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## **GAGOP CHAIRMAN EVERHART RECEIVES MAJOR SUPPORT FOR RE-ELECTION BID FROM REPUBLICAN TEA PARTY LEADERS**

Endorsements released as next week's State Convention in Macon draws near

Atlanta, GA - With the Georgia Republican Party State Convention one week away, Tea Party leaders from around the state have pledged support for Sue Everhart for re-election of the Georgia Republican Party.

Although the Tea Party is non-partisan, many of its leaders here in Georgia are long-time Republican activists. The following leaders have released their personal endorsements for Everhart.

**Julianne Thompson - State Coordinator of Tea Party Patriots in Georgia**, and Co-Organizer of the Atlanta Tea Party. Thompson has been an activist in Georgia Republican politics for over 10 years, serving as a former Press Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party, and as a legislative aide for the Republican Majority in the Judiciary Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. Thompson is a current member of the Georgia GOP State Committee, and is President of North Georgia New Generation Republican Women.

Thompson stated, "I am proud to endorse my friend and fellow conservative, Sue Everhart, for Chairman of the Georgia Republican Party. I have seen her hard-work and dedication to the GOP as an activist, and at every level of leadership she has held. Sue is one of us. She is the grassroots candidate with real and proven experience to lead. Under Sue's leadership, the Georgia GOP has become a major force in conservative politics in the United States, and she has the experience and vision to lead Georgia to victory in 2012, the most important election of our lifetime.

Sue was fighting for the values of the Tea Party before there was a Tea Party. She is a staunch supporter of the core values of fiscal responsibility, Constitutionally limited government, and free markets. She has been at every Atlanta Tea Party event we have ever held, and even gave a send-off speech for the historic 9-12 March on Washington. She has always offered her support, but has always abided by our wishes to not try and co-opt the Tea Party, which is one major reason why it has flourished in Georgia. Sue is a true patriot in every sense of the word, and I am honored to support her."

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**Debbie Dooley - Atlanta Tea Party Co-founder**, Debbie Dooley is one of the original 22 people that formed the Tea Party movement in 2009. Debbie is also a long-time GOP activist and leader in conservative politics.

Dooley stated, "I am happy to endorse long time friend Sue Everhart for Georgia GOP Chairman. She has been involved with get out the vote activities for over two decades and is a tireless worker. She is an expert in navigating the treacherous waters of campaign finance laws. She has created a well oiled get-out -the-vote machine for the Georgia Republican party since she has been serving as Chairman, and that will be vital in the upcoming election in 2012.

Now is not the time to elect a Chairman that will require on-the-job training. We need continuity and experience to fight the massive get out the vote machine President Obama and the Democrats will engage for the 2012 election. Re-

electing Sue Everhart as Chairman of the Georgia GOP will give us a jump start to 2012 and that will give us a big advantage . She has earned the right to serve the final term allowed by Georgia GOP rules.

Sue has a history of standing up for the grassroots, even at times risking the wrath of powerful elected officials in order to do so.

After helping organize the first tea party held in Atlanta on February 27, 2009, Sue reached out to me and offered to assist us in any way she could. I requested that the GOP keep their distance from us, and they did. Sue always assisted when asked and was privately very supportive of the tea party's goals."

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**Virginia Galloway** - Virginia Galloway is a long-time GOP activist and leader in the Republican Party. She is one of the organizers of the first Atlanta Tea Party, and travels throughout Georgia conducting Tea Party training. She is a former GOP County Chairman, and former member of the Georgia Republican Party State Committee.

"As one of the original Tea Party organizers in Georgia, I support Chairwoman Sue Everhart. She supported the Tea Parties from the beginning, attending the 2007 Atlanta Tax Day Tea Party. She has proven that she can organize to raise funds, train activists, and lead the GAGOP to victory. I remember working with her on campaigns 15 years ago. She was a volunteer in the trenches, serving in many different capacities, then chosen by the grassroots for leadership. There is no room for error in 2012 - Sue's clearly the best choice."

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**Catherine McDonald - Leader - Atlanta 912**

"The events of past 3 years have made clear to all of us the importance of integrity, common sense, meaningful experience, and authenticity in our leaders. Sue Everhart is the only GA GOP Chair candidate who embodies all of these qualities, and who has worked equally well with the long-standing party members and with the newest grass roots members-the 912 and Tea Party groups.

As a 2+ year leader of the Atlanta 912 Group, and a major volunteer for the Fulton Cty Republican Party during the 2008 election cycle, I spent significant time with the other Chair candidates, Ms. Pridemore and Mr. Hanley. Sue Everhart is in my opinion, the only candidate we can trust to uphold conservative values and the mission of the Republican party. Her record says success and she personally exudes integrity, inclusion, competence, and strength.

I am proud to endorse Sue Everhart for GA GOP Chair."

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**Anthony Scott-Hobbs** - Chairman, Tea Party Business Network - Cobb County

"I am happy to endorse Sue Everhart for re-election as State Chairman of the Georgia Republican Party. Sue has the experience and courage to lead our Party to continued victory."

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**Steve Ramey** - Chairman, Founding Fathers Tea Party in Gwinnett County.

Ramey stated, " I enthusiastically support Sue Everhart for Georgia GOP Chairman. Sue comes from the grassroots, and has proven herself to be a servant leader. With her phenomenal success rate as winning elections in Georgia, she is the Chairman to lead us into 2012."

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**Nighta Davis - Founder, American Patriots Tea Party - Towns County.**

"I am pleased to endorse Sue Everhart for Georgia GOP Chairman. Sue knows what grass roots means and has been involved with get out the vote activities for over two decades and is a tireless worker. Sue is a true American and Patriot and stands above the crowd in experience and background. Sue has been at the front of many political battles."

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Thompson and Dooley also praised candidate Shawn Hanley for his dedication to grassroots conservatism, his leadership in the Fulton GOP, and his military service. "We are proud of Shawn and his courage and leadership. We would look forward to the opportunity of supporting Shawn should he run for elected office, and we strongly encourage him to do so."

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