

SHEA ROBERTS

GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES | DISTRICT 52



Shea is an attorney and small business owner, focused primarily on land use and family law. She reads and interprets legislation every day, knows how to advocate for issues she believes in, and understands how to bring opposing parties together on complex emotional issues that impact families, homes, and neighborhoods for years. She is ready to put these skills to use in the Georgia State House.

Shea is a proud native Georgian who has spent the last two decades serving Sandy Springs and Atlanta families and business owners through the law firm she founded in 2002. She's an active member of her community who has always been inspired by service. In law school, she helped form the first campus organization dedicated to discussing women's health and equality issues and was incredibly honored to work with Special Olympics International. Shea has also been able to share her passion for public service with her daughter through the National Charity League, volunteering alongside her at local philanthropies including the Agape Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Buckhead Christian Ministries, City of Refuge, Northside Senior Services and others.

Like many Georgians, Shea grew distressed by the direction of the state and country in recent years. But the Parkland tragedy was a turning point for her. As she watched those students file out of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, she decided it was time to act. She jumped into the State House District 52 election in 2018. Despite being outspent and outraced, Shea narrowly missed the opportunity to represent the district, coming just 1,222 votes short of winning her race.

Now it's 2020, and Shea is more motivated than ever. She believes all Georgians deserve access to quality healthcare, including women seeking reproductive services. She believes all kids should be safe at school and have an education that opens doors. She knows that diversity and a strong economy go hand-in-hand. And she believes that free and fair elections must be protected as the cornerstone of our democracy.

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ON THE ISSUES

GOOD GOVERNMENT

As an attorney, Shea has a fiduciary duty to serve with her clients' best interests in mind. Government should function in the same regard. The 2018 election was the boldest form of modern-day voter suppression, and matters have only worsened since then. With continued efforts to remove voters from the rolls and millions invested in new machines that cybersecurity experts agree put our elections at risk, Georgia needs leaders who will prioritize the integrity of our democracy over their desire for power and personal political gain. A good government is balanced, and as State Representative, Shea will fight for fair and secure elections; an end to gerrymandering; and transparent, accountable leadership.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

To build a sustainable economy, Georgia needs to invest in the backbone of the state's infrastructure: small businesses and the vocational workforce. To fill the work and talent gap, the state must implement more vocational programs in high schools and community colleges teaching employable skills. As State Representative, Shea will fight for legislation to support small businesses, expand vocational training, and raise the minimum wage.



SISTER DISTRICT
PROJECT

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ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

Accessible health care must be a right, not a privilege. Half of all Georgia counties have no OB-GYN, and 60 out of 159 counties have no pediatrician. Shea will fight to protect womens' bodily autonomy and to expand Medicaid, to insure the 500,000 entrepreneurs, freelancers, hospitality workers, single parent homes, and Georgians that are otherwise without coverage.

COMMON SENSE GUN SAFETY

Children deserve to feel safe at school. Georgia needs a solution to improve school safety that includes on-site modifications to school facilities, technologies, protocols, and training. Any successful solution must include common sense gun regulation, and as state rep, Shea will push for gun reform.

FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

As global warming intensifies, the Atlanta area continues to experience record-breaking heat waves that demand renewable energy solutions. The state must explore creative solutions to reduce carbon emissions and expand public transit options. Shea will take immediate action to respond to the threats brought on by climate change as State Representative.

EQUALITY

Without enough allies or LGBTQ-identifying lawmakers in Georgia's legislature, it seems that, very often, the legislature provides regressive 'solutions' to problems that do not exist amongst their voters. Shea has long carried the value that all people are equal – regardless of race, religion, sexual or gender orientation, or background. She has raised her daughter to be aware of her privilege and to embrace all backgrounds, cultures, and orientations. But until her generation is able to lead, we must pave the way for them. As State Rep, Shea will always vote against regressive "religious liberty" bills, like SB 375 from the 2018 session, and she will push for

protected status for the LGBTQ+ community that will prevent discrimination in housing and employment.

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Nested Congressional Districts

CD6: R+8; CD11: R+17

Georgia State House District 52 is located in the Atlanta metropolitan area, and includes parts of the cities of Atlanta and Sandy Springs. The district is in Fulton County. Though both of the nested congressional districts lean conservatively data-wise, CD06 is a Democratically-represented district and covers the majority of HD 52. This increases the viability of Shea's campaign, and shows volunteers that their labor investment can & will pay off.

PAST RESULTS IN THE DISTRICT

2018 GUBERNATORIAL

Democrat: 14269, 52.2%
Republican: 12675, 46.4%
Total: 27319

2018 CONGRESSIONAL

Democrat: 13486, 50%
Republican: 13477, 50%
Total: 26963

2016 PRESIDENTIAL

Clinton: 13603, 49.71%
Trump: 12432, 45.43%
Total: 27364

2012 PRESIDENTIAL

Obama: 9417, 36.77%
Romney: 15865, 61.94%
Total: 25,612

DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Population	Households	Over 65	White	Black	Latinx	Asian	Other	Median Income	% College	% HS Grad	%No HS
57,332	23,886	13.8%	68.3%	10.7%	14.8%	4%	2.2%	\$88,486	71.1%	22.6%	6.2%



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ABOUT THE OPPONENT

Deborah Silcox, the Republican incumbent in Georgia HD52, was first elected in 2016. Silcox is a right-wing conservative who has earned a 73% rating from the [NRA](#) who has fought against immigrants' rights, has worked to undermine low-income Georgians, and has advanced policies aimed at blurring the line between church and state. In 2017, Silcox voted to prohibit state funding for colleges identifying themselves as [sanctuary campuses](#), showing her disdain for the immigrant community. In 2019, she voted for various measures against the interest of Georgia residents. First, she voted to cut funding for [dual-credit coursework](#) for high school students. Dual-credit coursework is a great way for low-income students to get college credit for classes taken in high school, and her vote was a vote against low-income students. Additionally, Silcox voted in favor of allowing [bible classes](#) to be taught in public high schools for credit, a vote in stark contrast to the constitutionally mandated separation of church and state.

WHY THIS RACE IS IMPORTANT

Georgia's state legislature is poised for Democratic gains. Despite rampant voter suppression and racial gerrymandering by Republicans, Democrats were able to flip 11 seats in the House and 2 in the Senate in 2018. And Democrat Stacey Abrams within 1.5% of becoming the nation's first African-American woman to be elected as Governor.

These are 'last chance' races: whoever is elected to the state legislature in 2020 will draw the next round of district lines. It is our last chance to build power in Georgia's legislature ahead of redistricting, which has implications for the next entire decade.

WHY GEORGIA IS IMPORTANT

GEORGIA FAST FACTS

- **Current Control:** Republican Trifecta (Since 2005)
- **Gubernatorial Election:** Not up in 2020
- **Length of State Senate and House Terms:** 2 years
- **Candidate Filing Deadline:** March 6, 2020
- **State Legislative Primary Date:** May 19, 2020; Run-offs July 21, 2020 (subject to further delay)
- **Redistricting:** State legislature controls Congressional and state legislative redistricting; Governor has veto power over maps
- **Electoral College Votes:** 16

BROADER 2020 OPPORTUNITIES

Georgia is becoming more purple – and it has important implications for the presidential election. While Romney carried Georgia by nearly 8 points in 2012, Trump's win was by 5 points just four years later. And since then, demographic and partisan shifts have continued to swing in our favor, as evidenced by Stacey Abrams' narrow 1.5-pt loss for the Governorship in 2018, and Democrats' 11-seat pickup in the State House that year.

There are also two important, competitive Senate races in GA this year (R-Perdue, and R-Loeffler), as well as two very competitive Congressional races (GA-06 and GA-07).

Working to support GA state legislative candidates will be instrumental in helping drive turnout up and down the ticket in this historic election year.

