

# Q&A with the Candidates

## Georgia House District 53

Many voters are wondering where their candidates stand on key issues. Below, we've gathered select answers so you can make an informed choice.



**Kelly Coffman (D)**



**Deborah Silcox (R)**

<p><b>Where do the candidates stand on gun safety?</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Source: <a href="https://coffmanforga.com/issues/">https://coffmanforga.com/issues/</a></i></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Source: Fox5 Atlanta, 1/13/22; National Institute on Money In Politics; SB 319; WABE, 2/28/22; 41NBC, 1/6/22</i></p>
<p><b>Where do the candidates stand on women's health and abortion access?</b></p>	<p>Dr. Kelly Coffman supports ensuring that reproductive health choices are made by a woman and her doctor.</p> <p><i>Source: <a href="https://www.georgiademocrat.org/watch-georgia-democrats-pro-choice-leaders-discuss-supreme-court-ruling-call-out-georgia-republicans-dangerous-anti-choice-agenda/">https://www.georgiademocrat.org/watch-georgia-democrats-pro-choice-leaders-discuss-supreme-court-ruling-call-out-georgia-republicans-dangerous-anti-choice-agenda/</a></i></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Source: National Institute On Money In Politics; HB 481, 3/29/19; Atlanta Journal Constitution, 5/16/19; WXIA-TV, 5/3/22</i></p>
<p><b>Where do the candidates stand healthcare access?</b></p>	<p>Dr. Kelly Coffman is dedicated to improving access to physical health care and lowering the barriers to mental health care.</p> <p><i>Source: <a href="https://coffmanforga.com/issues/">https://coffmanforga.com/issues/</a></i></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Source: National Institute on Money in Politics; Kaiser Family Foundation, 7/21/22; Athens Banner-Herald, 3/20/14</i></p>

We encourage you to look at the candidates' websites and reputable news outlets for more information on these and other issues. Visit [MyVoterInformation.org](http://MyVoterInformation.org) for information on early voting. The last day to vote is Election Day, Tuesday, November 8. We hope this information is useful to you and that you will be sure to vote!