure AI data centers operate in a way that protects Georgia's agricultural industry.
- Committed to creating high-paying jobs through innovation.

#### **Housing**

- Proposes property tax relief including homestead exemptions up to \$55,000 for primary residences.
- Would cap assessment increases.
- Supports specialized exemptions for seniors and disabled residents.

#### **Public Safety**

- Proposes crime prevention through education, counseling, and spiritual coaching.
- Would create a "Getting out of Jail into Jobs" reentry program for nonviolent offenders.

#### **Education**

- Proposes transforming Georgia high schools into trade and high-technology schools so graduates can secure six-figure incomes.

#### **Healthcare**

- Proposes improving health outcomes and reducing overall costs through technological advancement.

#### **Voting & Elections**

- Supports a return to paper ballots with voter ID requirements.
- Supports elimination of unsupervised remote ballot boxes.

#### **Immigration**

- Advocates for full enforcement of immigration laws

#### **First Amendment**

- No information listed.



## Governor

### Brad Raffensperger (R)

#### Economy

- Proposes capping property tax increases.
- Would eliminate non-education and non-public safety property taxes for seniors.
- Supports repealing taxes and fees on home closing costs.
- Pledges to eliminate state income tax.
- Would reshore manufacturing, defense, logistics, and fintech jobs through a Georgia Jobs Fund with performance-based incentives.

#### Housing

- Supports a statewide cap on property-tax increases.
- Would eliminate non-essential property taxes for seniors.
- Supports repealing taxes and fees on home-buying closing costs.

#### Public Safety

- Pledges to fully fund and staff law enforcement through recruitment incentives.
- Would double school-safety grants.
- Committed to cracking down on gangs, cartels, and drug trafficking.
- Pledges to protect gun rights.

#### Education

- Supports school choice.
- Would increase investment in technical colleges and trade schools.

#### Healthcare

- Pledges to ban puberty blockers and gender-transition surgeries for minors.

#### Voting & Elections

- Supports strict voter ID requirements and citizenship verification to prevent non-citizens from voting.
- Supports paper ballots and Real ID compliance.

#### Immigration

- Supports state and local law enforcement partnering with federal authorities for immigration enforcement.

#### First Amendment

- Stands firm against any effort to undermine religious liberty or the freedoms enshrined in the Constitution.
- Unequivocally supports Israel.



### Tom Williams (R)

#### Economy

- Advocates for lowering state income taxes.

#### Housing

- No information listed.

#### Public Safety

- Opposes defunding police departments.
- Strongly supports gun rights.

#### Education

- Supports school choice and parental rights in the classroom.
- Opposes the teaching of critical race theory.

#### Healthcare

- Opposes vaccine mandates.
- Is strongly pro-life on abortion.

#### Voting & Elections

- Supports paper ballots and no QR codes.
- Wants to abolish "leadership" PACs.

#### Immigration

- Supports strong borders and immigration enforcement.

#### First Amendment

- Commits to fighting censorship by Big Government, Big Media, and Big Tech in order to protect free speech.



### Ken Yasger (R)

#### Economy

- Pledges to eliminate state income tax.
- Would temporarily suspend the gas tax.
- Supports legalizing recreational marijuana use and expanding gambling.

#### Housing

- Pledges to pass policies that prioritize homeownership for individual Georgians instead of large corporations and foreign entities.
- Supports capping property taxes.

#### Public Safety

- Supports law enforcement officers and properly funding police departments.
- Opposes gun regulation and instead wants to target what he sees as the root cause of gun violence: mental health.

#### Education

- Would cap administrative salaries to redirect funds to higher teacher pay.
- Supports expanding the HOPE and Zel Miller scholarships.
- Supports using new revenue from legalized marijuana and expanded gambling to fund the education system.

#### Healthcare

- Advocates for lowering healthcare costs by increasing market competition.
- Supports increasing healthcare access in rural areas.
- Believes government should stay out of the exam room and medical decisions.
- Supports limited abortion access.

#### Voting & Elections

- No information listed.

#### Immigration

- Supports the border wall and mandatory E-Verify for employers.
- Supports denial of funds to sanctuary cities and maintaining ICE.
- Supports legal immigration pathways only for those who clearly benefit the United States.

#### First Amendment

- Opposes the BDS movement against Israel.

