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### DECISION June 5th 2018Primary

#### **YOUR VOTE Becomes YOUR VOICE!**

#### **New Faces! Familiar Faces!**

**Readers!** Take this important section of the Alabama Gazette to the poles. Pre-mark your choices. Be an <u>informed</u> voter!

We hope this section informs and acquaints you with a few of the candidates that choose the Gazette to ask for your vote.

#### **EVERY VOTE COUNTS!!**

#### **2018 Elections**

May 15, 2018	<b>Special General Election - Alabama House District 4</b>
May 15, 2018	Special General Election - Alabama Senate District 26
June 5, 2018	Statewide Primary Election
July 17, 2018	Statewide Primary Runoff Election
November 6, 2018 ~ Statewide General Election	

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**Secretary of State** 

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**Republicans** 

Michael Johnson John Merrill

**Democrats** Lola Albert "SGM Ret" **Heather Milam** 





#### The Chambliss Commentary



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#### **Choose Carefully – and Wisely**

Marcia Chambliss

With the June 2018 primary rapidly approaching, I hope that Alabama voters have already started their

"homework" regarding the positions and goals of the various candidates running for elected office that will have immediate and long-term consequences for our communities, political parties, and country. My concern, as always, is that too often our electorate doesn't recognize that their responsibility as a voter includes the research of candidates extending far beyond the soundbite political ads.

As a limited government conservative, my questions to candidates and/or their campaigns are really pretty simple. What are their beliefs as to the role of government? An answer that includes "creating jobs" is an immediate red flag, because for me, government should only encourage an environment conducive to the creation of jobs and growth of industry by reducing burdensome taxes and onerous regulations, but not take on the role of job creator. This question and its answer are of utmost importance to me in my choice of candidate at all levels of government because it's indicative of a candidate's willingness to grow government and the resultant deficit spending. What about term limits? Do they view political office as truly public service, or a permanent career?

On a federal level, what are the candidate's beliefs and positions as it relates to our Constitution and Bill of Rights, especially the 2nd Amendment? Where do they stand regarding religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and traditional marriage? If an incumbent, what have they done in their term of office that supports their conservative campaign platform, not just with words, but with action that protects our constitutional rights but might not be advantageous for climbing a political ladder? Unfortunately, I've experienced far too much disappointment in some candidates I have supported and for whom I even actively campaigned who asserted their conservative, limited government principles, but then failed to adhere to those beliefs once elected as they quickly became part and parcel of the elite establishment. I am very human and have made mistakes in my past evaluation of certain candidates, but have learned crucial lessons that I well remember when it's time to cast another vote.

As incumbents, have they remembered and honored campaign promises of

remaining in touch and fully accessible to their constituents, or have they succumbed to the lure of campaign donations from the powerful special interests and carefully staged any "meet and greets" for select participants? Speaking of the special interest endorsements, do those groups truly reflect my own positions, particularly as it relates to enforcing laws to stem the tide of illegal immigration, or do they favor open borders for the economic benefit to its membership without regard for the safety and sovereignty of our nation?

This June primary will also include candidates who wish to serve on the Republican and Democratic Party executive committees. As I have served as a poll worker over the last several years, I find that this is the area of the ballot that can be confusing and even irrelevant to voters as internal party politics are of little concern to the general public, but those positions are of great importance regarding the policy and agenda of the two major political parties. As someone who formerly served on the Republican Executive Committee as an appointed member, I now very carefully vote for those whom I know well and can completely trust to reflect my own values as a representative and influencer for the positions of the party. It's not just a random name on the ballot for these positions because those elected can greatly impact the leadership's course - and value system – of the respective party.

Choose carefully and wisely this primary season. While I can easily become cynical regarding the entire process, I want to instead be critical with my thinking, and discerning with my vote. With the almost epidemic corruption revealed at every level of government, each election cycle and every vote becomes more and more critical as it relates to saving what remains of our constitutional system of government and our liberty.

And I will continue, boldly, to pray for us to turn to God and ask for His mercy on our nation.

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#### **U.S. CONGRESS - DISTRICT 2**

#### **Republicans**

Tommy Amason **Bobby Bright Rich Hobson** Barry Moore Martha Roby



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**Democrats** Tabitha Isner Andri Scott Willaims

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#### **Constitutional Offices**

#### Republicans

Tommy Battle Scott Dawson Bill Hightower Kay Ivey

#### GOVERNOR



#### Democrats Sue Bell Cobb Christopher A. Countryman James Fields Walt Maddox Doug "New Blue" Smith Anthony White



#### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

#### Republicans

Will Ainsworth Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh Rusty Glover



**Democrats** Will Boyd

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL

Republicans

Chess Bedsole Troy King Steve Marshall



**Democrats** Chris Christie Joseph Siegelman

Alice Martin

#### TREASURER

#### Republicans

David L. Black Stephen D. Evans John McMillan



#### **Democrats**

#### STATE AUDITOR

#### Republicans

Stan Cooke Elliott Lipinsky Jim Zeigler

**Democrats** Miranda Karrine Joseph





#### AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

#### Republicans

Tracy "T.O." Crane Gerald Dial Cecil Murphy Rick Pate



Democrats

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

PLACE 1

#### Republicans

**4D** 

Jim Bonner Jeremy H. Oden



**Democrats** Cara Y. McClure

**Democrats** 

**Republicans** Chris "Chip" Beeker Jr. Robin Litaker



**Democrats** Kari Powell

# VOTE

#### ALABAMA COURT SYSTEM

ALABAMA SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE

**Republicans** Tom Parker Lyn Stuart





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**ALABAMA SUPREME COURT PLACE 1** 

#### Republicans

Debra Jones Brad Mendheim Sarah Stewart

#### Democrats





#### ALABAMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS PLACE 1

Republicans

Christy Edwards Pat Thetford Michelle Thomason



**Democrats** 



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#### ALABAMA SENATE

#### Republicans

Will Barfoot Ronda Walker



Democrats David A. Sader



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#### Republicans

MIKE

Dustin DeVaughn Mike Holmes

★ State House 31★



Democrats

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Has taken a businessman's approach to Montgomery to help clean up the culture of corruption

Supports Fair Tax legislation which would result in keeping more of your paycheck and simplify our state's tax system

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#### ALABAMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 88

#### Republicans

Jeremy Arthur Al Booth Will Dismukes



Democrats

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We need board members who have proven their passion for public education.

#### We need Larry Lee.

Larry is a longtime advocate for public schools, always standing for those who matter most—the students.

He was recognized by the Council for Leaders of Alabama Schools (CLAS) with the James Street Award "in recognition of lifelong work to ensure quality education for the children of Alabama."

Larry visits schools and listens to educators. He knows there are no "quick fixes." He believes the real education "experts" are teachers and principals—the voices we too often ignore.

June 5, vote Larry Lee, MPS District 2, Republican Primary larrylee133@gmail.com • 334-787-0410 blog: larryeducation.com

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