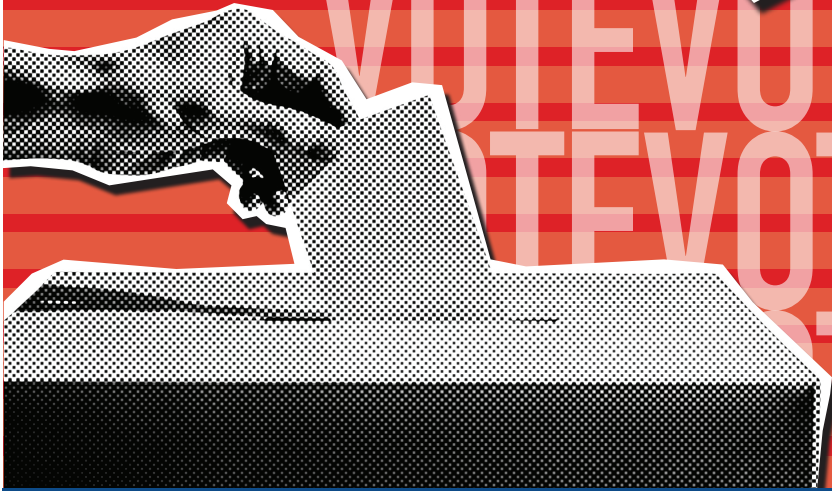


2026 VOTER GUIDE

PROVIDED BY

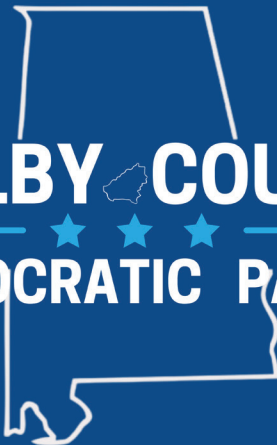
The Shelby County Democrats

MAKE YOUR
VOICE
HEARD
NOV. 3rd



SHELBY COUNTY

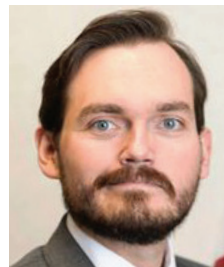
DEMOCRATIC PARTY



GET TO KNOW YOUR SHELBY CO. CANDIDATES **HERE**

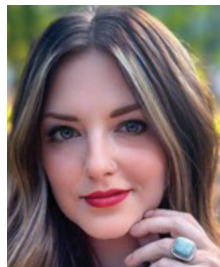


and **VOTE** on **TUESDAY NOV. 3 2026**



DONALD MOTTERN
STATE SENATE District 11

“People who’ve been in power for decades refuse to fix what they’ve broken. I’m offering a different kind of leadership, one that puts people over lobbyists, protects individual liberty, and brings dignity, responsibility and real focus back to our state.”



MANDIE LEDKINS
STATE SENATE District 14

“I looked around at Alabama—at our country—waiting for the adults in the room to step up... and realized I am the adult in the room now. I’ve always been an advocate, but it’s time to take that into the rooms where decisions are made.”



DR. SPENCER STONE
STATE SENATE District 16

“I’ve spent my career building programs, solving problems, and working directly with students and families. I’m running to bring that same hands-on, results-driven approach to state government.”



NELL BROWN
STATE HOUSE District 15

“I care about the people who live here, families just like mine, who want safer neighborhoods, brighter opportunities, and leaders who listen with compassion and lead with integrity.”



DAVID MORGAN
STATE HOUSE District 41

“In my years as a public employee, I was frequently thwarted in my attempts to help people by officeholders who refused to try. I will not be that type of elected official – if there is a solution to a problem, I will try to solve it.”



TAYLOR COOK
STATE HOUSE District 43

“I believe Alabama deserves better. It’s time for new leadership in our state that listens, responds, tells the truth, is accessible, and fights for everyday Alabamians. It’s time for change.”



TONI KORNI GAY VAUGHN
STATE HOUSE District 45

“Guided by faith, family values, and respect for the Constitution, I pledge to work for public education, accessible healthcare, and affordability for working families, emphasizing childcare.”



ANTONIO WEATHERLY
SHERIFF Shelby County

“Through de-escalation training and active community engagement, law enforcement is better equipped to serve with empathy, sound judgement, and commitment to fostering trust and public safety.”



JAMES CARROLL
BOARD of EDUC. Shelby County

“An important pillar of society is strong public education. Teachers should be paid well, and students should have full access to science, the arts, and the humanities. I unconditionally oppose all book bans.”



MICHELLE VAUGHNER-KNIGHT
TAX COMMISSIONER Shelby County

“Property taxes are not just numbers – they affect everyone. My mission is to ensure the tax office operates with fairness, clear communication, and a commitment to serve the public with professionalism and respect.”



DR. MARSHA S. STURDEVANT
CORONER Shelby County

“The county coroner must be impartial and fair, basing investigations into unexplained deaths on evidence. My medical training, where I learned to investigate illness based on science and evidence, makes me the best candidate for the job.”

	Donald Mottern	Mandie Ledkins	Dr. Spencer Stone	Nell Brown	David Morgan	Taylor Cook	Toni Kornigay Vaughn	Antonio Weatherly	James Carroll	Michelle Vaughner-Knight	Dr. Marsha S. Sturdevant
EARLY HOME	Mobile, AL	Ft. Payne, AL	Birmingham, AL	Shelby County	Pelham, AL	Geneva, AL	Coffeeville, AL	Birmingham, AL	Birmingham, AL	Birmingham, AL	Vernonia, OR
CURRENT HOME	Shelby, AL	Alabaster, AL	Hoover, AL	McCalla, AL	Calera, AL	Birmingham, AL	Shelby County, AL	Shelby County, AL	Helena, AL	Shelby County, AL	North Shelby Co., AL
EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thompson High School University of Alabama (BA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ft. Payne city schools Auburn Univ. (BA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Alabama (BA, PhD) University of Montevallo (M.Ed.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miles College (BA) Currently attending Miles Law School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studied at UAB Professional Cert. in Infrastructure Protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorado State University online (Earning BA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bibb and Clarke County schools Univ. of Alabama (BA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal Justice degree Law Enforcement degree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alabama public schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biomedical Technology degree Licensed Real Estate Broker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linfield College (BA) Oregon Health Science University (MD)
CAREER & LEADERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event Planner Compliance Auditor Journalist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 years of successful customer service experience in retail and tech industries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Science Dept. Head (Pelham & Thompson High) High school teacher Developed award-winning robotics program Coach & Advisor for robotics teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educator Leadership Award recipient, Miles College alumni association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Safety career from dispatcher to executive director Currently self-employed in infrastructure protection consulting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience in automotive shops, retail management warehouses, general aviation, professional offices, and local government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Regional Vice President in insurance claims industry (Retired) Received numerous awards for business leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 20 years experience in law enforcement Graduate of FBI LEEDA Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endorsed by the Central Alabama Labor Federation AFL-CIO Writer Software developer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eighteen years experience in real estate Owner, Boss Realty by MiChelle Member, Alabama Assoc. of Realtors Member, National Assoc. of Realtors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retired pediatrician and UAB School of Medicine professor Directed the Adolescent Health Center at Children’s Hospital of Alabama for 24 years
SERVING THE COMMUNITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair of the Public Relations Committee for the Shelby County Democratic Party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated volunteer with Community Works Girl Scout leader Art teacher at Pathways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coach & mentor Working to expand access to STEM & career-focused education Works closely with students to build pathways to technology and engineering fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jefferson County Democratic Committee Member Vice Chair of the Board of Regenerate Society HOA President of her community Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., Member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd Vice Chair, Shelby County Democratic Party Eagle Scout Cub Scout Leader and Scout Master Serve on regional boards Webmaster for Scouting.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice-Chair, Shelby County Democrats Young Adults State Democratic Exec. Committee Rep, District 43 Completed 5K Ultramarathon and 3 half-marathons Supporter of Oak Mtn. State Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated volunteer Hoover city schools Chaired fundraisers at Spain Park High Sunday School teacher, deacon, youth leader College sorority alumnae leader and fundraiser 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fraternal Order of Police International Association of Chiefs of Police Certified NRA Firearms Instructor Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asst. Secretary, Shelby County Democratic Party Regular volunteer with mutual aid and city cleanup programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member, Balanced for the Whole Woman ministry Active volunteer at Jessie’s Place Women’s Homeless Shelter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Directors of AIDS Alabama Active with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alabama Arise - NAACP - Friends of North Shelby Co. Library - Ala. River Alliance - GASP Chair of Shelby Co. Democratic Party

**YOUR VOTE IS
YOUR VOICE.**

USE IT!

**ELECTION DAY IS
TUESDAY, NOV. 3**

*You must be
registered to vote
by October 19, 2026.*

- If you are registered but have **changed your name or address** since you last voted, you need to **update your registration**.
- Go to **www.alabamavotes.gov** and click on ***My Voter Information*** to **check your voting status**. Make sure you're still registered, especially if you haven't voted recently.
- You can also **get a registration form** at the Board of Registrars, 202 West College Street, Columbiana, or at **any public library**.
- **If you don't have access to a computer**, call the Elections Division at **800-274-8683** for answers to your questions.
- Those **eligible to vote in Alabama** must be US citizens at least 18 years old, reside in Alabama, and not be barred from voting by a felony conviction or court declaration of mental incompetency.
- Once you are registered, **you will receive via mail a Voter Identification Card** that will contain information on your political districts and location of your polling place.

**For more information on registering
or other voting issues, call:**

**ELECTIONS DIVISION
800-274-8683**

**SHELBY CO. BOARD OF REGISTRARS
205-669-3913**

**Check your voting status and polling place at
www.alabamavotes.gov**

Get more information about your
SHELBY COUNTY CANDIDATES

DONALD MOTTERN
MotternForAlabama.com

TAYLOR COOK
CookForAlabama.com

MANDIE LEDKINS
MandieForAlabama.com

TONI K. VAUGHN
TimeForToni.com

DR. SPENCER STONE
Stone4Senate.com

ANTONIO WEATHERLY
weatherly2120@gmail.com

NELL BROWN
NellBrownForHouse15.com

JAMES CARROLL
JamesCarrollHelena@outlook.com

DAVID MORGAN
ElectDavidMorgan.com

MICHELLE VAUGHNER-KNIGHT
electmknight@gmail.com

DR. MARSHA STURDEVANT
MarshaSSturdevantMDforShelbyCountyCoroner.org

FEDERAL CANDIDATES

EVERETT WESSU.S. Senate

About the Democratic Candidate for U.S. House District 6

Republican leaders in Alabama were successful in redrawing district lines in 2026 in an attempt to benefit their candidates and reduce the influence of Black voters. Due to these changes, voters in Congressional District 6, which is our Congressional district, will vote in a Special Primary on August 11. Four Democrats have qualified to run in this Special Primary. Please refer to shelbyscountydems.com or the Secretary of State's site alabamavotes.gov for the Democratic candidate who will be on your ballot on November 3.

>> Also check to see if your voting district or polling place has changed. <<

ALABAMA STATE CANDIDATES

DOUG JONES Governor

PHILLIP ENSLER..... Lt. Governor

WAYNE ROGERS..... Secretary of State

JEFF McLAUGHLIN..... Attorney General

RON SPARKS..... Comm. of Ag. & Industries

ROSILYN HOUSTON State Treasurer

VIOLET EDWARDS..... State Auditor

ASHLEIGH DUNHAM State Supreme Court

JAMES O. GORDON..... Public Service Comm (PL 1)

SHEILA McNEIL..... Public Service Comm (PL 2)