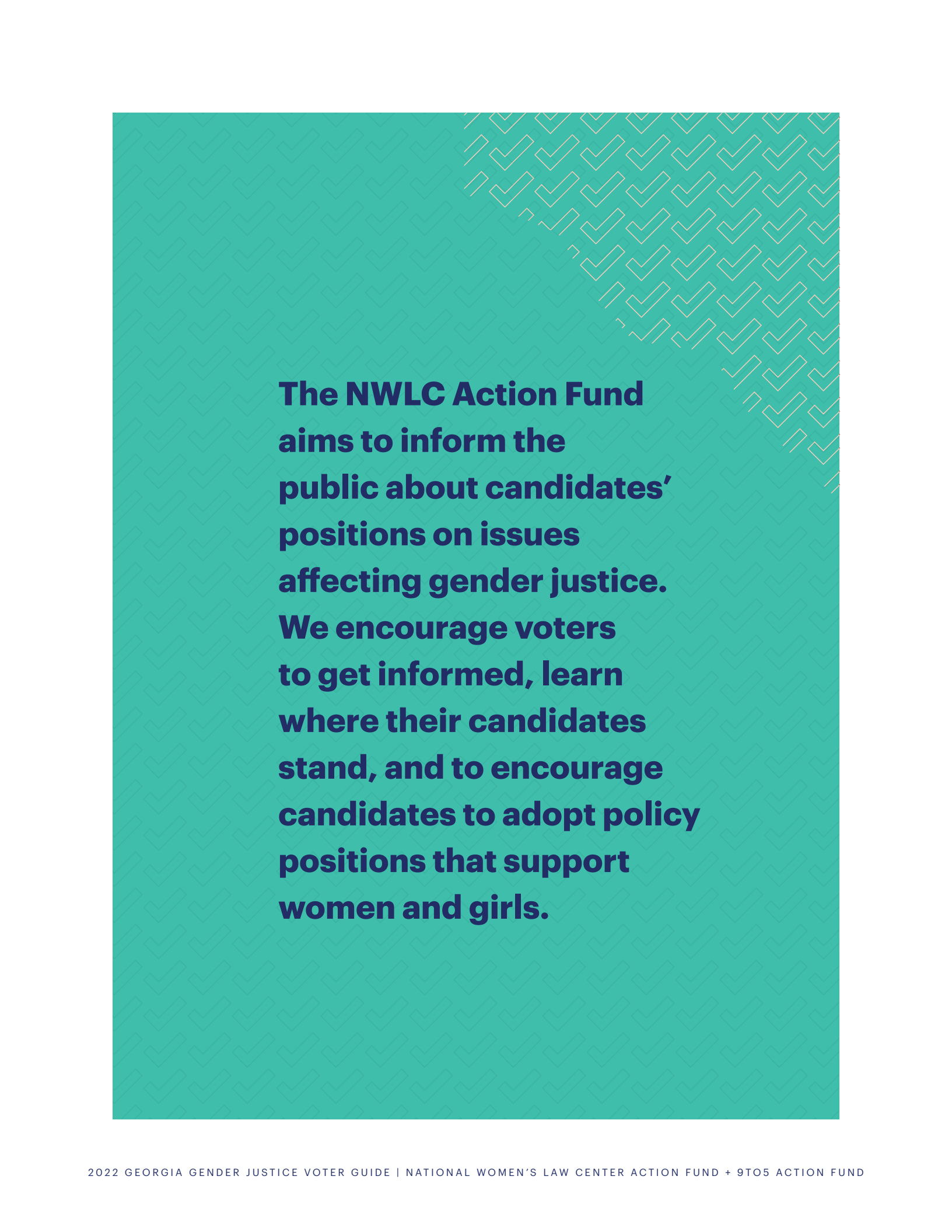




# 2022 Georgia Gender Justice Candidate Guide



**The NWLC Action Fund  
aims to inform the  
public about candidates'  
positions on issues  
affecting gender justice.  
We encourage voters  
to get informed, learn  
where their candidates  
stand, and to encourage  
candidates to adopt policy  
positions that support  
women and girls.**



# Georgia Attorney General



Jen Jordan	Policy	Chris Carr
<b>CHAMPION</b>	Protect and strengthen abortion and contraception access	<b>OPPOSES</b>
<b>UNKNOWN POSITION</b>	Fund affordable and accessible child care	<b>UNKNOWN POSITION</b>
<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Strengthen universal paid family and medical leave	<b>UNKNOWN POSITION</b>
<b>UNKNOWN POSITION</b>	Protect women, especially women of color, and others from discrimination and harassment in the workplace	<b>UNKNOWN POSITION</b>
<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Raise the minimum wage	<b>UNKNOWN POSITION</b>
<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Keep all children—including LGBTQI+ children and children of color—safe from discrimination and harassment	<b>OPPOSES</b>
<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Oppose censorship in school curricula	<b>OPPOSES</b>
<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Advance gun safety measures that keep schools free from gun violence	<b>OPPOSES</b>
<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Expand voting access	<b>OPPOSES</b>
<b>UNKNOWN POSITION</b>	Build diverse courts that work for everyone	<b>UNKNOWN POSITION</b>
<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Strengthen and expand access to maternal health care	<b>UNKNOWN POSITION</b>

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**Champion:** This candidate has led legislative efforts addressing the issue, including introducing and/or co-sponsoring legislation; created an organization or association dedicated to supporting the issue; and/or made the issue stance a cornerstone of their campaign on their website or in speeches.

**Support:** A candidate is considered in support of an issue area if they have shown support for the majority of policies within the issue area.

**Unknown position:** We could not find a record of a clear policy position from this candidate during our research.

**Opposes:** A candidate is considered in opposition to an issue area if they have shown opposition for the majority of policies within the issue area.

## Jen Jordan – Attorney General

### Abortion

- Codify the right to abortion in-state and support the creation of a nationwide right that stops abortion bans and guarantees that the right and access to abortion does not depend on where a person lives..
  - » Jordan [told Axios](#) she supports the policy originally set by *Roe v. Wade*, with a first trimester right to an abortion protected. “I believe this framework is appropriate and should remain the law of the land with appropriate exceptions for rape, incest, fetal anomalies, and the life of the mother;” she said.
  - » Spoke of her own [struggles](#) with miscarriages in remarks about the end of *Roe*
- Ensure that people’s access to health care is free from stigma, barriers, and restrictions, including abortion care, contraceptives, and maternal health care.
  - » She gave an [impassioned speech](#) in dissent to HB481, calling it “cruel, punitive and oppressive”
  - » She has said that if elected, she will not use [taxpayer dollars](#) to enforce Georgia’s heartbeat bill
- Make sure quality pregnancy supports are accessible, affordable, and culturally competent for all - including protections and supports, like doula access, are available that promote the health outcomes of Georgia’s pregnant people, especially Black women.
  - » When testifying against abortion restrictions in the state, Jordan [said](#) “50 percent of Georgia counties have no OB/GYN doctors and 17 rural hospitals have closed within the past seven years”
- Safeguard and expand access to contraception.
  - » [Endorsed](#) by NARAL Pro-Choice America
  - » [Tweeted](#) in support of protecting *Griswold v. Connecticut*

### Family Economic Security

- Make millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share of taxes
  - » Research into this candidate has yielded no statements indicating support or opposition.
- Help families with the rising cost of child care by investing in high-quality, affordable child care.
  - » Research into this candidate has yielded no statements indicating support or opposition
- Establish universal paid family and medical leave.
  - » In response to [new paid leave plans](#) for full-time employees of the Georgia House and Senate, she said “It’s a positive step, so I’ll take it. But I definitely think we can take it a step further.”
  - » Co-sponsored [SB55](#) “to provide for the creation of a program to compensate in part for the wage loss sustained by any individual who is unable to work due to such individual’s own sickness or injury, the sickness or injury of a family member, or the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a new child”
- Protect women, especially women of color, and others from discrimination and harassment in the workplace.
  - » Research into this candidate has yielded no statements indicating support or opposition
    - Along with colleagues, Jordan [filed harassment complaints](#) against a member of the Georgia Assembly to combat harassment and a culture of toxic masculinity

- Pay workers fairly, including ensuring equal pay for all and raising the minimum wage to at least \$15/hour for all working people.
  - » Cosponsored Georgia [SB24](#) to raise the state minimum wage
  - » [Georgia Win List](#) says on their website that “Jen will fight to raise Georgia’s minimum wage to at least \$10.10 an hour and restore local control by giving cities like Atlanta the right to an even higher rate when voters agree”

### **Education**

- Support students’ ability to learn and be themselves by keeping them safe from discrimination and harassment in school.
  - » Research into this candidate has yielded no statements indicating support or opposition
- Oppose efforts to fuel divisions in our communities by vilifying and excluding transgender students.
  - » Voted against [SB 435](#), which makes it “unlawful for Ga public school students or teams to compete against a Ga public school that permits a person of one gender to participate in an athletic program that is designated for persons of opposite gender”
- Oppose censorship of schools’ ability to teach truth, including about race and gender and how they have been used to divide us.
  - » Research into this candidate has yielded no statements indicating support or opposition
- Safeguard students’ ability to live full, dignified lives free from gun violence.
  - » [Sponsored](#) SB150 in 2019 “to prohibit persons convicted of misdemeanor crimes of family violence from receiving, possessing, or transporting a firearm and to prohibit persons subject to family violence protective orders from receiving, possessing, or transporting a firearm”
  - » [Endorsed](#) by Everytown/Moms Demand Action
- Ensure full funding that meets every school’s needs - including schools building safer environments by prioritizing COVID safety measures.
  - » Jen Jordan was the only Democrat to vote in favor of SB514 to ban mask mandates in schools

### **Democracy**

- Protect and expand access to the ballot and restore the Voting Rights Act.
  - » As reported by the [Atlanta Daily World](#), Jordan’s platform includes five voting rights pillars: establishing a Voting Rights Division in the Attorney General’s office, investigating and prosecuting cases of voter intimidation and suppression, working to protect and bolster the Voting Rights Act, protecting election workers and prioritizing the fundamental rights of Georgians – including the constitutional right to vote
- Ensure all voters have equal access to the ballot box and their votes are counted fairly, including expanded early voting days, language access protections for Limited English Proficient (LEP) voters, and a district map that empowers all voters.
  - » Jordan’s [campaign website](#) names “Defend the Voting Rights of all Georgians” as a priority and says “I will fight voter suppression and make sure every lawful vote is counted.”

- Reshape the makeup of the judiciary by working with federal lawmakers to nominate and confirm judges with a strong record of supporting gender and racial justice issues and who affirmatively declare they will uphold equality, opportunity for all, individual liberty, and the freedom to make personal decisions about our bodies and relationships.
  - » Research into this candidate has yielded no statements indicating support or opposition

## Chris Carr – Attorney General

### Family Economic Security

- Make millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share of taxes
  - » Defended Georgia's ability to cut taxes
    - Carr [joined a letter signed](#) by 21 state attorneys general urging the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) to “take immediate action to ensure the American Rescue Plan Act (Act) does not strip States of their core authority to implement basic state tax policy.”
    - Carr said, “As it is written, the American Rescue Plan Act could be used to deny Georgia the ability to cut taxes in any manner for years to come,” said Attorney General Chris Carr. “That would be unacceptable. In fact, it would amount to an unprecedented federal takeover of state tax policy and would represent the greatest attempted invasion of state sovereignty by Congress ever attempted.”
- Help families with the rising cost of child care by investing in high-quality, affordable child care
  - » Chris Carr has not commented on policies to expand access to high-quality, affordable child care. Research into this candidate has yielded no statements indicating support or opposition
- Establish universal paid family and medical leave
  - » Research into this candidate has yielded no statements indicating support or opposition
    - Carr has been [endorsed](#) by the National Federation of Independent Business, which has called paid leave “[burdensome](#)” and has [testified](#) in front of Congress against federal paid leave programs.
- Protect women, especially women of color, and others from discrimination and harassment in the workplace.
  - » Carr has not commented on policies that would protect women and others from discrimination and harassment in the workplace. Research into this candidate has yielded no statements indicating support or opposition.
- Pay workers fairly, including ensuring equal pay for all and raising the minimum wage to at least \$15/hour for all working people
  - » Research into this candidate has yielded no statements indicating support or opposition
    - Carr has been [endorsed](#) by the National Federation of Independent Business, which has opposed [federal increases to the minimum wage](#) and paying for [overtime](#)

### Abortion

- Codify the right to abortion in-state and support the creation of a nationwide right that stops abortion bans and guarantees that the right and access to abortion does not depend on where a person lives.
  - » In the wake of the Roe ruling, Carr [submitted](#) a letter to a federal appeals court asking the judges to allow a 2019 Georgia anti-abortion law to take effect.
    - He said: “I believe in the dignity, value and worth of every human being, both born and unborn. The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision is constitutionally correct and rightfully returns the issue of abortion to the states and to the people — where it belongs.”
- Ensure that people’s access to health care is free from stigma, barriers, and restrictions, including abortion care, contraceptives, and maternal health care.



- » In a statement to [Axios](#), he said his “personal belief is that abortion should be prohibited in Georgia except when the life of the mother is at risk. I also will continue to uphold my oath of office as Attorney General of Georgia by defending the laws of our state, including the Georgia LIFE Act.”
- Make sure quality pregnancy supports are accessible, affordable, and culturally competent for all - including protections and supports, like doula access, are available that promote the health outcomes of Georgia’s pregnant people, especially Black women.
  - » Chris Carr has led [efforts](#) in Georgia to overturn the Affordable Care Act
- Safeguard and expand access to contraception.
  - » Chris Carr has not commented on contraception access. Research into this candidate has yielded no statements indicating support or opposition

### **Education**

- Support students’ ability to learn and be themselves by keeping them safe from discrimination and harassment in school.
  - On July 7, 2021, his office issued a [statement](#) condemning the June 15, 2021 [EEOC](#) guidance that the Bostock v. Clayton County decision means Title XII protections apply to sexual orientation and transgender identity
- Oppose efforts to fuel divisions in our communities by vilifying and excluding transgender students.
  - » Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr is joining [counterparts](#) in 19 other states to sue the Biden administration over federal anti-discrimination protections for transgender students
    - <https://law.georgia.gov/press-releases/2022-04-14/carr-demands-biden-administration-abandon-efforts-weaken>
- Oppose censorship of schools’ ability to teach truth, including about race and gender and how they have been used to divide us.
  - » Signed a [letter](#) from a multi-state coalition of 20 attorneys general in urging the Biden Administration to reconsider educational proposals aimed at imposing the teaching of critical race theory
- Safeguard students’ ability to live full, dignified lives free from gun violence
  - » Carr [joined](#) a 20-state coalition in arguing against the Biden administration’s proposed regulation of firearm parts.
- Ensure full funding that meets every school’s needs - including schools building safer environments by prioritizing COVID safety measures.
  - » Has joined [lawsuits](#) against vaccine and mask mandates
  - » In response to the decision to overturn mask mandates, Carr [said](#), “We are very pleased that the court has issued a preliminary injunction, and we will continue to stand up for the rule of law until this latest unconstitutional mandate has been stopped permanently”
- Oppose discriminatory discipline policies in schools, including increased policing of students
  - » Carr has not commented on discipline policies in schools

## **Democracy**

- Protect and expand access to the ballot and restore the Voting Rights Act.
  - » Carr is [defending Georgia's new voting restrictions](#) against challenges from the Biden administration
- Ensure all voters have equal access to the ballot box and their votes are counted fairly, including expanded early voting days, language access protections for Limited English Proficient (LEP) voters, and a district map that empowers all voters. – oppose
  - » Carr [asked a judge](#) to dismiss the lawsuit against Georgia SB 202; the bill adds new provisions on absentee ballot drop boxes, voter ID
- Reshape the makeup of the judiciary by working with federal lawmakers to nominate and confirm judges with a strong record of supporting gender and racial justice issues and who affirmatively declare they will uphold equality, opportunity for all, individual liberty, and the freedom to make personal decisions about our bodies and relationships.
  - » Research into this candidate has yielded no statements indicating support or opposition
    - Carr supported the nomination of Andrew Pinson to the Georgia Supreme Court, “[a rising young star in the conservative legal world](#)”

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