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We are just one week out from the most consequential election of our lifetimes, and the work each and every one of us does over these next eight days matters.



Here's what we at Team Au have been up to.

GEORGIA: VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

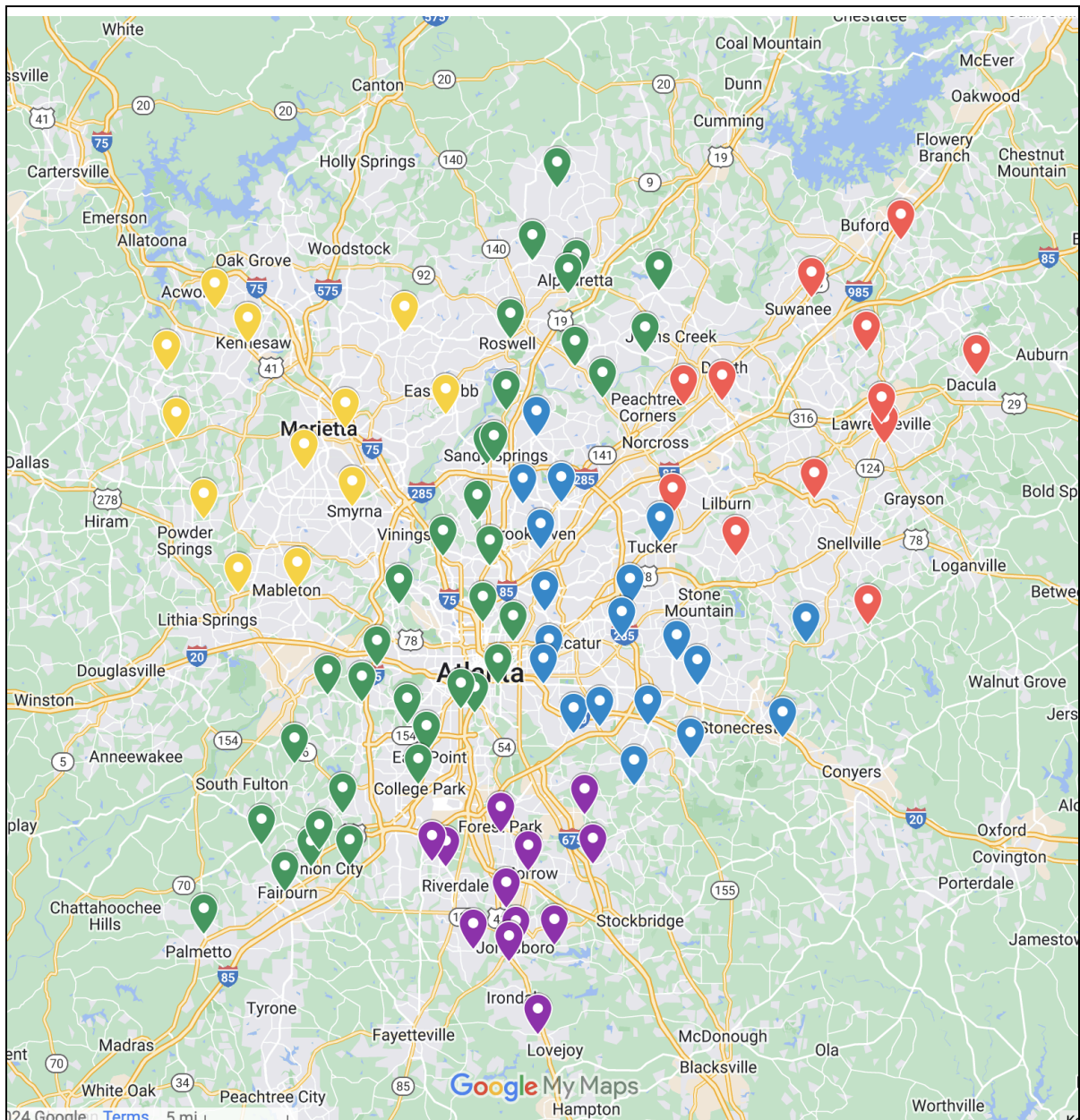
Given the delays with the U.S. Postal System, **the best way to vote is early and in person** if you are able! If you are dropping off an absentee ballot into a drop box, remember that after the Republicans passed **SB 202** in 2021, drop boxes are now only available during business hours and are not at every early voting location. *Plan ahead!*

Some benefits of voting early in person:

🍊 **MORE CHOICES:** You can vote early at any polling location in your home county!

🍊 **SHORTER LINES:** Most early voting locations have no wait time!

🍊 **FEWER CALLS, TEXTS & KNOCKS:** most campaigns won't bother you anymore if you've already voted!



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[Here is a link](#) to the early voting locations in the Atlanta Metro area. **Early voting runs through FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1st**, after which time the last

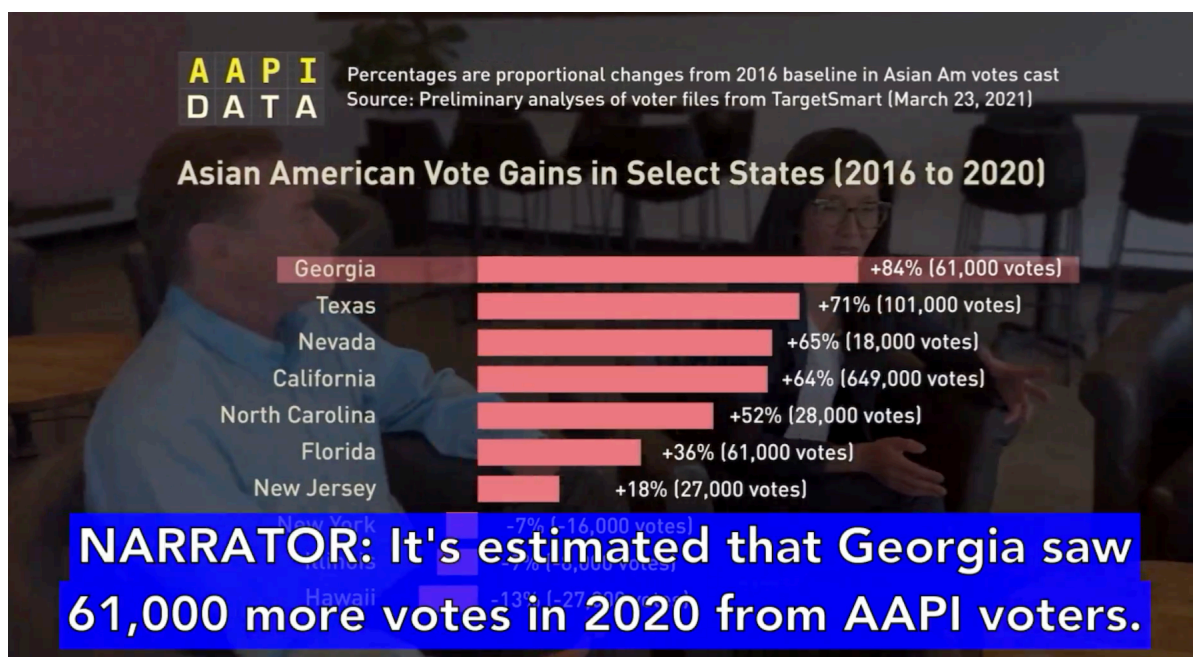
chance to vote will be **Election Day, Tuesday November 5th**. Avoid the bottleneck on Election Day and bank your vote by the end of the week!

AAPI VOTERS AND THE MARGIN OF VICTORY

As an elected official, my prime responsibility is ensuring that every single member of my community is heard, and that regardless of political valence, **every vote counts**.

We are aware, of course, that there are voters and communities that have been historically overlooked and under-engaged in our electoral outreach. In fact, as a first-time candidate in 2020, **I was told not to “waste too much time” talking to Asian American voters because “Asians don’t vote.”**

That didn’t sound right to me, **so we proved them wrong**. In 2020, [AAPI voters increased their turnout by 84% in Georgia](#). As the Chair of Georgia’s [first ever Legislative AAPI Caucus](#), it’s my responsibility to make sure that was not an aberration, but the start of a new era of AAPI electoral power.



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Back in 2021, right before I was sworn into the state Senate, I was interviewed by documentary filmmakers about **the role AAPI voters had in swinging the outcome of the presidential election in Georgia**. This documentary,

entitled [“Does My Vote Count?”](#) is now on the festival circuit and has received some notable awards.

Since 2020, one thing I’ve tried to normalize is state and national campaigns having an **AAPI outreach plan**. This involves not just talking to Asian voters, but reaching them where they live and work, building relationships with ethnic press and media, and having campaign ambassadors for different cultural groups.

For communities where many families speak English as a second language, it’s also important to consider **translating campaign literature and video**. Since it’s more important to show rather than tell, our campaign has done just that, dubbing and translating our campaign ad into [Hindi](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), and [Spanish](#).



[Watch full Hindi version of our ad here](#)

Being an AAPI lawmaker, particularly a Chinese American one, comes with its own set of external challenges. In an era where [anti-China and anti-immigrant sentiment has loomed large](#), this is the additional friction we encounter in doing an already challenging job.

ANALYSIS

Can Chinese Americans Help Turn Georgia Blue Again?

Concerns about Beijing's influence loom large in a state where Asian American voters mobilized in 2020.

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By [Christina Lu](#), an energy and environment reporter at *Foreign Policy*.



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I was so glad to speak with [Christina Lu from *Foreign Policy* magazine](#) about **the role Chinese American voters have played in the past few election cycles in Georgia**. We discussed the work we've done, and continue to do, to engage and grow the voice and power of that electorate.

REPUBLICAN EFFORTS TO DISRUPT THE ELECTION

Last week, the Georgia Supreme Court [unanimously denied](#) the Republican Party's attempt Tuesday to reinstate **new Georgia State Election Board**

rules that, among other things, required an [election night ballot hand count](#) and allowed the ability to delay certification of election results in order to perform what they deemed [“reasonable inquiry” into perceived irregularities](#).

The high court’s order left in place a Fulton County judge’s ruling that these seven new election rules are **“illegal, unconstitutional and void.”**

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Georgia Supreme Court rejects Republican effort to restore last-minute election rules

Decision means that State Election Board’s rules remain invalid for Nov. 5 election



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In addition, the Georgia Supreme Court [denied the request of the Georgia GOP and the RNC for an expedited appeal before Election Day](#). This means these rules will not be applied here in Georgia for the 2024 election, **avoiding disruption and chaos** as Battleground Georgia counts its votes the night of November 5th.

That said, I would anticipate seeing these same election rules in the form of legislation, advanced by a Republican majority, when we return to session in January of 2025.

Election 2024

Trump lays groundwork to challenge potential Harris win with false narrative on noncitizen voters

Experts say the efforts by Republicans, spread throughout multiple states, have been sowing public mistrust on whether noncitizens are voting.



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We need to recognize, of course, that **Republicans have been working for years to sow doubt, distrust, and divisive narratives around our voting processes.** One we've seen in Georgia just this last session was legislation stoking false narratives about non-citizens voting in our elections, going as far as to [propose a constitutional amendment](#) banning non-citizens from voting in Georgia.

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

FOR THE RECORD

Bill to ban noncitizens from voting in Georgia elections stalls at key legislative deadline

BY: STANLEY DUNLAP - MARCH 1, 2024 1:00 AM



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This resolution stalled in the state House after **failing to receive the requisite 2/3rds vote for passage of a constitutional amendment**. Which, of course, the Republican majority knew it would. Their ultimate goal, of course, given the math, was to use this vote as a cudgel to “prove” that Democrats, who voted against this nonsense measure, were enabling “criminal illegals” to vote.

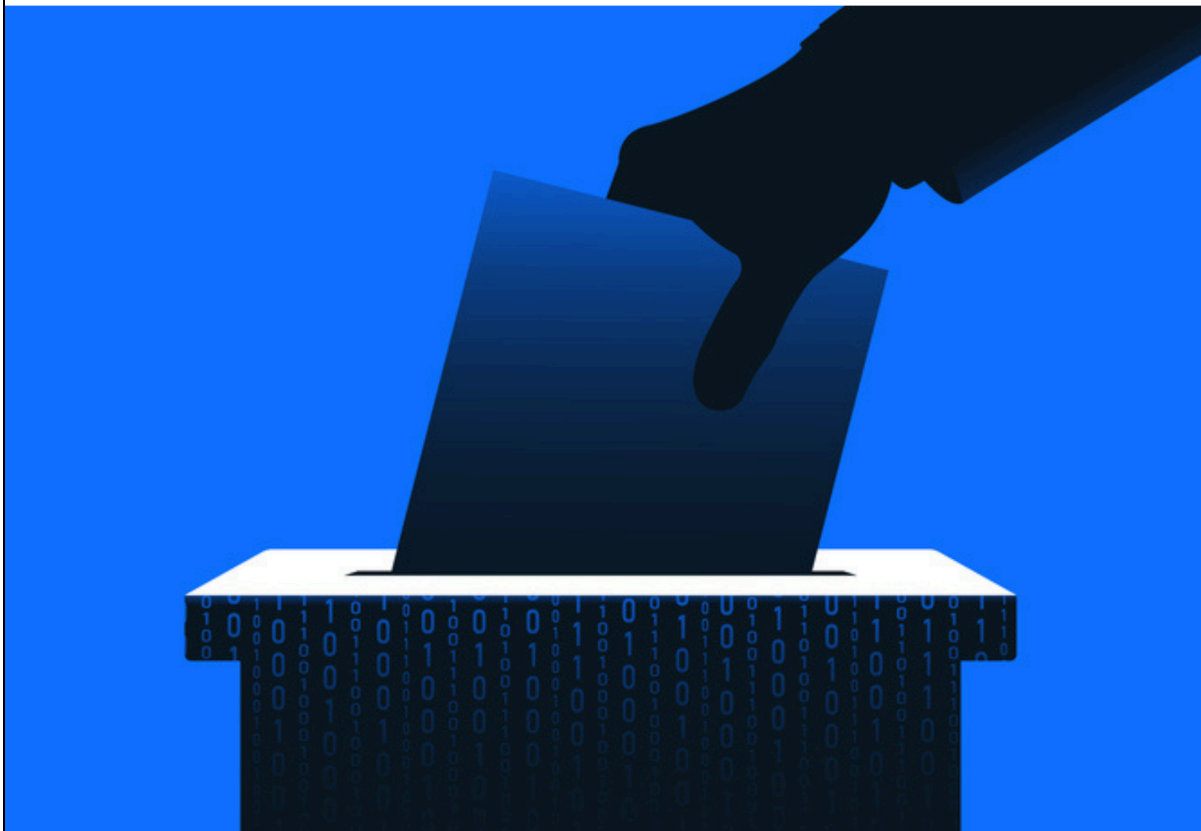
I have noted many times and I will note again, citing our Republican Secretary of State: [non-citizens have not voted in the state of Georgia](#) in the past two presidential elections in which Donald Trump was a candidate. Anyone wasting our time passing theatrical legislation like this is not only taking away from our

ability to get real work done, they are **sowing seeds of public mistrust in our free and fair elections** and setting the stage to overturn the will of the people if VP Harris wins the election.

But try to explain this to a party that cannot admit they ever lost the 2020 presidential election in the first place.

Asked if He Thinks Trump Lost in 2020, Vance Finally Gives an Answer: No

Senator JD Vance, former President Donald J. Trump's running mate, had spent weeks dodging questions about Mr. Trump's false claims he won the 2020 election.




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AN "F" GRADE I CAN BE PROUD OF


As a former pre-med student and a gigantic nerd, I prefer to get straight As. 😊

However, this rating from the highly aggressive, far right [Georgia Gun Owners](#) is an F grade I can be proud of.

 **Georgia Gun Owners** ✓
@GaGunOwners

⚠️⚠️ Here in the heated race for House District 50, Democrat [@AuforGA](#) has earned an F RATING from Georgia Gun Owners for working to GUT the Second Amendment while in office!

Share this with all your gun owner friends in HD 50! And then get out and vote PRO-GUN on November 5!



MICHELLE AU Rating: **F**
House District 50
RATED "F"

- ✗ For Supporting Universal Gun Registration!
- ✗ For Supporting Deadly Gun Lock Up Laws!
- ✗ For Supporting Red Flag Gun Confiscation Laws!
- ✗ For Supporting Stand-Your-Ground Repeal!

GeorgiaGunOwners.org

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Thank you for your attention to my legislative gun safety portfolio including the [Pediatric Health Safe Storage Act](#), [universal background checks](#), and the [Safe Storage Tax Credit Act](#)! I look forward to upsetting you further in the 2025 legislative session!

TEAM AU IN THE COMMUNITY

JOHNS CREEK DIWALI FESTIVAL



Johns Creek has a very large number of Indian residents, and so historically has been the home to **the largest Diwali celebrations in the state!** I was so

pleased to join friends and neighbors this past weekend to celebrate family, togetherness, and the triumph of light over darkness. *Happy Diwali!*

JOHNS CREEK TRUNK OR TREAT



One of the things I love about knocking on constituent doors during this time of the year is to see all the Diwali decorations mingling with the Halloween decorations! It was such fun joining the community for **Johns Creek's annual Trunk or Treat celebration**, in which I finally fulfilled my lifelong aspiration of seeing a T-Rex dance to YMCA. Dreams do come true. *Happy Halloween, everyone!*

AUTREY MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA CONCERT



Congratulations to the **Autrey Mill Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Orchestras** for another fantastic Fall Concert! We were proud to present AMMS orchestra teacher **Mr. Tim Anderson** with [HR 669](#) last year, and he continues to do an incredible job with these young musicians! Bravo to all, including the families who support music and arts education!

HAPPY HOUR WITH CONGRESSWOMAN MCBATH



It's an honor to work with our friend and partner **Rep. Lucy McBath**, particularly on the issue of **gun violence prevention**.

I was so thrilled to have her come to support my re-election campaign on October

17th at [6S Brewing Company](#) in Downtown Duluth! Our friends **Dr. Sofia Chaudhary** and [Georgia WIN List](#) Founding Chair **Melita Easters** also joined us. I am so humbled by your support as we go into the final phase of the 2024 election season!

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I'm especially pleased that our Team Au Fellows got a chance to meet the Congresswoman, who is an incredible role model for our students. Our **Team Au Fellowship Program**, now in its fourth year, is dedicated to mentoring students and giving them the knowledge and tools they need to become more engaged in public service.

If you or a young person you know might be interested in applying for our fellowship, they can do so online [here](#)!

AAPIs FOR HARRIS/WALZ



The stakes for this year's election could not be higher, and we've been excited to work closely with the Harris campaign here in Georgia, welcoming VP Harris' sister **Maya Harris** to Georgia as she helped turn out the AAPI vote!

Thank you as always to [Rep. Long Tran](#) for hosting us at the de facto Campaign HQ for the Gwinnett, North Fulton, and Dekalb Democrats, [Peachy Corners Cafe!](#)

REACHING CONSTITUENTS ACROSS HD 50

Representing a community means meeting people where they are, and being accessible for people to share the issues, concerns, and priorities most important to them.



This month we continued our district-wide **Meet and Mingle Tour**, including an event most recently with our friends at [Arepita Cafe!](#) We were so pleased to have our friend, artist **Brandon Litman**, join us as he made his [famous stencil posters](#) for attendees. People had so much fun, and kids especially loved picking their own designs and colors!



People lead busy lives and have different schedules, so we've been proud to again offer **our award-winning "House Calls" program**, in which HD 50 residents can set up a private 15 minute appointment with me.

Based on one recent house call, one constituent, concerned about undecided voter turnout, offered to host a listening session at his house so I could speak with his neighbors about the issues most important to them. **It's this kind of community involvement and active engagement that shows how local government works best.**

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It has never been more important to pay attention to the work of state legislatures, and nowhere is it more evident than in our district, at the epicenter of the changing electoral face of Georgia, the leading edge of where swing districts are still being fought and flipped. [Thank you as ever for your support](#) of my re-election campaign so that we can keep doing this most important work together.



As always, please **do not hesitate to [reach out to our office](#)** should you need any assistance, or if you have any concerns you'd like me to address on your behalf.

I could not do this without the support of my constituents. ***It is my honor to be your voice in the Georgia House of Representatives.***

In service,

Representative Dr. Michelle Au
Serving the 50th District



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