

GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE

THE SUNSHINE CONTRACT WITH GEORGIA VOTERS

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WHEREAS, government derives its authority from the consent of the governed;

WHEREAS, public confidence in elections and government institutions depends upon transparency, accountability, and equal access to information;

WHEREAS, the Office of Secretary of State serves every Georgian regardless of political affiliation;

WHEREAS, trust is earned through openness, measurable performance, and public accountability;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State should make information available to the people whenever possible and ensure that election administration is conducted in the sunlight for all to see;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby enter into this Sunshine Contract with the Citizens of Georgia and pledge to implement the following actions upon assuming office as Georgia Secretary of State:



ARTICLE I VOTER ROLL TRANSPARENCY

A public Voter Roll Transparency Dashboard shall be established and updated monthly, providing county-by-county information regarding voter registrations, additions, removals, inactive voters, and reasons for voter list maintenance actions.



ARTICLE II OPEN RECORDS ACCOUNTABILITY

A designated Open Records Officer shall be publicly identified and accountable for compliance with Georgia law. An online portal shall track requests, response times, and completion status. Monthly performance reports shall be made available to the public.



ARTICLE III TRANSPARENT VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE

Voter list maintenance activities shall be documented and publicly reported. Citizens shall be provided clear notice, transparency, and an accessible process for resolving voter registration concerns.



ARTICLE IV CHAIN OF CUSTODY TRANSPARENCY

Following each election, ballot and election equipment chain-of-custody documentation shall be published within established timeframes so that the public may review and verify election handling procedures.



ARTICLE V PUBLIC ELECTION COMPLAINT TRACKING

An online Election Integrity Complaint Tracker shall be established to allow citizens to monitor the status, review, and resolution of election-related complaints submitted to the Secretary of State's Office.



ARTICLE VI SERVICE STANDARDS AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING

The Office shall establish measurable service standards for business registrations, licensing functions, and customer service operations. Performance metrics shall be publicly reported on a recurring basis.



ARTICLE VII KNOW BEFORE YOU GO VOTER PORTAL

Georgia voters shall have access to an enhanced voter portal allowing them to verify registration status, polling locations, ballot status, election dates, and other essential voting information through a single platform.



ARTICLE VIII ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY PLEDGE

The Office shall publish official calendars, election vendor contracts, and other appropriate public-facing information to ensure accountability and maintain public confidence in the operations of the Secretary of State's Office.



ARTICLE IX SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT ELECTION OVERSIGHT

The Secretary of State's Office shall fully cooperate with and support the lawful duties, investigations, audits, and oversight responsibilities of the Georgia State Election Board. The Office shall promptly provide records, reports, data, and administrative assistance requested by the Board as authorized by law and shall not impede, delay, or obstruct the Board's exercise of its statutory responsibilities. The Secretary of State shall advocate for transparency, accountability, and cooperation between state and local election officials and the State Election Board in order to strengthen public confidence in Georgia's elections. The citizens of Georgia deserve a government that works together in pursuit of honest, accurate, transparent, and lawful elections.



STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

The commitments contained within this Sunshine Contract represent actions that can be implemented directly through the authority of the Georgia Secretary of State.

In addition, I will advocate for election reforms requiring legislative or State Election Board action, including election security enhancements, voter identification protections, election auditing improvements, and other measures designed to strengthen confidence in Georgia elections.

This Contract is founded upon a simple principle:

SUNLIGHT IS THE BEST DISINFECTANT.

Government functions best when citizens are empowered with information, transparency, and accountability.



Respectfully Submitted,

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