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ELECTION EDITION



Governor Ivey welcomed Vice President Mike Pence to Birmingham on October 30th.

Dear Republican friends,

Can you believe election day is almost here? Your Alabama Republican Party candidates, team and members are all working nonstop to make sure our great Republican state stays RED.

While the Alabama Democrats are fighting and struggling to unify their base, the ALGOP is strong and ready to defend our Republican majority.

This election is a critical time for our nation and we need your help to make sure our country stays on the right track. I want to encourage you to be part of this historical moment and vote straight ticket Republican this Tuesday, November 6th.

It's great to be a Republican,

Jerry Lathan

Terry Lathan Chairman, Alabama Republican Party







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ALGOP Statement on the Kavanaugh Confirmation Cloture Vote

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ALGOP Statement on Brett Kavanaugh's Confirmation to the U.S. Supreme Court

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Jones accuses ALGOP of putting 'party over' state, country on Kavanaugh; ALGOP responds: 'A grave error as it highlights his arrogance

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Vote or Die's racially charged, 'incendiary garbage' flier circulating from Alabama Democratic groups

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No blue wave in Alabama

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Montgomery: 8:45 AM Huntsville: 10:00 AM

Mobile: 11:45 AM

Dothan: 1:15 PM

Auburn: 3:00 PM

Birmingham: 4:45 PM







NOVEMBER 6 () ELECTION AMENDMENTS GUIDE

AMENDMENT 1: TEN COMMANDMENTS VOTE YES 🗸



If a majority of voters vote "Yes" on Amendment 1, the state constitution will provide that a person is free to worship God as he or she chooses and that a person's religious beliefs will have no effect on his or her civil or political rights. It will also provide that the Ten Commandments can be displayed on public property so long as the display meets constitutional requirements, such as being displayed along with historical or educational items.

AMENDMENT 2: RIGHT TO LIFE VOTE YES 🗸



If a majority of voters vote "Yes" on Amendment 2, the public policy of this state will be to support and protect the importance of unborn life and the rights of unborn children.

AMENDMENT 3: UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LEGISLATIVE VOTES CAST: FOR (128) AGAINST (0)

If a majority of voters vote "Yes" on Amendment 3, future changes to the number of congressional districts in Alabama will not impact the number of board members, the State Superintendent of Education will no longer automatically be a member of the board, & trustees will be allowed to serve on the board after their seventieth birthday.

AMENDMENT 4: STATE LEGISLATURE ELECTIONS

LEGISLATIVE VOTES CAST: FOR (102) AGAINST (16)

If a majority of voters vote "Yes" on Amendment 4. state legislative seats that become vacant within the final 14 months of the four-year term of office will remain vacant until the general election.

READ THE FULL AMENDMENTS AT ALABAMAVOTES.GOV

ALGOP CONGRESSIONAL 🔔 CORNER





Thank you to U.S. Senator Richard Shelby for his October 6 vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.



The NFIB recognized U.S. Congressman Robert Aderholt as a 2018 Guardian of Small Business.



U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers has a strong pro-life voting record.



U.S. Congressman Mo Brooks addressed the crowd at the 2018 Madison County Red, White and Blue BBQ in Huntsville.



U.S. Representative Martha Roby was presented the Guardian of Seniors' Rights Award from the 60 Plus Association.



U.S Congressman Bradley Byrne spoke at the 2018 Baldwin County GOP BBQ.



U.S. Congressman Gary Palmer spoke at the 2018 Tuscaloosa County GOP Lincoln Reagan Dinner where he was honored for his service to Alabama.

Alabama's GOP representatives vote to oppose illegal immigrant voting in elections



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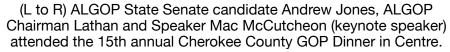
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ALGOP HD 9 Candidate Scott Stadhagen puts a wrist corsage on his daughter as they prepare to attend the Cinderella Ball.





(L) The Tuscaloosa College and Young Republicans at the 2018
Tuscaloosa County GOP Lincoln Reagan Dinner at the Zone in
Bryant Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa. (R) TGOP Chair Jim Zeanah
kicks off the event by addressing the crowd.



Steven King and Jan White volunteered at the Covington County Republican Party booth during the first evening of the Kiwanis Covington County Fair.



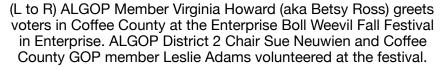


The Calhoun County Republican Party hosted a large crowd in Anniston at their 2018 picnic. ALGOP Chairman Lathan, Congressman Mike Rogers and Senate President Pro Tempore Del Marsh all attended the event.

TEAM G P









The Chambers County Republican held their monthly meeting in Valley where they encouraged their members to help candidates in get out the vote efforts.







(L to R) Tallapoosa County GOP Chair Denise Bates and Colonel Oliver North (keynote speaker) at the sold out 2018 Tallapoosa County GOP Dinner in Alex City. Court of Criminal Appeals Candidate Richard Minor, Chairman Lathan, Justice Tom Parker and PSC Commissioner Jeremy Oden were at the event.





Over 800 Republicans attended the Red White and Blue BBQ event hosted by the Madison County Republican Party in Huntsville. ALGOP Candidates (L to R): Sam Givhan, Jeremy Oden, John Merrill, Mo Brooks, Tom Parker, Steve Marshall, Frank Barger, Will Ainsworth and Kevin Turner

TEAM











(L) ALGOP Chairman Terry Lathan spoke to a large crowd at the 2018 Etowah County Reagan Martin Dinner in Gadsden. (R) Etowah County GOP Chairman State Senator Phil Williams addresses dinner attendees.



Secretary of State John Merrill, ALGOP Judicial candidate Leslie Schiffman Moore, State Auditor Jim Zeigler, Chairman Lathan and Judge Bill Cole at the October meeting of the Greater Birmingham Republican Women.



ALGOP District Judge Candidate Emily Steele gave candy to trick or treaters at a Halloween event in Monroeville.



Madison County
Republican Women
members passed out
candy and GOP sample
ballots at a Halloween
event in Madison.



The Knollwood Republican Women held a voter registration drive in Mobile.



The Baldwin County
Republican Party held a
rally with Governor Kay
Ivey and Congressman
Bradley Byrne in Fairhope.



Alabamian Liles Burke was recently confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

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Mighty Alabama Strike Force Members led by Shelby County GOP Chair Joan Reynolds knocked on doors in Tennessee for U.S. Senate Candidate Marsha Blackburn.



Attorney General Steve Marshall spoke to the Auburn University College Republicans.



ALGOP member Jerry Lathan, Chairman Lathan, ALGOP supporter Shaun McCutcheon, AL Secretary of State John Merrill, Cindy Merrill ALGOP supporter Landon Ash and Hennessy at the 2018 Talladega 500 Race.



The Autuauga County Republican Party hosted an information booth at their local fair in Prattville.



Mobile County GOP Chair Adam Strange, ALGOP member Tricia Strange, Rep. David Sessions, ALGOP Chair Terry Lathan and ALGOP member Jerry Lathan at a Sessions for Senate fish fry in Fowl River.



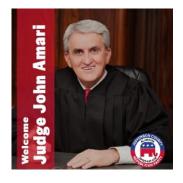
The Republican Women of Coffee County raised \$1500 dollars in donations for Hurricane Michael victims. Pictured: RWCC President Johnna Roberts and ALGOP District 2 Chair Sue Neuwien



K Carl Smith shared the "Frederick Douglass Republican" program with young men interested in hearing about conservative principles.



U.S. Congressman Mo Brooks hosted a "Pumpkins and Politics" Get Out the Vote Rally in Huntsville with Lieutenant Governor Candidate Will Ainsworth, Attorney General Steve Marshall and other local candidates.



HERE COMES THE JUDGE: Judge John Amari Officially Switches to the Jefferson County Republican Party

"I have always been a conservative. I have been a Republican in the past – even elected as a Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 2004. While serving in the State Senate I was elected leader of the Republican caucus by my fellow Republicans for 8 years." - Judge John Amari

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ALGOP Leadership and Supporters Named to the 2018 Yellowhammer News 2018 Power and Influence List

Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon, Dr. Swaid Swaid (above) were special honorees at the 2018 Yellowhammer News Power of Service reception in Birmingham. Both men were recognized for the positive contributions they made to our state.

ALGOP Chairman Terry Lathan, Dr. Swaid and Speaker McCutcheon were all named to the 2018 Yellowhammer News Power & Influence Top 50 list.

View the list <u>here</u> or read more about the event at this <u>link</u>.



Congratulations to ALGOP State Chairman Lathan for being named to the Top 50 Most Influential List



Terry Lathan, chairman, Alabama Republican Party

The effervescent and omnipresent chair of the Alabama Republican Party, Terry Lathan has led a

tremendously successful conservative movement in the state. In three years as chairwoman of the Alabama Republican Party, Lathan has presided over a party that dominates state politics.

Under her supervision in 2016, the party delivered a landslide victory for President Donald Trump in the Heart of Dixie. Now, she stands at the center of midterm efforts to quash the attempted "Blue Wave" in Alabama and, looking ahead, is already revving up the party's machinery to defeat Sen. Doug Jones (D-Mountain Brook) in 2020.

Despite the many challenges that have been thrown at Lathan, the ALGOP is at its highest electoral standing in state history. Just this year, the party adopted its first-ever state platform, ensuring Lathan will be at the forefront of policy discussions as the legislature begins a new quadrennium.

Alliance for a Pro-life Alabama Names Three Republican Women as Co-Chairs



"I am honored to serve as a co-chair for the Alliance for a Pro-life Alabama. I look forward to working with my fellow co-chairs, Public Service Commission President Twinkle Cavanaugh and former Alabama State Representative Mary Sue McClurkin, to encourage all Alabamians to vote yes on Amendment 2. - ALGOP Chairman Terry Lathan

Sen. Doug Jones faces tricky political challenges in conservative Alabama ahead of 2020 re-election

By Seth McLaughlin - The Washington Times - Wednesday, October 17, 2018

While other senators' votes got more attention, perhaps the most curious "No" vote on Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh came from Sen. Doug Jones of Alabama, a Democrat who represents one of the reddest states in the country but has been voting, at times, like a New England liberal. After his surprise win in a special election in late 2017 some analysts had predicted Mr. Jones would join Sen. Joe Manchin III, West Virginia Democrat, as the chamber's middle, backing Mr. Trump on some key disputes.

But those occasions have been few, and more often Mr. Jones has sided with his party's leadership on spending cuts, immigration, abortion and those critical presidential nominations such as Justice Kavanaugh.

"He would fit perfectly in New York or California, but in Alabama he is digging his own grave," Terry Lathan, chairwoman of the Alabama GOP, told The Washington Times. "He is dancing the wrong dance, with the wrong people, with the wrong music. He is not in step with us."

Mr. Jones defended his record in a rebuttal statement to the Times, saying he is focused on issues that affect the state's everyday voters — not partisan politics.

"I will continue to be an independent voice for Alabama who cares more about the issues that unite us than those that divide us — unlike Ms. Lathan who cherry-picks her facts to weave a divisive narrative and reaffirm her narrow partisan viewpoint," Mr. Jones said.

Mr. Jones has kept a fairly low profile during his first year in the chamber and has avoided opportunities to launch anti-Trump attacks. He points out that his first piece of legislation focused on bolstering rural health care and boasts he has fought to roll back Obama-era regulations that he said were hurting the state's banks, to strengthen the education system and to "protect Alabama's auto workers and farmers from unnecessary tariffs."

His voting record is still on the more moderate side — though with several major exceptions that put him to the left of the most conservative-leaning Democrats in Mr. Manchin and Sens. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Joe Donnelly of Indiana. He also isn't up for re-election until 2020, helping him escape the scrutiny Ms. Heitkamp and Mr. Donnelly are facing for their votes against Justice Kavanaugh. Speaking on the Senate floor this month, Mr. Jones blamed Mr. Trump for poisoning the Supreme Court debate and said Justice Kavanaugh hurt his own case by angrily denying accusations of sexual assault.

"In my view, he simply went too far by leveling unnecessary and inappropriate partisan attacks and accusations, demonstrating a temperament that is unbecoming a sitting judge, much less a Supreme Court nominee," Mr. Jones said.

Michael Hoyt, chairman of the Baldwin County Republican Party in Alabama, said that stance will anger voters who backed Mr. Trump in 2016 by nearly 30 percentage points, in significant part because of his pledge to nominate conservative judges to the Supreme Court.

"One of his promises was that he would reach across the aisle and represent the people of Alabama and not necessarily toe the party line of the Democratic Party, and that is almost exactly what he has done — particularly with his votes on the abortion issue and his opposition to Justice Kavanaugh, which has really resonated with people here," Mr. Hoyt said.

Richard Mauk, chairman of the Jefferson County Democrats in Alabama, said Mr. Jones is navigating through choppy political waters.

"We are, in tone, one of the reddest of red states so any vote that he casts is going to be trouble — regardless," Mr. Mauk said. "If he votes for a conservative cause, the liberals are mad. If he votes for a liberal cause, the conservatives are mad."

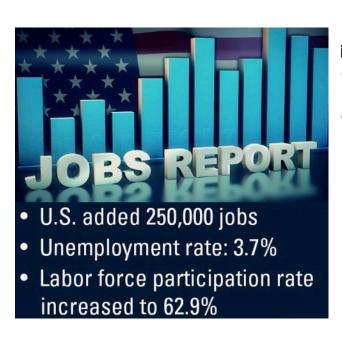
Indeed, Mr. Jones angered liberals by breaking with his party with that bank measure, which undid some of the Wall Street regulations put in place by the Dodd-Frank legislation signed by President Obama. Mr. Jones also supported confirmation of Mike Pompeo as secretary of state.

"I think the explanations that he gives on each of the votes he casts are well thought out; they are not politically motivated. He is not a Joe Manchin," Mr. Mauk said. "I think he continues to vote his conviction."

Giles Perkins, former chairman of the Alabama Democratic Party, said voters like the fact that Mr. Jones is authentic and "just a real good guy." "Some particular vote isn't going to define him," Mr. Perkins said. "He votes for what's right, reaching across the aisle when he should, but always voting his conscience."

Mr. Jones won election thanks to a rancorous GOP primary that nominated Roy Moore, who had a very conservative record but during the special election last year faced accusations of sexual misconduct with teenage girls while he was a lawyer in his 30s.Sam Fisher, political science professor at the University of South Alabama, said Mr. Jones could be operating on borrowed time.

"Under normal circumstances, Sen. Jones would have lost the special election. However, with all of Roy Moore's problems, it turned out not to be a normal election," Mr. Fisher said. "As an incumbent, he should be favored, but I don't think that will be the case in a presidential election year when Alabama showed such strong support for Trump in his first election."



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