

Agreed Principles for Georgia's 2020 Runoff Elections for the U.S. Senate

The U.S. Senate candidates for Georgia and political party representatives agree that these principles will govern their conduct and behavior during the Georgia 2020 Runoff Elections for the U.S. Senate. The candidates and political parties agree to act in good faith in abiding by these principles and to encourage their supporters to do likewise.

The principles

The Senate candidates and political party representatives recognize and agree that elections require that voters have the opportunity to make an informed choice and to vote freely, without being subject to disinformation, domestic or foreign interference, undue influence and intimidation.

The Senate candidates and political party representatives recognize and agree that Georgia law, voters have the right to cast their ballots by mail, through early in-person voting, or through in-person voting on the January 5 runoff date.

The Senate candidates and political party representatives recognize and agree that all votes are reported and counted accurately, the counting and canvassing processes will be open to accredited party poll watchers and monitors who will conduct themselves professionally and in accordance with applicable Georgia law. The counting of ballots at tabulating centers and precincts also are open to the public and to nonpartisan observers.

The Senate candidates and political party representatives thereby agree to encourage respect for these principles by:

- taking decisive efforts to prevent party leaders, officials, candidates, and party members from acting contrary to these principles
- encouraging all eligible voters to register and to vote, and avoiding steps to inappropriately disenfranchise currently registered voters;
- encouraging voters to select the option of casting a ballot that best suits their needs, as to encourage maximum participation by Georgians in these elections;
- reassuring voters that all voting procedures authorized by law including voting by absentee ballot, are safe, secure, and reliable, have built-in checks and controls to ensure integrity of the elections, and
- allowing the media to cover all aspects of candidates' election campaigns during the elections

The Senate candidates and political party representatives further agree to:

- avoid the spread of disinformation on social media, including from both domestic and foreign sources;
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