



Guide informs voters on Georgia candidates' science policy positions

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Georgia voters now have a one-stop shop to compare their views on science with those of candidates running in the November 3rd election.

Recently, a coalition of three state and national science policy organizations developed a 10-question science policy questionnaire concerning issues affecting Georgians. These questions were sent to over 400 Georgia candidates running for state and federal office.

“With the onset of COVID-19, natural disasters increasing in severity, and the political unrest surrounding policing in our communities, science issues are affecting voters in Georgia now more than ever,” said Alyssa Scott, a doctoral student in genetics at Emory University. “Voters want to know where the candidates stand on these issues, so we’ve put it all in one place as a guide for the upcoming election.”

Questions were generated in a collaboration with Science Debate, a national nonprofit ensuring that candidates address issues of science and the environment, the National Science Policy Network, and Science for Georgia, a nonprofit seeking to build a bridge between scientists and the public.

“Given what’s going on in 2020, it’s important to know how candidates plan to use and incorporate evidence-based practices in their policymaking,” said Amy Sharma, Vice President of the nonprofit Science for Georgia. “As we’ve seen time and time again, when science is ignored or politicized; everyone loses.”

Answers from candidates are published in their entirety, without editing, commenting, or endorsement. They can be found at <https://scienceforgeorgia.org/science-questions-for-candidates/>

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