

The LGBT community is the second highest performing Democratic constituency group.

- 5% of general election voters *self-identify* as LGBT persons.
- An estimated 10% of Democratic primary voters are LGBT persons.
- 77% of LGBT Americans voted for John Kerry in 2004.

Mobilizing LGBT Georgians to vote is critical for Democratic victories.

We all recognize that in the coming years, Democratic candidates at both the state and local levels can count on competitive, close general election contests. As a result, neither our Party's leadership nor our candidates running for office anywhere in the state can afford to alienate an entire block of voters - *who are also contributors and volunteers* - with as natural an inclination to vote Democrat as do LGBT Georgians.

Strengthen the Democratic Party and Georgia by supporting fairness for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Georgians.

Support LGBT-inclusive language in the Party platform. Support changes to the Party bylaws and rules to ensure LGBT representation on the Executive Committee, State Committee, and on subsidiary committees. Support measures to increase the number of LGBT delegates to National Conventions. Encourage Party leaders and Democratic elected officials to engage in open dialogue with the LGBT community, support fairness for all Georgians, and when they fail in this regard, let them know that you are watching.

**The road to Democratic victory is paved by fair-minded Democrats.
The road to equality is paved by fair-minded Democrats.**



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