

JOYCE BARLOW

GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES | DISTRICT 151



Joyce Barlow is a Registered Nurse and business owner with a commitment to service and over 25 years of experience. Joyce knows economic growth in District 151 will help everyone. She comes from a working family that gave her a strong work ethic and showed her that in order to succeed you must stay focused. She is committed to integrity, courage, creativity, growth, and inclusivity.

Joyce holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Barry University, as well as a Masters in Business Administration from American Century University.

Joyce has served on the boards of numerous nonprofit and for-profit organizations. She has served as President of the Georgia Association of Community Care Providers, Vice-Chair of the Albany/Dougherty County Chamber of Commerce, and Vice-Chair of Girls, Inc. She also served on the boards of the Southwest Georgia Workforce Investment, and the Liberty House Battered Women's Shelter.

For her commitment to service in her community, Joyce was the 2016 recipient of the Georgia Women's Legislative Caucus Distinct Award for Servant Leadership, as well as a winner of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Award for community service and business acumen.

Joyce has spent her career engaged in delivering positive outcomes for her community. She has spoken before state senators and representatives about matters of importance for the people of Georgia. She has been a leader in state-level working committees, where she has worked to establish new state rules and regulations for personal care homes, assisted living facilities, proxy caregivers and the Georgia Alzheimer's Initiative. Joyce's experience has shown her that the people of District 151 need affordable health care, Medicaid expansion, the protection for women's health care rights, strong economic development and increased education funding.

Today, Joyce serves as Chair of Innovative Housing, a division of the Albany Department of Public Housing and as the Health and Wellness Co-Chair of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

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ON THE ISSUES

HEALTH CARE

Georgians need help to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as every other illness. For the last decade, Georgia Republicans have refused to expand Medicaid in the state, causing over half a million Georgians to go uninsured. Joyce will fight for the expansion of Medicaid because she believes it is essential for Georgians. Medicaid expansion would save rural hospitals and bring 56,000 jobs to the state.

EDUCATION

Joyce knows that quality public schools are necessary to educate the public and to attract good businesses. She believes that investing in education is vital for improving the economy of the state. Businesses would be willing to move to Georgia if the state has a

well-educated workforce. That's why Joyce will work diligently to fund and improve Georgia's public schools.

BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS

As a State Representative, Joyce will work to ensure that southwest Georgia has full access to broadband internet. Several counties in southwest Georgia have limited and unreliable broadband access, depending on the time of day. Georgians need reliable internet access for education, work, telemedicine, and research. Joyce will make it a top priority to eliminate the "digital divide" and ensure that every Georgian has reliable access to the internet.



SISTER DISTRICT
PROJECT

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In many rural areas there is a lack of affordable housing within a reasonable distance of grocery stores and health care facilities. At the same time, too many Georgians struggle to find and retain housing that they can afford. No family should have to choose between paying their mortgage or rent and paying for other necessities. Joyce will work diligently with organizations to develop partnerships for affordable housing and funding.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Joyce will fight for fair reform in every aspect of the Georgia criminal justice system, including policing, prosecution, public defense, and sentencing. Joyce believes that we must eliminate systemic racism and protect the Constitutional rights of the accused, while seeking justice for victims.

PAST RESULTS IN THE DISTRICT

2018 GUBERNATORIAL

Democrat: 10,357; 51.2%
Republican: 9,290; 48.4%

2018 CONGRESSIONAL

Democrat: 11,642; 58.5%
Republican: 8,260; 41.5%

2016 PRESIDENTIAL

Clinton: 11,347; 52.05%
Trump: 10,218; 46.87%

2012 PRESIDENTIAL

Obama: 13,142; 56.09%
Romney: 10,177; 43.44%

DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Population	Households	Over 65	White	Black	Latinx	Asian	Other	Median Income	% Poverty	% College	% HS Grad	%No HS
51,488	18,809	18.4%	37.1%	56.3%	4.7%	1.0%	0%	\$31,722	30.1%	21.5%	55.7%	22.8%

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Nested Congressional Districts
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Georgia's House District 151 includes nine counties: Dougherty, Terrell, Randolph, Early, Calhoun, Clay, Stewart, Quitman and Webster counties.

ABOUT THE OPPONENT

Gerald Greene has served as the Representative from Georgia's 151st House District since 1983. He has worked as a STAR Teacher farmer, owner of a greenhouse-nursery, Instructor in political science/Western Civilization at Andrew College, and a teacher in Social Studies in the Randolph-Clay School System.

Greene has an extremely hard-right Republican voting record, including having earned a [93% rating from the NRA](#) in 2018. He has voted to allow the [concealed carry](#) of firearms on college campuses, and to prohibit abortion after a fetal heartbeat has been detected (about 6 weeks after gestation).

Green also has a strong anti-immigrant record. He has voted multiple times to [defund "sanctuary cities,"](#) and to [prohibit undocumented immigrants](#) from holding community leadership positions. He has also [voted in favor](#) of imposing penalties on local governments that do not verify citizenship status of government assistance recipients.



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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.

