

## TO THE VOTERS OF RABUN COUNTY:

As in the past, the Rabun County Alliance (RCA) is providing to you a Sample Ballot for the upcoming November 6 Election. This year is unique for the RCA—we are not recommending specific candidates for the Commissioner posts. We believe the qualifications and orientation of all three candidates will contribute strongly to the performance of the Board of Commissioners.

We do encourage each of you to personally research each candidate regarding their qualifications and beliefs. You may review these at our website located at [www.rabuncountyalliance.com](http://www.rabuncountyalliance.com). Your future in the County and the tax payments you make are dependent upon your choices. The sample ballot attached is also available for download on our website.

## JOIN THE RABUN COUNTY ALLIANCE

If you are not a member of the Rabun County Alliance and are a taxpayer, voter or property owner in Rabun County, please consider joining us. We provide several services to all residents of Rabun County. Visit our website to view these services and our accomplishments over the years since our founding in 2001.

## LIMITED-TIME OFFER: JOIN THE ALLIANCE (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)

Let us prove to you that an RCA membership is important to all Rabun County residents. Join the Alliance today and receive all the benefits we provide, including our Quarterly Newsletter and RCA Alerts sent to you via email. This is a trial membership for one year at no charge to you. Visit [www.rabuncountyalliance.com](http://www.rabuncountyalliance.com) for instructions on how to join, or send a note to the address on the last page of this mailing to request an application form to be sent to the address you provide.

## SAMPLE BALLOT FOR RABUN COUNTY FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2018

### For Governor (Vote for One)

**BRIAN KEMP**  
Republican  
**STACEY ABRAMS**  
Democrat  
**TED METZ**  
Libertarian

### For Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One)

**GEOFF DUNCAN**  
Republican  
**SARAH RIGGS AMICO**  
Democrat

### For Secretary of State (Vote for One)

**BRAD RAFFENSPERGER**  
Republican  
**JOHN BARROW**  
Democrat  
**SMYTHE DUVAL**  
Libertarian

### For Attorney General (Vote for One)

**CHRIS CARR**  
(Incumbent) Republican  
**CHARLIE BAILEY**  
Democrat

### For Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for One)

**GARY BLACK**  
(Incumbent) Republican  
**FRED SWANN**  
Democrat

### For Commissioner of Insurance (Vote for One)

**JIM BECK**  
Republican  
**JANICE LAWS**  
Democrat  
**DONNIE FOSTER**  
Libertarian

### For State School Superintendent (Vote for One)

**RICHARD WOODS**  
(Incumbent) Republican  
**OTHA E. THORNTON, JR.**  
Democrat

### For Commissioner of Labor (Vote for One)

**MARK BUTLER**  
(Incumbent) Republican  
**RICHARD KEATLEY**  
Democrat

### For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Chuck Eaton) (Vote for One)

**CHUCK EATON**  
(Incumbent) Republican  
**LINDY MILLER**  
Democrat  
**RYAN GRAHAM**  
Libertarian

### For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Tricia Pridemore) (Vote for One)

**TRICIA PRIDEMORE**  
(Incumbent) Republican  
**DAWN A. RANDOLPH**  
Democrat  
**JOHN TURPISH**  
Libertarian

### For U.S. Representative in 116th Congress from the 9th Congressional District of Georgia (Vote for One)

**DOUG COLLINS**  
(Incumbent) Republican  
**JOSH MCCALL**  
Democrat

### For State Senator from 50th District (Vote for One)

**JOHN K. WILKINSON**  
(Incumbent) Republican

### For State Representative in the General Assembly from 8th District (Vote for One)

**MATT GURTLE**  
(Incumbent) Republican

### For Judge of Magistrate Court (Vote for One)

**ALBERT ENGLISH**  
(Incumbent) Republican

### For County Commissioner Post 4 (Vote for One)

**KENT WOERNER**  
Republican

### For County Commissioner Post 5 (Vote for One)

**SCOTT CRANE**  
Republican  
**DEIDRE HOWELL**  
Democrat

**For County Board of Education  
Post 1**

(Vote for One)

**CURTIS HABAN**  
(Incumbent) Republican

**For County Board of Education  
Post 3**

(Vote for One)

**MARK BECK**  
Republican

**For City of Sky Valley  
Council Members**

(Vote for Two)

**JIM CURTIS**

**CHIP DURPO**  
(Incumbent)

**CONSTANCE F. LARSEN**  
(Incumbent)

**SPECIAL ELECTION**

**CITY OF SKY VALLEY BRUNCH BILL**

“Shall the governing authority of City of Sky Valley, Georgia be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits, or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.?”

Answer Yes or No

**PROPOSED  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

**- 1 -**

**Creates the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to protect water quality, wildlife habitat, and parks.**

House Resolution No. 238  
Resolution Act No. 414  
Ga. L. 2018, p. 1138

“Without increasing the current state sales tax rate, shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to conserve lands that protect drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; to protect and conserve forests, fish, wildlife habitats, and state and local parks; and to provide opportunities for our children and families to play and enjoy the outdoors, by dedicating, subject to full public disclosure, up to 80 percent of the existing sales tax collected by sporting goods stores to such purposes without increasing the current state sales tax rate?”

Answer Yes or No

**- 2 -**

**Creates a state-wide business court to lower costs, enhance efficiency, and promote predictable judicial outcomes.**

House Resolution No. 993  
Resolution Act No. 410  
Ga. L. 2018, p. 1130

“Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create a state-wide business court, authorize superior court business court divisions, and allow for the appointment process for state-wide business court judges in order to lower costs, improve the efficiency of all courts, and promote predictability of judicial outcomes in certain complex business disputes for the benefit of all citizens of this state?”

Answer Yes or No

**- 3 -**

**Encourages the conservation, sustainability, and longevity of Georgia’s working forests through tax subclassification and grants.**

House Resolution No. 51  
Resolution Act No. 297  
Ga. L. 2018, p. 1127

“Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to revise provisions related to the subclassification for tax purposes of and the prescribed methodology for establishing the value of forest land conservation use property and related assistance grants, to provide that assistance grants related to forest land conservation use property may be increased by general law for a five-year period and that up to 5 percent of assistance grants may be deducted and retained by the state revenue commissioner to provide for certain state administrative costs, and to provide for the subclassification of qualified timberland property for ad valorem taxation purposes?”

Answer Yes or No

**- 4 -**

**Provides rights for victims of crime in the judicial process.**

Senate Resolution No. 146  
Resolution Act No. 467  
Ga. L. 2018, p. 1139

“Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide certain rights to victims against whom a crime has allegedly been perpetrated and allow victims to assert such rights?”

Answer Yes or No

**- 5 -**

**Authorizes fair allocation of sales tax proceeds to county and city school districts.**

Senate Resolution No. 95  
Resolution Act No. 278  
Ga. L. 2017, p. 857

“Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize a referendum for a sales and use tax for education by a county school district or an independent school district or districts within the county having a majority of the students enrolled within the county and to provide that the proceeds are distributed on a per student basis among all the school systems unless an agreement is reached among such school systems for a different distribution?”

Answer Yes or No

**PROPOSED  
STATEWIDE REFERENDA**

**- A -**

**Provides for a homestead exemption for residents of certain municipal corporations.**

House Bill No. 820  
Act No. 346  
Ga. L. 2018, p. 235

“Do you approve a new homestead exemption in a municipal corporation that is located in more than one county, that levies a sales tax for the purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, and that has within its boundaries an independent school system, from ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of the difference between the current year assessed value of a home and the adjusted base year value, provided that the lowest base year value will be adjusted yearly by 2.6 percent?”

Answer Yes or No

**- B -**

**Provides a tax exemption for certain homes for the mentally disabled.**

House Bill No. 196  
Act No. 25  
Ga. L. 2017, p. 55

“Shall the Act be approved which provides an exemption from ad valorem taxes on nonprofit homes for the mentally disabled if they include business corporations in the ownership structure for financing purposes?”

Answer Yes or No

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## Recent Rabun Headlines

**Service Delivery Strategy  
(SDS) Negotiations Fail,  
AGAIN**

**State of Georgia says if no SDS  
then no State Grants or Permits**

**Rabun , City of Clayton water  
wars continue**

**Rabun has no Qualified Status  
with the State since 2015 due to  
no SDS**

**Rabun Increases Property  
Taxes at least 11.6%, Valuation  
Increases could push it higher**

**Rabun argues with Cities over  
upcoming 2019 SPLOST**

**Rabun loses Millions of dollars  
in Grants since 2015**

**Business Park finally leased  
after County suffers Major  
Financial Losses**

**Feeling overwhelmed with recent  
Rabun County  
Government News?**

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Alliance**

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November 6, 2018

***FREE SAMPLE BALLOT INSIDE***

**RABUN COUNTY ALLIANCE**  
**P.O. Box 377**  
**Tiger, GA 30576**

**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US IN**  
*Seeking Leadership and Accountability in Government*

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Gainesville, GA

**YOUR VOTE  
COUNTS**

**November 2018  
Sample Ballot Inside**

TO THE VOTERS OF RABUN COUNTY

**REMEMBER . . . EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**

**REVIEW THE NOVEMBER 6 CANDIDATES ON THE SAMPLE BALLOT INSIDE!**

This sample ballot is provided to inform you of the candidates running in the upcoming election in order to help you prepare for making your decisions in the actual upcoming vote. The Rabun County Alliance (RCA) encourages you to think about your preferences ahead of time to help facilitate the voting process. Your vote is very important, and we hope this information will be of benefit to you.

The mission of the RCA is to improve all public services provided by your local government. This includes improving and maintaining our roads and road safety, lake and stream water quality, fire protection, waste removal, zoning, and other important issues as they may arise.

**ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING:** If you cannot vote on November 6, you can call 706-782-1878 and request that a ballot be mailed to you. You can also vote early at the COURT HOUSE ANNEX next to the Civic Center during the times listed below.

**Early voting runs Monday–Friday from October 15, 2018, through November 2, 2018, 8:00am till 5:00pm,  
and also on Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 9:00am till 4:00pm.**

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