

New Way Forward



Vice President Kamala Harris is making history (again!) as the first Black woman and person of South Asian descent to be the presidential nominee of a major US political party. As our “joyful” warrior, she is having an amazing positive impact on political polling, volunteering and voter registration rates across the country.

During her acceptance speech, VP Kamala Harris clearly defined what’s at stake in this election: **PERSONAL FREEDOMS.**

FREEDOM to make your own decisions about your own lives, especially on matters of heart and home.

FREEDOM to make your own reproductive health care decisions, when she and a Democratic Congress restore reproductive freedom nationwide.

FREEDOM to breathe clean air, drink clean water and live free from the pollution that fuels the climate crisis.

FREEDOM to live safe from gun violence in schools, places of worship and communities.

FREEDOM to love who you love openly with pride.

And **FREEDOM** to vote with the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the Freedom to Vote Act.

VP Harris describes her vision of a strong and growing middle class as “**an opportunity economy**” with plans to lower costs:

- * Up to \$6,000 tax relief for parents of newborns when expenses are highest.
- * Up to \$3600 per child by restoring the expanded Child Tax Credit.
- * Provide first-time homebuyers with \$25,000 to help with a down payment on a new home.
- * Strengthen penalties for price-gouging on groceries, gas, and other essentials.

VP Harris’ **tax plan** includes middle class **tax cut** that will benefit more than 100 million Americans, with nearly \$5 trillion in tax increases for the wealthy over a decade:

- * **No one making less than \$400,000 a year would see their taxes go up under the plan.**
- * Corporate tax rate increase from 21% to 28%.
- * All households with more than \$100 million in net assets would pay a minimum 25% tax.

VP Harris’ **foreign policy** will focus on advancing our security and our values abroad, while ensuring America always has the strongest, most lethal **military force** in the world, and always caring for and honoring our troops and their families, their service and their sacrifice.

More plans and policies will be rolling out, as VP Kamala Harris and her running mate, Governor Tim Walz, inspire voters on the campaign trail.

“Let us show each other -- and the world -- who we are and what we stand for. **Freedom. Opportunity. Compassion. Dignity. Fairness.**”

Republicans for Harris?

Yes! More than 200 Republicans who previously worked for former President George W. Bush, the late Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., or Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, have endorsed VP Kamala Harris for president. Several prominent veterans and Republicans, some of whom worked for Trump, took to the stage to endorse her and her running mate, Governor Tim Walz, during the Democratic National Convention.

Christian groups, such as **Vote Common Good** and **Evangelicals for Harris**, are “tired of bigotry” and are trying to turn religious conservatives away from Trump to Harris “choosing the peace that comes from joy, the strength found in loving our neighbors, and the grace in showing compassion. This isn’t just a vote; it’s a reflection of our faith”.



“We are not going back. They’re not taking us back. Our fight for the FUTURE is also a fight for FREEDOM.” VP Kamala Harris

When we FIGHT we WIN!

Keep focused - we need to win and win big!

Don't get distracted by fear mongering & false controversies from the media or Republicans, especially Trump's consistent lies & tantrums.

Stay united & volunteer - Not voting and protest votes are passive votes for Trump and Project 2025's fascist plans. Yes, it can happen here.

Make a voting plan to vote early in-person! Find five (5) friends and family members to register and vote early in-person with you!

90% of ballots cast in Georgia's 2022 General Election were from early in-person voters!

Georgia Dems Fight Back!

On July 12, Republican members of the Georgia State Election Board (Dr. Janice Johnston, Rick Jeffares and Janelle King) held a meeting to devise **new election rules**. Democratic member Sara Tindall Ghazal and nonpartisan board chair John Fervier were missing.

The rules appear to respect election certification deadlines, allowing for "**reasonable inquiry**" or "examinations" that wouldn't push certification past the legal deadline. However, these rules could still **delay certification** by giving officials authority to hunt for ANY kind of election irregularity.

On July 19, the nonpartisan watchdog American Oversight filed a **lawsuit** against the Board for violating the state's Open Meetings Act by holding the July 12th meeting without the legally required public notice or a quorum.

On Aug. 3 Trump praised all three Republican members by name at a campaign rally, "They're doing a great job", calling them "pit bulls fighting for honesty, transparency and victory."

On Aug. 15, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, called the new rules eleventh-hour "**chaos**" and stated, "These **misguided, last-minute changes** from unelected bureaucrats who have never run an election and seem to reject the advice of anyone who ever has could cause serious problems in an election that otherwise will be secure and accurate."

On Aug. 19, Democratic state Sen. Nabilah Islam Parkes filed a formal **ethics complaint** alleging these Republican members broke state law in pushing the new rules so close to the election.

On Aug. 26, Georgia election officials and Democrats filed a **lawsuit** against the Georgia State Election Board to block the new rules and "prevent chaos" in the November election.

Georgia Democrats and voting rights advocates are also calling for the resignations and investigation by GOP Gov. Brian Kemp of these Republican members.

Stay informed!



2024 Election Dates

AUGUST

19 First day to request an absentee ballot

SEPTEMBER

17 First day to mail/transmit UOCAVA ballots

OCTOBER

7 Deadline for voter registration/change of address

7 First day to mail absentee by mail ballots

14 First day of early in-person voting

19 Saturday voting 9AM-4PM

26 Saturday voting 9AM-4PM

25 Last day to request absentee ballot

NOVEMBER

1 Early voting ends 6PM

5 Election Day

Vote at your home precinct polling place.

All early voting will take place at the Thomas County Elections and Registration Office, 1402 E. Jackson St, in Thomasville weekdays 8AM-6PM.

Make a plan to **Vote Early In-person!**

Register to vote and check your status:

GA My Voter Page
<https://MVP.SOS.GA.gov>

Voter Protection Hotline
1 (888) 730 5816
Call with ANY voting questions



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