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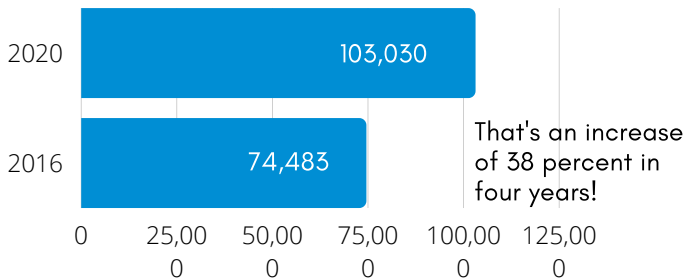
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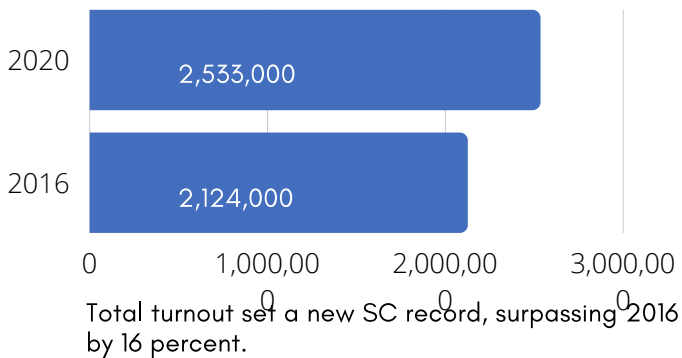
# The Election by the Numbers

## Democratic Votes in Greenville County



## The Statewide Picture

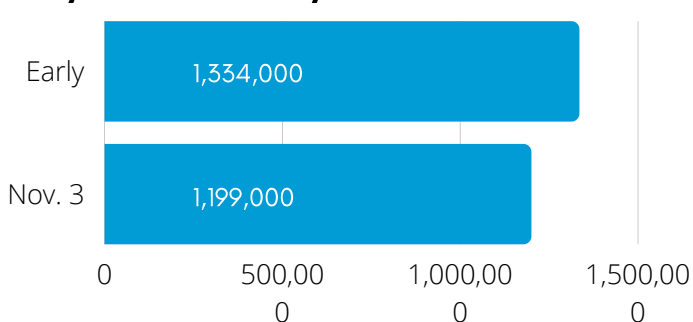
### Voter Turnout



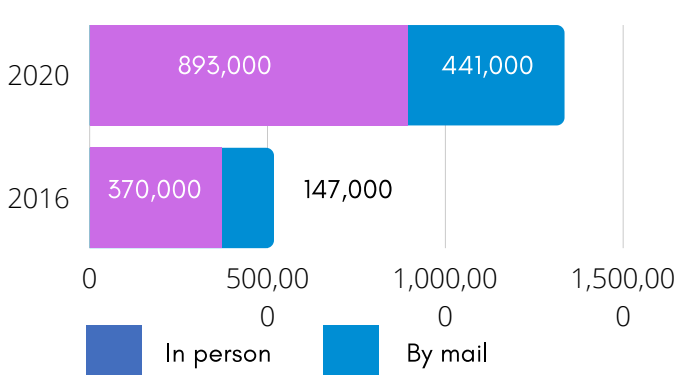
### Voter Turnout - Percentage

The 72 percent turnout was the second highest in state history, falling just below 2008's 76 percent.

### Early vs. Election Day voters



### Absentee ballots



## By Jeanmarie Tankersley

GCDP, Voter Protection Chair

This election, there were 362,653 registered voters in Greenville County and 71.65 percent of them turned out to vote. In 2016, we had 312,676 registered voters and a 69.5 percent voter turnout. That's an impressive 49,977 new voters in Greenville County over four years. This year we saw significant changes from 2016 in how Greenville residents decided to cast their vote. Absentee voting was expanded this election to include the "State of Emergency" reason, under which all eligible voters could choose to vote absentee. As a result, we saw an incredible increase in absentee voting in Greenville County.



In 2016, approximately 20,000 voters cast an in-person absentee ballot. In 2020, that number grew to around 48,000 voters casting in-person absentee ballots either at County Square or one of the four satellite locations.

Additionally, an unprecedented number of voters (approximately 46,000) requested mail-in ballots, and around 45,000 of those ballots were successfully returned. 12,500 of the mail-in voters chose to return their ballots in-person. The increase in absentee voters led to additional teams being formed at the Election Commission in order to group workers together whose jobs were focused on manning the phones, responding to emails, and collecting ballots. The Commission's absentee team grew from three workers to 70 workers.

An incredible number of community members also stepped up this election to serve as poll managers and poll clerks for the county. The Election Commission received so many applicants they had to create a wait list.

Although the absentee voting option was so widely used in Greenville and across South Carolina this year, the "State of Emergency" option was only a temporary measure. Hopefully the members of the Legislature will see how beneficial no-excuse absentee or early voting could be in South Carolina, and will expand it for all future elections. However, I believe it is safe to assume they will not voluntarily do so, and any expansion of voting in South Carolina will require significant pressure from citizens.

# Georgia: How Greenville Dems are pitching in

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## Greenville County Democratic Black Caucus

Kwadjo Campbell, Chair

The key to winning in Georgia of course is pushing the numbers up in Black majority precincts. A lesson we can learn from here in Greenville County and South Carolina as we move forward in our efforts to turn more areas from Red to Purple. In this regard, we are working with Ernest Boston from Fair Fight GA and the Georgia State Democratic Party to coordinate efforts. Ernest worked for me in the Bernie Campaign, he is a good guy.



We are suggesting running weekly canvassing trips and virtual phone banks. We would meet Saturday and Sunday mornings to travel to Georgia in 20 to 30 car caravans to door knock in heavy Democratic districts. We will also implement virtual phone banks daily according to volunteer availability. Every vote will count on this day. We need to win both seats for the Senate to become an instrument for America's progress instead of an obstruction.

We will take lessons learned from Georgia and use them to turn our state around!

[Sign up here if you are down to join Operation Georgia Blue.](#)

[Go here to contribute to Fair Fight in Georgia directly.](#)

[Go here to contribute to the Greenville County Democratic Black Caucus's efforts to help Georgia win the Senate.](#)

### DONATE:

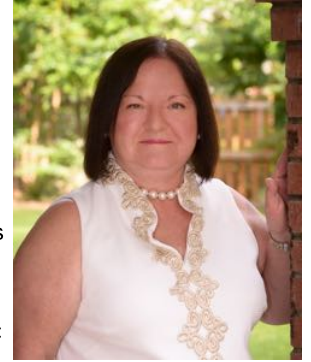
Funding the candidates directly as well as through the grassroots organizations that flipped the state blue for Biden is of the utmost importance. If you can give, please give. If you can't, consider sharing these links on your social media accounts.

- Donate to both Warnock and Ossoff's campaigns [HERE](#)
- Donate to Win Both Seats – an organization of Black and

## Democratic Women of Greenville County

Mary Wright, incoming President

After an election year that has proven to be a long, uphill fight for Democrats, the last couple of weeks have given us all a brief moment to reflect on our 2020 victories. We are all breathing a collective sigh of relief as we are rewarded with victories from Joe Biden's win of the presidency, and Democrats maintaining control of the House.



Coming off of these wins, it is clear our fight doesn't end there, as the fate of the Senate remains up in the air.

Whether Democrats or Republicans control the Senate largely depends on two runoff races in Georgia. If Joe Biden is to be successful and realize confirmation of his cabinet, judges on the bench, and passage of urgent social justice legislation, flipping the two Georgia Senate seats would have huge implications for national policy for the next four years.

On January 5, 2021, Georgians will make their choice of who they want representing them in the Senate. Energized, many of us in South Carolina are ready to help our neighbors in Georgia to achieve the victory of winning the runoff elections and Reverend Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff becoming Georgia's new Senators.

With so much at stake, we all must get involved to help win these two Senate seats. Here are a few ways to volunteer to help the Georgia Senate runoff races, no matter where you live.

## Ways to make a difference

Brown activists dedicated to using their reach and influence to win these two runoff elections. [HERE](#).

### SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

The Warnock campaign is actively recruiting members for their Rapid Response Team, or people who can help amplify their content on social media. Use your voice and influence with friends in the Peach State. **See more on next page.**



# Continued: How Greenville Dems are pitching in

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## Young Democrats of Greenville County

Erica Edmondson, outgoing Chair

As Democrats, we had a big presidential win this election. This is a huge milestone, but as many of you know, the work is far from over. We have a chance to help President-

elect Biden gain control of the Senate. If this happens, he has a chance to make a real impact in office and enact policies that our country desperately needs right now. Without the Senate, this will be a much more difficult task.



The Young Democrats of Greenville County are an active Chapter of the Young Democrats of South Carolina – a great group of young and passionate Democrats. We are teaming

up with the Young Democrats of Georgia to help take back the Senate. Reverend Warnock and Jon Ossoff both need our help in their run-off elections.

Young Democrats across the country are fired up, and I believe we can use this passion to WIN. We may not have had the results we wanted in South Carolina, but there is still hope for our neighbors. There are so many opportunities for phone banking and volunteering for both candidates. You don't have to be a Young Dem to help – we need all hands-on deck! If you want to help, please feel free to reach out to the Young Democrats of Greenville County. Here are a few links as well where you can sign up for multiple upcoming events!

- [Donate to the Young Democrats of Georgia](#) to fund their efforts.
- [Phonebank](#) or [donate](#) to Rev. Warnock.
- [Phonebank](#) or [donate](#) to Jon Ossoff.

## Greenville County Democratic Party

Ruth Todd, 1st Vice Chair

Postcard parties were a staple of the 2020 campaign effort. It can be done virtually, it's personal, and many people participated. There's no reason this can't be a successful

component of our efforts to help win the two critical Georgia runoff elections for US Senate.



I've ordered addresses and postcards and can drop them off for people. If you're interested in doing postcards, you can email me at [ruthetodde@gmail.com](mailto:ruthetodde@gmail.com). Or plan your own.

You can get address lists from Flip The West, which has a [Postcard for Georgia Voters](#) program running. You can buy [voting specific postcards from Amazon](#), among others.

If we have an outpouring of interest, we can get more postcards and addresses. Everyone is responsible for their own postage.

## Ways to Make a Difference

### SOCIAL MEDIA (CONT'):

Rev. Rafael Warnock [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)

Jon Ossoff [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)

Fair Fight [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)

New Georgia Project [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)

Georgia Democrats [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)

**TEXT OR PHONE BANKING:** The Ossoff and Warnock campaigns are also running daily phone banks, which you can participate in virtually, no matter where you live.

- Warnock campaign phone bank [HERE](#)
- Ossoff campaign phone bank [HERE](#)

### REGISTER VOTERS:

Did you know there are 23,000 young people in Georgia who were not old enough to vote in the November 3rd election but will be for the January 5th runoff? Donate to or volunteer to help get new voters registered.

- [The New Georgia Project](#)
- [Black Voters Matter](#)

## Democratic Organizations elect new Leaders

*Young Democrats of Greenville County and the Democratic Women of Greenville County held elections this month and chose new leadership for the 2020-22 term.*

### Democratic Women of Greenville County



From left to right, **Mary Wright**, president; **Adriene Atkinson**, 1st vice president; **Timicia Grant**, 2nd vice president, **Peggy Schotsch**, treasurer; and **Lucille Herwald**, secretary.

### Young Democrats of Greenville County



From left to right, **Camden Johnson**, chair; **Faith Adedokun** 1st vice chair; **Latia Curtis**, 2nd vice chair, **Kirsten Pruitt**, secretary; and **Meg LaCasse**, treasurer.



## Tweet-news

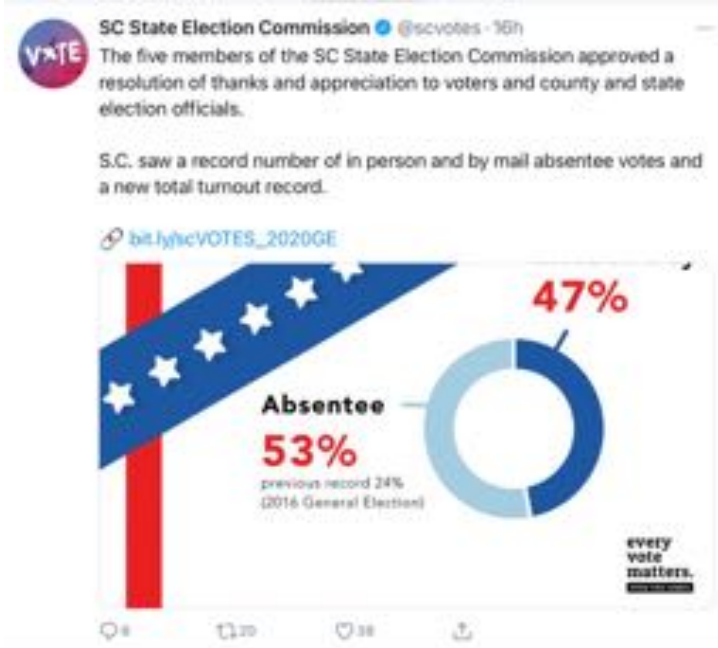
Not everything is crazy conspiracy theories. Here's a sample of some of the news we found on Twitter.



Once chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Mignon Clyburn will be advising President-Elect Biden's transition team on issues relating to the FCC. Read more at <https://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article247262904.html>



Will we make absentee voting a right for everyone? **The P&C says we should.**



There were a lot of 'mosts' in this election. The most voters, the most in person absentee ballots, the most mail-in absentee ballots. For more on voting trends:

<https://www.scvotes.gov/sc-election-commission-members-thank-voters-election-officials-following-record-setting-2020>



Future chair of the DNC? **He's walking the walk in Georgia.**



Can you spell C-E-N-S-U-R-E? Maybe it will, maybe it won't but it's fun to dream. **P&C says SC 'deserves better.'** But we knew that.

# Calendar: What's going on?

## November

After a jam-packed fall runup to Election Day, things are winding down for the holidays.

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Every Friday, join SC Democratic Party Executive Director Jay Parmley live on Facebook at 1 PM for political updates and inside information. <https://www.facebook.com/southcarolinadems/>

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9-10:00 AM, GCDP Monthly virtual breakfast meeting where we'll recap election results and discuss lessons learned, next steps. This will be our last meeting of the year. [Join our virtual meeting on Zoom.](#)

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The Climate Reality Project's monthly meeting will highlight a presentation by NASA Climatologist Dr. Bruck Wielicki on a number of topics including: what this year's hurricanes and fire season tell us about climate change; what the Biden Administration could do to affect climate change; and the impact of new technologies. The meeting is at 7 p.m. [The meeting is free but online registration is required.](#)

## December (cont')

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Moms Demand Action's monthly meeting will be held virtually. For information and the link, email [upstatescmoms@gmail.com](mailto:upstatescmoms@gmail.com)

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**Greenville County Democratic Black Caucus** monthly meeting, 6 PM, virtually. For information and a link to join, email Secretary Whitney Wright at [whitney.wrightsc@gmail.com](mailto:whitney.wrightsc@gmail.com).

ICYMI



Last month's meeting of the Greenville County DBC is available on demand for those who couldn't make it. [Catch up with the replay.](#)



The GCDP October Breakfast brought together all our County Council candidates for a last pitch to voters and constituents. Although we now know the results of the election, it may bear watching to remind ourselves what an outstanding crop of candidates we had. Thank you all for putting yourselves out there and elevating the conversation in Greenville. [Catch up with the replay.](#)

## December

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Got an ugly Christmas sweater? Who doesn't! Wear it to the Young Democrats of Greenville County virtual monthly meeting, 6:30 PM, Facebook Live. To get connected, [join on Facebook](#) and the meeting link will be emailed to you.

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From Thanksgiving through January 3, our office will be closed due to both the holiday season and the COVID spikes. We will be checking voicemail and email remotely a few times each day so please call us at 864-232-5531 or email

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