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Georgia Equality Announces Primary Endorsements

Atlanta—The Georgia Equality board of directors has voted to endorse candidates in 23 primary races. Endorsements fell into two categories: good incumbents and candidates for a fair majority. The former category is made up of incumbents facing primary challengers where the incumbent has demonstrated his or her commitment to the LGBT community through votes or involvement. Candidates for a fair majority endorsed candidates are candidates running in open seats or against incumbents who are not supportive of the LGBT community.

“Based upon our strategic focus of building a fair majority at the state and local levels of government, we chose to get involved in races where our involvement will make a difference and where there are real differences between the candidates,” said Jeff Graham, Georgia Equality Executive Director.

The lone incumbent not to receive Georgia Equality’s endorsement is Representative Sharon Beasley-Teague, who vocally supported and voted for SR 595, the amendment banning gay marriage, during the 2004 legislative session. She has also come under scrutiny from the State Ethics Commission. In that race Georgia Equality endorsed Sandra Hardy who has repeatedly supported the LGBT community in her previous candidacies. Also in that race is Woody Holmes who, with his wife, founded a ministry, One Nation Under God, that, on their website, provides “helpful” links to anti-gay organizations.

2008 Primary Endorsements—Good Incumbents

Georgia Senate

- SD 15—Ed Harbison
- SD 34—Valencia Seay
- SD 36—Nan Orrock
- SD 38—Horacena Tate
- SD 55—Gloria Butler

Georgia House

- HD 44—Sheila Jones (I)
- HD 59—Margaret Kaiser (I)
- HD 64—Roger Bruce (I)
- HD 66—Virgil Fludd (I)

HD 85—Stephanie Stuckey Benfield (I)
HD 88—Billy Mitchell (I)
HD 89—Ernest “Coach” Williams (I)
HD 90—Howard Mosby (I)
HD 92—Pam Stephenson (I)
HD 96—Pedro Marin (I)

2008 Primary Endorsements—Candidates for a Fair Majority
Georgia Senate
SD 2—Kevin Clark

Georgia House
HD 55—Rashad Taylor
HD 61—Keisha Sean Waites
HD 65—Sandra Hardy
HD 91—Rita Robinzine
HD 93—Dee Dawkins Haigler
HD 95—George Wilson

Chatham County District Attorney
Will Claibourne

About Georgia Equality:

Georgia Equality is a statewide educational and political advocacy group representing the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. For more information, go to:
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