Early, in-person voting in the important November 8 general election begins Monday, October 17.

Georgians will cast their ballots in a race for the U.S. Senate. The incumbent, The Rev. Sen. Raphael Warnock, is seeking his first full-term, and has been endorsed by GAE. Warnock was first elected two years ago to fill the unexpired term of the late former U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, who resigned because of health issues.

Besides the U.S. Senate, there are races for all 14 of Georgia’s U.S. congressional seats (see box for Congressional endorsements.)

All statewide, Constitutional offices are also up for election this year as are all 180 House and 56 Senate seats in the Georgia General Assembly.

Lisa Morgan, GAE member and president, described the process by which GAE makes candidate endorsements.

“The process began very early in the year, reviewing the records of prospective candidates, even before they were officially candidates. If they served in elective office, we dug deep to see whether they supported GAE or NEA positions on issues related to public education,” she explained.

“Qualifying for candidates ended Friday, March 11, and we immediately sent our GAE Questionnaire to every candidate running, asking for their positions on a variety of issues important to GAE members.”

“Our local associations met,” Morgan continued, “reviewed the candidate questionnaires, and interviewed candidates for legislative office, with an eye toward primary election endorsements. Meanwhile, the GAE Fund for Public Education, our political action committee, met and interviewed candidates for statewide office.”

According to Morgan, the FPE met for more than 30 hours over two weekends, interviewing candidates, reviewing local association input, and candidate questionnaires and voting records, and discussed each statewide primary race and many of the contested legislative primary races.

Since, Morgan said, the FPE again has met, interviewed other candidates who did not or could not participate in the earlier interviews, and has recommended

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**Absentee Ballot:** Monday, August 22nd, is the earliest date that a voter can request a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 8th General Election. The easiest way to request a ballot is online at [securemyabsenteeballot.sos.ga.gov](http://securemyabsenteeballot.sos.ga.gov), where you can complete and submit your application.

Due to the new voting laws (SB202), the earliest date a registrar will mail a regular (non-overseas) absentee ballot is October 10. Once you receive your ballot, complete it immediately and deliver it to your county elections office by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8.

You can also put your completed ballot in a drop box at certain polling locations. Due to the new voting laws, ballot drop boxes are located inside designated early polling locations, accessible only when the location is open for normal business hours.

Check your early polling location at [https://tinyurl.com/GAEarlyVoteLocations](https://tinyurl.com/GAEarlyVoteLocations).

Remember, because of recent changes in Georgia law, a voter must include his or her driver’s license number or state ID number, or the last four digits of their Social Security number, on the outer return envelope.

**Early, In-person Voting:** Early, in-person voting begins Monday, October 17, and continues until Friday, November 4. Voters may vote at any early voting precinct in the county in which they are registered to vote. Click [https://tinyurl.com/GAEarlyVoteLocations](https://tinyurl.com/GAEarlyVoteLocations) for precinct information.

**Voting on Election Day:** Polls are open on Election Day, November 8 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Remember to bring your driver’s license or state ID as proof of identification is required. If you are denied the ability to vote on Election Day due to any reason, you have the right to ask the poll worker to give you a provisional ballot. You will have three days from Election Day to “cure” or fix the issue that prevented you from casting an official ballot.
candidates in statewide and legislative races for the November 8 general election.

On Sunday, June 12, at a news conference at GAE headquarters, in front of a large crowd of GAE members, friends, and the press, GAE announced that it had endorsed Stacey Abrams in the race for Governor.

At that time, Morgan told the crowd: “Stacey is far-and-away the best choice to lead our state forward and to build the premier public-education system in the country. The 1.8 million public-school students in Georgia and their parents as well educators from classroom teachers to bus drivers can count on her,” Morgan said.

“Class sizes are ballooning in our schools, and staff and teacher shortages are putting put more stress on already over-worked and under-appreciated educators. We’re suffering the effect of $11 billion in cuts over public education in the last 20 years. Educators are under-paid. Adjusted for inflation, educators in Georgia are making less today than they did in 1999,” Morgan told her members.

At that event, Abrams announced her plan to raise starting teacher salaries to $70,000 a year. Accepting GAE’s endorsement, Abrams told the crowd: “We are losing the fight for our children’s future. We need a governor who does not see education as an election year gimmick, but sees our responsibility as a guarantee for the strongest future for our people.”

Morgan was critical of the incumbent governor’s record on education. “Our incumbent governor is more focused on legislation that censors American history, using gender definitions as a bludgeoning weapon, and expanding tax incentives and vouchers to lure and reward Georgians who send their kids to private schools,” Morgan stated. “And the fact is, even with his recent pay bump for teachers, educators are making less today than they did in 1999.”

Since then, the FPE and the GAE Board of Directors have made endorsements in five other state races on the November ballot, including Richard Woods for State School Superintendent. Morgan said Woods is a far better choice to lead public education than his opponent. “He’s better qualified, he’s actually been a school teacher and a school administrator,” Morgan noted. “His opponent, regretfully, has a long history of advocating for taxpayer funding of private schools that we cannot overlook.”

Morgan also stated that the race for Attorney General is particularly important to educators as the office handles disciplinary cases brought before the Professional Standards Commission. The incumbent Attorney General recently changed rules that unfairly hurt educators and impair a fair hearing by limiting the availability of evidence to educators. “Jen Jordan has been an outstanding, long-time and vocal defender of public education in the Senate,” Morgan said, noting that Jordan frequently credits educators in Dodge County, Georgia, where she grew up, with her success.

“Nguyen, Bailey, and Boddie are all what we at GAE refer to as “friends of education,” individuals who have long fought alongside GAE in fighting for the best possible public school education we can provide to our students, their families, and our communities.”
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U.S. House
District 2. U.S. Rep Sanford Bishop
District 7. U.S. Rep. Lucy McBath

2022 GENERAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

State Senate
District 2 – Derek Mallow
District 5 – Sheikh Rahman
District 6 – Jason Esteves
District 8 – Russ Goodman
District 9 – Nikki Merritt
District 10 – Emanuel Jones
District 12 – Freddie Powell Sims
District 14 – Josh McLaurin
District 15 – Ed Harbison
District 17 – Brian Strickland
District 19 – Blake Tillery
District 22 – Harold Jones
District 26 – David Lucas
District 33 – Doc Rhett
District 34 – Valencia Seay
District 36 – Nan Orrock

State House
District 5 – Matt Barton
District 14 – Mitchell Scoggins
District 15 – Matt Gambill
District 18 – Tyler Paul Smith
District 32 – Chris Erwin
District 35 – Lisa Campbell
District 37 – Mary Frances Williams
District 38 – David Wilkerson
District 40 – Doug Stoner
District 41 – Michael Smith
District 42 – Teri Anulewicz
District 48 – Mary Robichaux
District 50 – Michelle Au
District 52 – Shea Roberts
District 53 – Kelly Coffman
District 54 – Betsy Holland
District 57 – Stacey Evans
District 58 – Park Cannon
District 61 – Roger Bruce
District 65 – Mandisha Thomas
District 66 – Kimberly Alexander
District 69 – Debra Bazemore
District 76 – Sandra Scott

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District 36 – Nan Orrock
District 38 – Horacena Tate
District 39 – Sonya Halpern
District 40 – Sally Harrell
District 41 – Kim Jackson
District 42 – Elena Parent
District 44 – Gail Davenport
District 43 – Tonya Anderson
District 52 – Chuck Hufstetler

District 77 – Rhonda Burnough
District 78 – Demetrius Douglas
District 79 – Yasmin Neal
District 81 – Scott Holcomb
District 82 – Mary Margaret Oliver
District 85 – Kara Drenner
District 86 – Imani Barnes
District 87 – Viola Davis
District 88 – Billy Mitchell
District 89 – Becky Evans
District 90 – Saira Draper
District 92 – Rhonda Taylor
District 93 – Doreen Carter
District 94 – Karen Bennett
District 95 – Dar’shun Kendrick
District 96 – Pedro Marin
District 98 – Marvin Lim
District 99 – Om Duggal
District 101 – Greg Kennard
District 106 – Shelly Hutchinson
District 107 – Sam Park
District 108 – Jasmine Clark
District 109 – Dewey McClain
District 113 – Sharon Henderson

District 115 – Regina Lewis-Ward
District 116 – El-Madhi Holly
District 117 – Demetrius Rucker
District 122 – Spencer Frye
District 123 – Rob Leverett
District 126 – Gloria Fraizer
District 129 – William "Wayne" Howard
District 132 – Brian Prince
District 137 – Debbie Buckner
District 141 – Carolyn Hugley
District 142 – Miriam Paris
District 143 – James Beverly
District 146 – Shaw Blackmon
District 149 – Danny Mathis
District 151 – Joyce Barlow
District 152 – Bill Yearta
District 154 – Gerald Greene
District 162 – Carl Wayne Gilliard
District 163 – Anne Allen Westbrook
District 165 – Edna Jackson
District 168 – Al Williams
District 174 – John Corbett
District 177 – Dexter Sharper