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Ron Slotin

Ron Slotin was a candidate who ran in the special election to represent the 6th Congressional District of Georgia.[1]

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U.S. House, Georgia District 6 Special Election, 2017			[hide]
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Republican	✓Karen Handel	51.8%	134,799
Democratic	Jon Ossoff	48.2%	125,517
	Total Votes		260,316

Source: Georgia Secretary of State

Republican Karen Handel **defeated Democrat** Jon Ossoff **in the June 20, 2017, special election runoff to represent the 6th Congressional District of Georgia.**

It was the most expensive U.S. House race in history. The two campaigns, along with outside organizations, spent more than $50 million on the election.[2] Although Handel held the advantage in outside groups spending money on the race, the Democratic effort to flip this congressional seat, which has been held by a Republican since 1979, began early. Ossoff raised $6.3 million in the first quarter of 2017, where recent Democratic candidates had raised no more than $45,000 in the general election. In April and May, Ossoff raised an additional $15 million.[3] Handel raised $4 million, relying on national political figures like President Donald Trump in May and Vice President Mike Pence in June to bolster her campaign.[4] Although Handel's fundraising paled in comparison to Ossoff's, she outraised recent Republican candidates by more than $2 million.

Tom Perez, the chair of the Democratic National Committee, said that his party's investment in the race was part of a larger effort to improve party infrastructure across the country. "We're intentionally being here in the Georgia six race, but I'm traveling across the country. We're building strong parties everywhere. That's what we have to do because that's where we fell short in the past. We allowed our basic infrastructure to rot, to atrophy and we had to build strong parties," he said.[5] This spending was driven primarily by out-of-state contributions, which Handel and conservative outside organizations highlighted in critical campaign ads.

This special election was one of the first chances since 2016 for the Democratic Party to reduce the Republican House majority. When asked about the importance of the race, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R), who represented the district for two decades, told Ballotpedia, "I do think Republicans have to pay attention, and I think it would be a big mistake to allow this district to go to Ossoff, partly because of the psychology nationally, and partly because once a relatively talented person gets in office, it's really hard to get rid of them."

The Democratic Party had not held Georgia's 6th District since before Gingrich's first election in 1978. However, Trump's victory margin of 1.5 percent over Hillary Clinton in the district in the 2016 presidential race signified that the district could be competitive. Comparatively, Mitt Romney (R) won the district by a margin of 23.3 percent in 2012, and John McCain (R) defeated Barack Obama (D) by 28 percent in 2008.[6] Pundits suggested that Ossoff's failure to win in the district, despite an infusion of cash, was evidence that Democrats would not have electoral success in 2018.

Ossoff was a first-time candidate who previously worked in DC, as a legislative aide to Rep. Hank Johnson (D-Ga.) for five years and as a documentary producer. Ossoff campaigned against Trump's policies and emphasized small business growth, affordable healthcare, preserving Medicare and Medicaid, and government ethics. He was characterized as more of a centrist than a progressive by New York Magazine, The Washington Post, National Review, and The New York Times.[7] Handel, who served as the Georgia Secretary of State from 2010 to 2020, supported the Trump administration's position on healthcare and the withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement, although she rarely mentioned the president by name while campaigning.[8] She instead focused on promoting conservative economic policies such as improving the tax code for small businesses.

This was the fourth congressional special election of the year and the third won by a Republican.

U.S. House, Georgia District 6 Special Election, 2017			[hide]
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Democratic	✓Jon Ossoff	48.1%	92,673
Republican	✓Karen Handel	19.8%	38,071
Republican	Bob Gray	10.8%	20,802
Republican	Dan Moody	8.8%	17,028
Republican	Judson Hill	8.8%	16,870
Republican	Kurt Wilson	0.9%	1,820
Republican	David Abrams	0.9%	1,639
Democratic	Ragin Edwards	0.3%	504
Democratic	Ron Slotin	0.3%	491
Republican	Bruce LeVell	0.2%	455
Republican	Mohammad Ali Bhuiyan	0.2%	415
Republican	Keith Gravert	0.2%	415
Republican	Amy Kremer	0.2%	351
Republican	William Llop	0.2%	326
Democratic	Rebecca Quigg	0.2%	304
Democratic	Richard Keatley	0.1%	229
Independent	Alexander Hernandez	0.1%	121
Independent	Andre Pollard	0%	55
	Total Votes		192,569

Source: Georgia Secretary of State

Campaign themes

The following issues were listed on Slotin's campaign website. For a full list of campaign themes, click here.

> **Creating Jobs:** The Sixth Congressional District is one of the most vibrant business districts in America and home to Fortune 500 companies, fast growing technology companies, a strong base of small business owners and entrepreneurs, Ron has a strong business background that has attract world class companies and has a record of creating jobs in the district. Ron owned an advertising agency in Sandy Springs for 12 years and was one of the original board members in the Sandy Springs Chamber of Commerce. Ron was also part of the team that created the 2009 Entertainment Tax Credits that created thousands of new jobs in Georgia.
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> **Education:** Ron Slotin is a graduate of the Atlanta Public School System and proud father of children currently in Cobb County's Lassiter High School. Ron understands firsthand the importance of quality public schools. As a member of the Georgia State Senate, Ron was involved in helping to pass the Charter School Amendment. He also sat on the Senate's Education Committee. As a Congressman, Ron will advocate for more federal resources for Georgia Schools.
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> **Health Care:** Ron will work to make sure we maintain many of the health care protections afforded under the existing Affordable Care Act, including pre-existing conditions. The ACA brought many positive coverages like pre-existing conditions for children up to 26 years of age and preventive care. Currently, over 20 million Americans have health care coverage that previously did not. We must continue to build upon that framework along with making reforms where needed to make it even more affordable and practical for our citizens to obtain cost-effective coverage.
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> **Women's Healthcare:** Ron has always been a supporter of women having the right to make healthcare choices for their own bodies. As Congressman, Ron will work to protect women's healthcare coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including covering preventive care such as mammograms and annual screenings. Ron will also work to ensure that women are not paying more than men for health insurance.
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> **Protecting Our Environment:** Together, we must protect our clean water, clean air and green spaces. Our district is bountiful with trees, parks, rivers and outdoor of which we must support alternative energy sources. Ron will support tax credits for electrical vehicles and solar energy for our homes and businesses. He will also advocate for the Clean Power Plan to protect our air quality for generations to come.
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> —Ron Slotin's campaign website

Fundraising

Heading into the election, Jon Ossoff (D) led the field in fundraising in a substantial margin, raising over $8.3 million. Over $5.6 million of that sum was from individual donations of less than $200, which means that detailed information about those donors is unavailable as the FEC does not require donations of less than $200 to be itemized. Of the remaining money, nearly 25 percent came from in-state. Roughly 20 percent came from California, 16 percent from New York, 6 percent from Massachusetts, and 3 percent from Illinois. Dan Moody (R) raised over $2.1 million, 32 percent of which was self-funded. Bob Gray's (R) contributions totaled $717,500, and he loaned his campaign $500,000. Nearly 60 percent of the money received came from Georgia. Judson Hill (R) and Karen Handel (R) raised $623,012 and $463,744, respectively. Hill raised roughly 80 percent of his money from inside the state, while Handel received nearly 99 percent of her donations from within Georgia.[9][10][11]

Full data for all candidates who filed with the FEC is displayed below.

Pre-Special FEC Report				
Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand	
Jon Ossoff	$8,320,693	$6,183,941	$2,136,751	
Bob Gray	$717,500	$322,028	$396,472	
Karen Handel	$463,744	$279,767	$183,977	
Judson Hill	$523,032	$359,250	$163,822	
Dan Moody	$2,025,263	$1,865,030	$162,232	
David Abrams	$260,902	$155,452	$105,490	
Mohammad Ali Bhuiyan	$32,785	$26,068	$6,716	
Keith Gravert	$51,402	$34,126	$17,296	
Amy Kremer	$19,852	$15,233	$4,618	
Kurt Wilson	$319,068	$199,149	$119,919	
Richard Keatley	$15,890	$9,349	$6,540	
Ron Slotin	$78,427	$70,522	$7,905	
Alexander Hernandez	$5,666	$5,944	$41	
Andre Pollard	$5,250	$5,250	$0	

Polls

Georgia's 6th District special election runoff						[hide]
Poll	Karen Handel	Jon Ossoff	Undecided	Margin of Error	Sample Size
WSB-TV / Landmark Communications April 19, 2017	48.9%	49.0%	2.1%	+/-4.4	500
The Trafalgar Group June 17-18, 2017	50.5%	48.6%	1.0%	+/-2.9	1,100
WSB-TV / Landmark Communications June 15, 2017	48.0%	49.7%	2.3%	+/-3.46	800
Fox 5 / Opinion Savvy June 15, 2017	49.4%	49.7%	1.0%	+/-4.2	537
The Trafalgar Group June 10-13, 2017	47.3%	50.2%	2.3%	+/-2.9	1,100
11 Alive / Survey USA June 7-11, 2017	47%	47%	6%	+/-4.5	700
WSB-TV / Landmark Communications June 6-7, 2017	47.1%	49.6%	3.3%	+/-4.78	420
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution June 5-8, 2017	44%	51%	5%	+/-4.0	745
WSB-TV / Landmark Communications May 30-31, 2017	47.6%	49.1%	3.3%	+/-4.38	500
Survey USA May 16-20, 2017	44%	51%	6%	+/-4.3	549
Gravis Marketing May 8-10, 2017	45%	47%	8%	+/-3.3	870
WSB-TV / Landmark Communications May 3-4, 2017	49.1%	46.5%	4.4%	+/-3.96	611
GBA Strategies April 29 - May 1, 2017	48%	50%	2%	+/-4.9	400

Note: A "0%" finding means the candidate was not a part of the poll. The polls above may not reflect all polls that have been conducted in this race. *Those displayed are a random sampling chosen by Ballotpedia staff. If you would like to nominate another poll for inclusion in the table, send an email to editor@ballotpedia.org.*

Pre-April 18 election polling

Using the last five polls prior to the April 18 special election, Ballotpedia compared polling averages with election results. Of the polls analyzed, all of them underestimated the support for Democrat Jon Ossoff and all but one of them underestimated the support for Republican Karen Handel. Polling averages for Ossoff and Handel were below election results by 6.0 percent and 3.0 percent, respectively.

Candidate	Polling average	Election results	Polling accuracy
Jon Ossoff	42.0%	48.1%	-6.0%
Karen Handel	16.8%	19.8%	-3.0%
Bob Gray	12.4%	10.8%	+1.6%
Judson Hill	8.8%	8.8%	+0.0%
Dan Moody	9.0%	8.8%	+0.2%

Georgia's 6th District special election (2017)														[hide]
Poll	Jon Ossoff	Karen Handel	Bob Gray	Judson Hill	Dan Moody	Bruce LeVell	Amy Kremer	Ron Slotin	David Abrams	Kurt Wilson	Unsure / Other	Margin of Error	Sample Size
Cloud Research/Zoomerica April 14-15, 2017	41.3%	15.3%	16.6%	9.7%	9.1%	0.8%	0%	0.7%	2.9%	0%	3.6%	+/-4.58	453
Fox 5/Opinion Savvy April 13, 2017	41.5%	21.2%	10.6%	11.3%	9.4%	0%	0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%	3.2%	+/-4.6	437
WSB-TV/4 April 12-13, 2017	45.3%	17.4%	8.6%	8%	8.4%	0.5%	0.5%	1.6%	1.5%	1%	7.2%	+/-4.2	500
11Alive/Elections Desk HQ April 5-10, 2017	39%	15%	12%	10%	11%	0%	0%	.4%	3%	0%	6%	+/-5	321
11Alive/Survey USA April 3-6, 2017	43%	15%	14%	5%	7%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	7%	+/-4.5	503
MoveOn.org/Lake Research Partners March 26-28, 2017	40%	18%	7%	8%	7%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	19%	+/-5.2	350
Fox 5/Opinion Savvy March 22-23, 2017	39.8%	19.9%	10.4%	9.5%	8.0%	0.4%	0.1%	1.3%	1.6%	1.8%	5.8%	+/-4.5	462
Cloud Research March 15-16, 2017	40.9%	16.1%	15.6%	9.2%	5.1%	0.6%	0%	2.9%	1.7%	0%	7.9%	+/-3.8	625
Trafalgar Group March 2-3, 2017	18.32%	17.98%	13.42%	7.98%	2.11%	0.45%	3.05%	2.82%	0%	0%	33.9%	+/-4.5	450
Cloud Research/Zoomerica February 12-16, 2017	31.7%	24.9%	10.6%	9.2%	2.0%	1.2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20.4%	+/-3.7	694

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