

General Meeting

July 26, 2017

6-8 p.m.

Dunwoody Library

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Progressives

Agenda

- *Welcome and protocol* – Kate Lee, vice president/treasurer, Perimeter Progressives
- *Civic Education*: Running for local office – what every citizen should know
 - Wendy Davis, Moderator
 - Andy Bauman, Sandy Springs City Council
 - Eric Christ, Peachtree Corners City Council
 - Brian Mock, Chamblee City Council
 - Gwen O'Looney, first CEO of Athens-Clarke County
- *Old Business*: Defining our organization's platform – Paige Rohe, Secretary, Perimeter Progressives
- *New Business* – Open forum

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Our Mission

Perimeter Progressives is a positive force for bettering the communities where we live, work, and play by engaging and educating citizen voters on progressive candidates and issues at the local, state, and national level.

Our (un)Scientific Poll

- During our June meeting, we polled attendees to identify priorities for our community's progressive agenda.
- Used topics generated from an open question on our comment cards from each of our meetings from March – June.
- Topics included:
 - Gerrymandering
 - Transportation
 - Schools/Education
 - Healthcare
 - Environmental/Sustainability
 - Human Rights
 - Smart Growth
 - Government Accountability & Transparency

The rankings

Topic	Ranking (1-9; 1 being most important, 9 being least important)	Sample comment
Healthcare	1.9	"1-payor system like the rest of the world."
Schools/Education	3.65	"It's long overdue to spend on our public school system in Ga. We can't have a strong and vibrant democracy without an educated electorate."
Environmental Sustainability	3.66	"Believe scientists' evidence of global warming." x
Gerrymandering (def: "Manipulating boundaries of an electoral constituency so as to favor one party over another.")	3.79	"Possibly needs Supreme Court ruling."
Transportation	4.4	"More public transportation."
Government Accountability & Transparency	5.6	"Can't have democracy without accountability and a free press."
Human Rights	5.8	"Women, minorities, LGBTQ."
Smart Growth	6.9	"We need to develop areas that are under-developed in our own region rather than overbuilding areas that are already choked with traffic."

Other themes

- Childcare/Eldercare (affordability, availability)
- Infrastructure (received several votes)
- Affordable housing
- Science (promoting the value of scientific evidence for policies)

Questions for Group

- Were you surprised by the rankings?
- Anything we left out?
- What should be our next step for developing a platform?

New Business

Open Forum

Keep their phones ringing...

- **Let your voice be heard!**

- Contact: Senator Johnny Isakson, 202-224-3643 and 770-661-0999
@SenatorIsakson
- Contact: Senator David Perdue, 202-224-3521 and 404-865-0087
@SenDavidPerdue
- Text RESIST to 504-09 to use ResistBot

- **Have a message for Cong. Karen Handel or want to ask if she has scheduled a Town Hall Meeting?**
Her DC phone is [202-225-4501](tel:202-225-4501)

Don't forget!

- Keep their phones ringing to vote “NO” on “repeal and replace.”
- Sign up at PerimeterProgressives.org to volunteer for one of our focus areas
- And... “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”
(Teddy Roosevelt)

Next Meeting:
**Civic Education: “How you can help overturn
Citizens United” Wolf PAC Georgia**

Date & Location TBA