

**GREATER COLUMBIA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN
GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE SURVEY**

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1. What steps will you take to reduce the illegal alien population in Georgia?

I do not support providing amnesty for illegal aliens who have violated our laws, and I have a proven track record of working to combat liberal interests that seek to provide such protection.

During the course of my public service, I have never wavered on illegal immigration. In fact, the two leading organizations that dedicate their efforts to combating illegal immigration – the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) and Numbers USA – have both awarded me with a lifetime A-rating for my position on issues regarding illegal immigration. I have supported providing local law enforcement with the authority and resources to combat federal immigration laws through the 287(g) program; fought to ensure proper verification of identity and U.S. citizenship for eligibility to enroll in taxpayer-funded healthcare programs and have been a vocal advocate for securing our borders, just to name a few. I recently announced that as the next governor of Georgia, I will support immigration reform legislation similar to Arizona's. I applaud the governor and the Legislature of Arizona for their aggressive efforts to combat illegal immigration and will bring the same resolve to the issue here in Georgia.

2. As a governor, how would you respond if a city in Georgia adopted a sanctuary policy?

I do not support amnesty for illegal aliens or harboring those who have violated our laws in sanctuary cities.

3. As a governor, would you be willing to suspend all the state mandated rules for health insurance and let insurers located in our state develop and sell policies nationwide?

I support allowing consumers to purchase health insurance across state lines free from state mandates. I introduced legislation in Congress to allow states to form regional compacts that would permit purchasing of health insurance policies across state lines. I also voted in support of allowing the purchase and sale of health insurance across state lines in 2005, but the Senate failed to approve the measure. Georgia has one of the nation's most inclusive mandate structures. By allowing individuals to elect to purchase health insurance from less costly environments, the cost of health insurance can dramatically fall, increasing availability and choice of coverage for more Georgians.

4. How do you plan to deal with unfunded mandates from federal government such as expanding Medicaid?

I was one of the first members of Congress to speak out against expansion of the Medicaid program due to its unconstitutionality and the enormous financial burden that it will place on states. The new law requires states to expand their Medicaid roles to 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. To that end, as your next governor, I will fully support moving forward with Georgia's court challenge of the Obamacare law.

5. How do you plan to supply water to Atlanta?

Our approach to resolving the dispute over water must include conservation efforts, negotiation of a fair and equitable compromise that protects Georgia's interests, and implementation of plans to protect and supplement Georgia's access to much-needed water. Additional reservoirs must be pursued to increase our storage capacity as our state population – and demand – continue to grow. Georgia, Florida and Alabama will all be represented by a new governor next year. I believe this will provide a renewed opportunity to return to the table and work cooperatively to reach an agreement.

6. Do you believe building a water desalination plant is feasible in Georgia to supplement our water supply?

We must explore all available options before investing an enormous amount of taxpayer dollars in one particular solution. I will remain open to all proposals that are feasible and justify the cost through extensive cost-benefit analysis.

7. Do you have a plan to develop offshore drilling off the Georgia Coast?

Meeting our increased demand for energy requires an all-of-the-above approach, including wind, solar, biomass, nuclear and enhanced oil exploration. I believe we have an opportunity to bring needed jobs and revenue to our state through environmentally conscious exploration off of the Georgia coast while ensuring our state has access to energy resources to attract industry and jobs to Georgia.

8. Are you in favor of abolishing Blue Laws and allow the sale of alcohol on Sundays?

Personally, I do not purchase or consume alcoholic beverages. Similar to approval of the lottery in our state, this is an issue that must be put to a vote among the voters of our state. As governor, I will not interfere with the outcome of such a vote should it be placed on the ballot for voter determination.

9. What can you do to protect our 1st, 2nd and 10th Amendment Rights under the U.S. Constitution?

A core function of government is to protect these rights. I fully support states rights, freedom of speech, assembly and religion and the right to bear arms. I have a lifetime 100 percent rating from the National Rifle Association (NRA).

10. Do you personally own any firearms for other than hunting purposes?

Yes

11. Are you in favor of mandatory drug testing for welfare recipients?

Yes

12. In your opinion, are we getting our money's worth in K-12 public schools?

Our state constitution identifies education as a core function of our state. I believe we need to expand upon the things that Georgia has done to improve the quality and value of K-12 education through greater parent choice, competition and increased opportunity for students to learn in an environment which best fits his or her individual needs. As your next governor, I will work to build upon the growth of charter schools in our state and will seek to provide greater decision-making authority to local school boards, administrators and teachers who are best prepared to make decisions that drive high quality in education.

13. What is your stand on school vouchers?

While in Congress under the leadership of then-Speaker Newt Gingrich, I voted to approve the school voucher program in the District of Columbia. I believe education can be improved through greater parent choice and enhanced competition, which encourages higher performance.

14. Have you ever served in the US Armed Forces?

Yes, as a U.S. Army Captain in the 1960s, I was stationed at Augusta's Fort Gordon.

15. Under what circumstances are you in favor of seizing property under eminent domain?

Protecting private property rights is an essential role of state government. While in Congress, I voted to approve a resolution expressing disapproval of the Supreme Court's decision in a landmark case in 2005, *Kelo v. City of New London*. This case dealt with governmental authority under the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment. As governor, I will work to uphold the personal property rights of the citizens of Georgia.

16. What can you do to improve the current tax code?

I recently released a comprehensive plan to kick-start job creation and to provide needed regulatory and tax relief for small businesses and hardworking families. Please see my plan here: <http://www.dealforgovernor.com/pdf/RealProsperity.pdf>. This plan is also available for download on my website at www.dealforgovernor.com.

17. What is one thing that you will do as a governor to curb number of abortions in Georgia?

I have a lifetime 100 percent rating from National Right to Life, the leading pro-life advocacy organization. As your next governor, I will continue my efforts in this regard. As a Christian father and grandfather, this issue goes well beyond politics for me. I believe that forces greater than our laws are on our side. We should work to decrease the number of abortions because it's an exercise in protecting innocent human life.

18. With the current economic downturn, many Georgians are cutting their household budget. How do you plan to reduce spending without jeopardizing critical services to Georgians?

I will work to implement zero-based budgeting so we can maximize funding for our top priorities. We need to prioritize as best we can our funding for critical functions of our state, including education, transportation, health care and public safety.

**19. Do you have a plan to streamline government bureaucracy and eliminate duplication of services?
Please give an example.**

Reducing state government bureaucracy and redundancy has to be a cornerstone of any plan to balance our budget and reduce the burden on taxpayers. My economic development plan will work to eliminate burdens which inhibit business development and growth while my plan of zero-based budgeting will start the process of eliminating duplicative spending.