

# BUILDING A GEORGIA WHERE WORK **WORKS** FOR EVERYONE

HOW I'LL PARTNER WITH GEORGIA'S LEADERS TO DELIVER RESULTS

THE 2026  
GEORGIA DEMOCRATIC  
STATEWIDE TICKET

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# GEORGIA WORKS BETTER TOGETHER

**Every four years, Georgians elect leaders to statewide offices** that shape our economy, our schools, our businesses, our health care, and our future. Each office has a different responsibility, but they all share the same mission: serving the people of Georgia.

The Governor doesn't do the work of the Labor Commissioner. The Attorney General doesn't oversee our schools. The State School Superintendent doesn't recruit new businesses. Every office has a distinct role—but the best results happen when leaders work together.

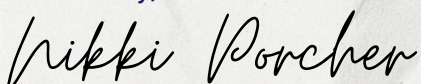
As your next Labor Commissioner, I believe the Georgia Department of Labor should be more than an agency that responds to unemployment. It should be a partner in building Georgia's future—connecting workers to opportunity, employers to talent, students to careers, entrepreneurs to resources, and communities to the partnerships they need to grow.

That's why I created this guide.

Inside, you'll learn what each statewide office does, why it matters, and how Georgia's statewide leaders can work together to strengthen our workforce, support businesses, prepare students for successful careers, and expand opportunity across all 159 counties. Because government works best when leaders work together. And Georgia works better together.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Georgia's statewide offices and for making a plan to vote.

Sincerely,



Nikki Porcher

2026 Democratic Nominee for Georgia Labor Commissioner

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# JON OSSOFF

## U.S. Senator

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*Jon Ossoff*

## WHAT THE U.S. SENATE DOES

Georgia's U.S. Senators represent our state in Congress by writing federal laws, approving funding, and advocating for investments that improve the lives of Georgians. The decisions made in Washington affect everything from infrastructure and health care to workforce development, veterans' services, and economic growth here at home.

## BUILDING GEORGIA'S WORKFORCE TOGETHER

Jon Ossoff's campaign is built around delivering results for Georgia. Throughout his time in the Senate, he has focused on lowering costs for families, strengthening health care, fighting corruption, and securing investments that improve the lives of Georgians.

Federal investments create opportunity, but they don't create opportunity on their own.

As Labor Commissioner, I would work to ensure those investments translate into jobs, workforce training, and stronger local economies. Whether Georgia receives funding for infrastructure, manufacturing, health care, or new industries, the Department of Labor can help employers find qualified workers, connect Georgians with training programs, and prepare our workforce for the careers those investments create.

Together, we can make sure federal dollars don't just come to Georgia—they create lasting opportunity for the people who live here.

## WHY IT MATTERS

Federal investments create the greatest impact when they're connected to Georgia's workforce. By working together, the U.S. Senate and the Department of Labor can help turn federal investment into jobs, stronger businesses, and lasting opportunity for every Georgian.

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# KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS

**Governor**

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*Keisha Lance Bottoms*

## WHAT THE GOVERNOR DOES

The Governor is Georgia's chief executive and sets the direction for state government. The Governor proposes the state budget, signs legislation into law, appoints agency leaders, and oversees the agencies that deliver services to Georgians. From economic development and education to health care and public safety, the Governor helps shape the future of our state.

## HOW WE'LL WORK TOGETHER

Governor Bottoms has made expanding opportunity a central part of her campaign by supporting small businesses, increasing access to technical and community colleges, expanding child care, strengthening support for veterans, and creating pathways for returning citizens through her Prison to Work initiative.

Many of those priorities depend on a strong workforce system.

As Labor Commissioner, I would work alongside the Governor to ensure small businesses have access to qualified workers through Georgia Career Centers, hiring events, apprenticeships, and workforce partnerships. As more Georgians gain access to technical education, the Department of Labor can help connect graduates with employers in Georgia's fastest-growing industries. Expanding child care also strengthens our workforce by helping more parents enter or remain in the labor market. And by partnering with employers, technical colleges, and community organizations, we can create real employment opportunities for veterans and Georgians returning to the workforce after incarceration.

Together, we can make sure Georgia's economic growth creates opportunity in every community—not just for businesses, but for the people who keep them running.

## WHY IT MATTERS

The Governor sets Georgia's priorities, but lasting change happens when state agencies work together. By aligning economic development with workforce development, we can prepare more Georgians for good-paying careers, help businesses find the workers they need, and build a stronger economy for every county in our state.

# JOSH MCLAURIN

## Lieutenant Governor

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*Josh McLaurin*

### WHAT THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DOES

The Lieutenant Governor serves as President of the Georgia Senate, appoints committee leaders, and helps decide which legislation moves through the Senate. The office plays a critical role in shaping state policy, the state budget, and the laws that affect Georgia's workers, businesses, and communities.

### BUILDING GEORGIA'S WORKFORCE TOGETHER

Josh McLaurin believes Georgia should invest in working families instead of giving away billions in corporate tax breaks. His platform focuses on strengthening public education, expanding access to child care, protecting workers, and making it easier for Georgians to afford to live and work in our state.

Many of those priorities depend on a strong workforce.

As Labor Commissioner, I can provide the workforce data, employer partnerships, and on-the-ground experience needed to help lawmakers make informed decisions. If the Senate is considering policies to expand apprenticeships, improve access to child care, strengthen career pathways, or prepare workers for Georgia's fastest-growing industries, the Department of Labor should be at the table. Together, we can ensure that legislation is informed by the real needs of Georgia's workers, employers, and communities.

### WHY IT MATTERS

Good policy should create real opportunity. When the Lieutenant Governor helps move legislation that supports working families and the Department of Labor helps put those policies into action, Georgia is better positioned to grow businesses, prepare workers for good-paying careers, and strengthen our economy in every county.

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# PENNY BROWN REYNOLDS

## Secretary of State

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*Penny Brown Reynolds*

### WHAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE DOES

The Georgia Secretary of State oversees elections, business registration, professional licensing, securities, and charitable organizations. The office helps entrepreneurs start businesses, professionals obtain and maintain licenses, and ensures many of the systems that support Georgia's economy operate efficiently.

### BUILDING GEORGIA'S WORKFORCE TOGETHER

Judge Penny Brown Reynolds' vision includes making it easier to start and grow a business, modernizing business registration and professional licensing, expanding outreach to entrepreneurs through mobile business fairs, and using technology to make government more transparent and accessible.

Those priorities don't end once a business is registered or a professional license is issued—they create new opportunities that require a strong workforce.

As Labor Commissioner, I would partner with the Secretary of State to help turn new businesses into job creators and newly licensed professionals into working Georgians. Whether someone is opening a small business, becoming a nurse, barber, electrician, teacher, or real estate agent, the Department of Labor can connect them with hiring resources, apprenticeships, Career Centers, labor market information, and workforce partnerships.

Together, we can help businesses find the talent they need, help professionals launch successful careers, and ensure that opportunity leads to employment, economic growth, and stronger communities across Georgia.

### WHY IT MATTERS

When the Secretary of State and the Department of Labor work together, entrepreneurs have better access to the workforce they need, licensed professionals have stronger pathways to employment, and Georgia's economy is better positioned to grow. By connecting business development with workforce development, we can create more jobs, strengthen local economies, and build opportunity in every community across our state.

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# TANYA MILLER

## Attorney General

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*Tanya Miller*

### WHAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DOES

The Attorney General serves as Georgia's chief legal officer, representing the state in legal matters, enforcing state laws, protecting consumers, defending public interests, and helping ensure Georgia's laws are applied fairly. The office also works to protect businesses and families from fraud while holding bad actors accountable.

### BUILDING GEORGIA'S WORKFORCE TOGETHER

Tanya Miller believes small businesses are the backbone of Georgia's economy and that they deserve a level playing field. Her plan includes creating a Small Business Protection Unit to help entrepreneurs compete fairly, challenging anti-competitive practices, and holding corporations accountable when their actions harm workers, businesses, or local communities.

Strong businesses need a strong workforce.

As Labor Commissioner, I would work alongside the Attorney General to support Georgia's employers from both sides. While the Attorney General helps protect businesses from unfair and illegal practices, the Department of Labor can help those same businesses find skilled workers, build apprenticeship programs, host hiring events, and connect with workforce resources. Together, we can help Georgia's small businesses grow, create jobs, and compete on a level playing field—strengthening both our economy and our workforce.

### WHY IT MATTERS

Georgia's economy is strongest when honest businesses can compete, workers have access to good-paying jobs, and government works as a partner instead of a barrier. By protecting small businesses and strengthening Georgia's workforce at the same time, the Attorney General and the Department of Labor can help create more jobs, encourage entrepreneurship, and build stronger local economies in every corner of our state.

# DR. LYDIA POWELL

## State School Superintendent

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*Dr. Lydia Powell*

### WHAT THE STATE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DOES

The State School Superintendent leads Georgia's public K-12 education system by supporting local school districts, implementing state education policy, and helping prepare students for success after graduation. The office helps shape what students learn today so they are ready for college, careers, military service, and life tomorrow.

### BUILDING GEORGIA'S WORKFORCE TOGETHER

Dr. Lydia Powell's platform is built on three priorities: Accountability, Excellence, and Results. She believes students deserve high standards, quality teachers, modern resources, and innovative programs that prepare them for college, careers, and civic life. She also believes success should be measured by student achievement, graduation rates, and career readiness.

Career readiness doesn't end with a diploma. As Labor Commissioner, I would work alongside Dr. Powell to help students transition from the classroom into the workforce. Together, we can strengthen partnerships between Georgia's schools, technical colleges, Career Centers, employers, unions, and apprenticeship programs so students have a clear pathway into good-paying careers.

By connecting education with workforce development, we can help more graduates stay in Georgia, fill high-demand jobs, and give employers the skilled workforce they need to grow.

### WHY IT MATTERS

Every student deserves more than a diploma—they deserve a pathway to opportunity. When Georgia's education and workforce systems work together, students graduate with the skills, training, and connections they need to succeed. Employers gain access to a stronger talent pipeline, communities benefit from economic growth, and more young Georgians can build their futures right here at home.

# KEISHA SEAN WAITES

Insurance Commissioner

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*Keisha Sean Waites*

## WHAT THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER DOES

The Georgia Insurance Commissioner regulates the insurance industry, reviews insurance rates, licenses insurance professionals, protects consumers, investigates fraud, and oversees fire safety throughout the state. The office helps ensure Georgia families and businesses have access to fair, reliable insurance coverage.

## HOW WE'LL WORK TOGETHER

Keisha Sean Waites believes insurance should be fair, affordable, and accessible. Her platform focuses on challenging unjustified rate hikes, ending the use of ZIP codes and credit scores to determine insurance premiums, and protecting seniors and vulnerable Georgians from fraud.

Those priorities directly impact Georgia's workforce. When insurance costs continue to rise, families have less money for child care, transportation, housing, and other essentials that make it possible to stay employed. Small businesses also face higher operating costs, making it harder to hire and grow.

As Labor Commissioner, I would work alongside the Insurance Commissioner to better understand how rising insurance costs affect Georgia's workforce. By sharing workforce trends and employer insights, we can identify where affordability is becoming a barrier to employment, support businesses struggling with rising costs, and help ensure more Georgians can afford not just to find a job—but to keep one.

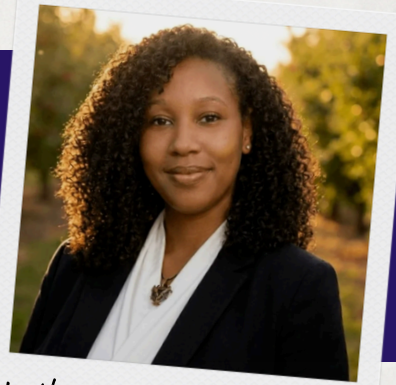
## WHY IT MATTERS

A good-paying job is only part of financial security. Families also need affordable insurance, and businesses need predictable costs to grow and hire. When the Insurance Commissioner and the Department of Labor work together, we can strengthen Georgia's workforce while helping create a more affordable future for workers, employers, and families across our state.

# KATHERINE JUHAN-ARNOLD

## Agriculture Commissioner

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*Katherine Juhan-Arnold*

### WHAT THE AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER DOES

The Georgia Department of Agriculture protects our food supply, supports farmers and producers, inspects grocery stores and gas pumps, responds to agricultural emergencies, and helps one of Georgia's largest industries grow. Agriculture touches every Georgian—whether you're buying groceries, running a farm, or owning a business.

### HOW WE'LL WORK TOGETHER

Katherine wants to grow Georgia's agricultural economy. That means helping farmers expand, supporting food producers, and strengthening rural communities. But none of that happens without people.

As Labor Commissioner, I'll work with the Department of Agriculture to identify workforce shortages across Georgia's agricultural industry—from farms and food processing plants to logistics and manufacturing. Together, we can connect employers with qualified workers, create training programs where they're needed most, and recruit more Georgians into careers that keep one of our state's largest industries moving.

Growing Georgia's agriculture isn't just about producing more. It's about making sure Georgia has the workforce to sustain it.

### WHY IT MATTERS

A stronger agricultural workforce means stronger rural communities, a more resilient food supply, and more opportunities for Georgians to build careers close to home. When we invest in the people behind Georgia's largest industry, we don't just grow more crops—we grow more opportunity, strengthen local economies, and help ensure Georgia remains a leader in agriculture for generations to come.

# NIKKI PORCHER

## Labor Commissioner

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### WHAT THE LABOR COMMISSIONER DOES

The Labor Commissioner leads the Georgia Department of Labor, helping connect workers with jobs, supporting employers with hiring, administering unemployment insurance, providing labor market information, and building partnerships that strengthen Georgia's workforce. The office serves workers, job seekers, businesses, veterans, students, entrepreneurs, and communities in all 159 counties.

### BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS GEORGIA

The Georgia Department of Labor works with far more than just one agency. As Labor Commissioner, I'll partner with Georgia's constitutional officers, members of the General Assembly, mayors, county commissioners, school boards, educators, technical colleges, employers, labor organizations, workforce boards, chambers of commerce, and community partners. Every one of these relationships helps strengthen Georgia's workforce and create more opportunities for workers, businesses, and families.

Building a stronger workforce takes more than one office—it takes collaboration. By bringing government, education, business, and community leaders together, we can better prepare students for careers, help businesses find skilled workers, support entrepreneurs, strengthen local economies, and ensure every Georgian has the opportunity to succeed. That's how we build a Georgia where work works for everyone.

### WHY IT MATTERS

Building a stronger Georgia takes more than one office—it takes partnership. When statewide leaders, legislators, local officials, educators, employers, and community organizations work together, we can create more jobs, strengthen businesses, prepare students for successful careers, and expand opportunity in every corner of our state.

That's the kind of leadership I believe in. Leadership that listens, collaborates, and brings people together to solve problems. Together, we can build a Georgia where work works for everyone.

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# SHELIA EDWARDS

Public Service Commission, District 5

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*Shelia Edwards*

## WHAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DOES

The Public Service Commission (PSC) decides how much Georgia families and businesses pay for electricity and natural gas from investor-owned utility companies. It also helps plan Georgia's energy future and makes decisions that affect reliability, economic growth, and utility bills across the state.

## HOW WE'LL WORK TOGETHER

Georgia is competing for the industries of tomorrow—from advanced manufacturing and electric vehicles to clean energy and technology. Winning those projects takes more than incentives. It takes affordable, reliable energy and a workforce that's ready on day one.

As Labor Commissioner, I'll build partnerships with employers, technical colleges, unions, and apprenticeship programs to prepare Georgians for those careers. Shelia Edwards can help ensure our energy system keeps pace with Georgia's growth while protecting families and businesses from unnecessary costs.

When we prepare workers and support the businesses creating jobs, Georgia doesn't just attract opportunity—we make sure Georgians benefit from it.

## WHY IT MATTERS

Creating jobs is only the first step. The real goal is making sure Georgians are the ones who get those jobs. That takes affordable, reliable energy, businesses that are ready to grow, and a workforce prepared for the careers of today and tomorrow. When statewide leaders work together, Georgia is better positioned to compete, create opportunity, and strengthen our economy for everyone.

# 2026 GEORGIA DEMOCRATIC VOTER COMPANION

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NIKKI PORCHER

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER  
(DISTRICT 5)  
SHELIA EDWARDS

## COMPLETE YOUR BALLOT

*RESEARCH YOUR LOCAL RACES BEFORE ELECTION DAY AND  
WRITE IN THE CANDIDATES YOU'LL BE VOTING FOR.  
EVERY RACE MATTERS.*

MAYOR

COUNTY COMMISSION

SCHOOL BOARD

SHERIFF

CLERK OF COURT

PROBATE JUDGE

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

TAX COMMISSIONER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

STATE SENATOR

U.S. HOUSE

OTHER

POLLING LOCATION:

VOTING TIME: