



Georgia voter guide questions - Secretary of State

The Atlanta Civic Circle and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution are teaming up to produce a Voters' Guide for the November 2022 election. We are asking all candidates to fill out this questionnaire by September 26. The questions come from Georgia voters who responded to an earlier survey and from the staffs of the two organizations. Please keep answers to 150 words or less. And please use your answers to discuss your positions, not your opponents. Answers may be edited for brevity or clarity.

Name * Ted Metz

How does your background equip you for the job you are seeking?

Computers have been a part of life since the 1970's, even before formal training in the US Navy. I started working with Internet Technology in the 1990's and I am competent in programming and Database Administration, which is why I detest the Dominion Voting System. As a GSU Grad in Business Administration, I am qualified to oversee the Corporations, Charities and Licensing Divisions of the Office, and as former Stock Broker, Insurance Professional and Chartered Senior Financial Planner, I am qualified to oversee the SOS Securities Division. As an activist for over ten years, I have been at the Capitol, in the committee hearings, testifying to uphold constitutional government. As a volunteer with VoterGA I have been recording presentations on the issues with Georgia's election system for over 8 years. I know the problems, I have the solutions and the experts to assist me to ensure that voting is easy, elections are transparent and verifiable, and cheating is prosecuted.

What role should government have in the lives of Georgians? How would you apply that philosophy to the job you are seeking?

The role of Government is to protect the rights of individuals. I will uphold the Rule of Law.

If you are elected (or re-elected), what problems will you spend the most time solving and why?

I see that a great deal of time will be spent to restore confidence in fair and free elections. I believe that the public needs to be educated in the role of government, the constitutional constraints placed on government, the checks and balances designed to keep the separate branches in check and the power they have to ensure that their elected officials actually represent them.

Georgia is a politically diverse state. How will you work to represent Georgians whose political views differ from your own?

Upholding the law comes with criticism from any that cannot accept the outcomes of the legislative process. Being honest, transparent and forthright about the impacts and ramifications of law and then calling out the misinformation and propaganda from the media and grievance organizations is the best I will be able to do.

There were politicians who questioned the outcomes of Georgia elections in 2018 and 2020. Do you think Georgia's elections are secure and will you stand by the results?

Let's be realistic and honest about 2018 and 2020. With the Diebold DRE system, there was no record of voter intent and no way to verify the results yet there were anomalies that cannot be statistically explained. 2020 we had paper ballots that no court would allow access to, which would have been proof of voter intent. 2020 was the safest and most secure election - safe and secure from allowing access to the paper ballots.

As Secretary of State, name any change you would seek to broaden or restrict voting in Georgia.

Frankly, our voting laws are among the best in the nation, regardless of what some groups claim. There may be room for improvement, especially when it comes to ballot access for 3rd party and independent candidates.

Who has been the biggest influence on how you view state government and politics? What have you learned from this person?

Ron Paul, Kris Anne Hall, and others. That Government is supposed to serve the people and defend our God given rights.

Politics is often about compromise. How do you decide when to compromise and take small, incremental wins, and when to refuse compromise?

As long it is moral and ethical and Constitutional I'm willing unless it has adverse impact on those that cannot stand up for themselves.