



# Legislative Issue Guide

## Georgia 2022 ♦ House District 53

Below is a summary of your local candidates' positions on key issues that may be decided by the next legislature. We hope this guide helps you make an informed choice this election season.

### 1. Women's Health

#### *Do the candidates support access to women's healthcare?*

##### **Kelly Coffman (D)**

Y

Dr. Kelly Coffman supports ensuring that reproductive health choices are made by a woman and her doctor.

Source: <https://www.georgiademocrat.org/watch-georgia-democrats-pro-choice-leaders-discuss-supreme-court-ruling-call-out-georgia-republicans-dangerous-anti-choice-agenda/>

##### **Deborah Silcox (R)**

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Deborah Silcox's allies voted to ban abortion after just six weeks of pregnancy—before most women even know they're pregnant. This extreme ban does not include exceptions for rape and incest, and even its supporters admit that it could be used to jail women and their doctors.

Source: National Institute On Money In Politics; HB 481, 3/29/19; Atlanta Journal Constitution, 5/16/19; WXIA-TV, 5/3/22

### 2. Gun Safety

#### *Do the candidates support common sense gun safety?*

##### **Kelly Coffman (D)**

Y

Dr. Kelly Coffman will work with both parties to support the introduction of common-sense gun laws that ensure only well-trained, licensed, and verified citizens have access to these deadly weapons.

Source: <https://coffmanforga.com/issues/>

##### **Deborah Silcox (R)**

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Deborah Silcox's allies passed an extreme gun law that allows people to conceal and carry guns without a license or a background check, including allowing them to take guns into public parks where children play.

Source: Fox5 Atlanta, 1/13/22; National Institute on Money In Politics; SB 319; WABE, 2/28/22; 41NBC, 1/6/22

### 3. Healthcare

#### *Do the candidates support efforts to expand healthcare access?*

##### **Kelly Coffman (D)**

Y

Dr. Kelly Coffman is dedicated to improving access to physical health care and lowering the barriers to mental health care.

Source: <https://coffmanforga.com/issues/>

##### **Deborah Silcox (R)**

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Deborah Silcox stands with her special-interest donors, even though they opposed a plan to offer more affordable health insurance to new moms and working families.

Source: National Institute on Money in Politics; Kaiser Family Foundation, 7/21/22; Athens Banner-Herald, 3/20/14

This guide is not an endorsement of either candidate. Different positions will appeal to different voters, but an informed electorate is important to all of us. Visit [MyVoterInformation.org](http://MyVoterInformation.org) for voting information and please be sure to vote!