

**BRIDGET E. THORNE / FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS -
DISTRICT 1 INCUMBENT (R)**

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● <u>THORNE IS A KNOWN ELECTION DENIER WHO HAS SPREAD MISINFORMATION REGARDING THE 2020 ELECTION</u> ● <u>THORNE HAS RUN EXPLICITLY ON A PLATFORM OF ELECTION INTEGRITY</u> ● <u>THORNE CAN NOT BE TRUSTED TO DEFEND FULTON COUNTY</u> ● <u>THORNE HAS PRAISED PRESIDENT TRUMP’S EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THE 2020 ELECTION</u>	● <u>N/A</u>

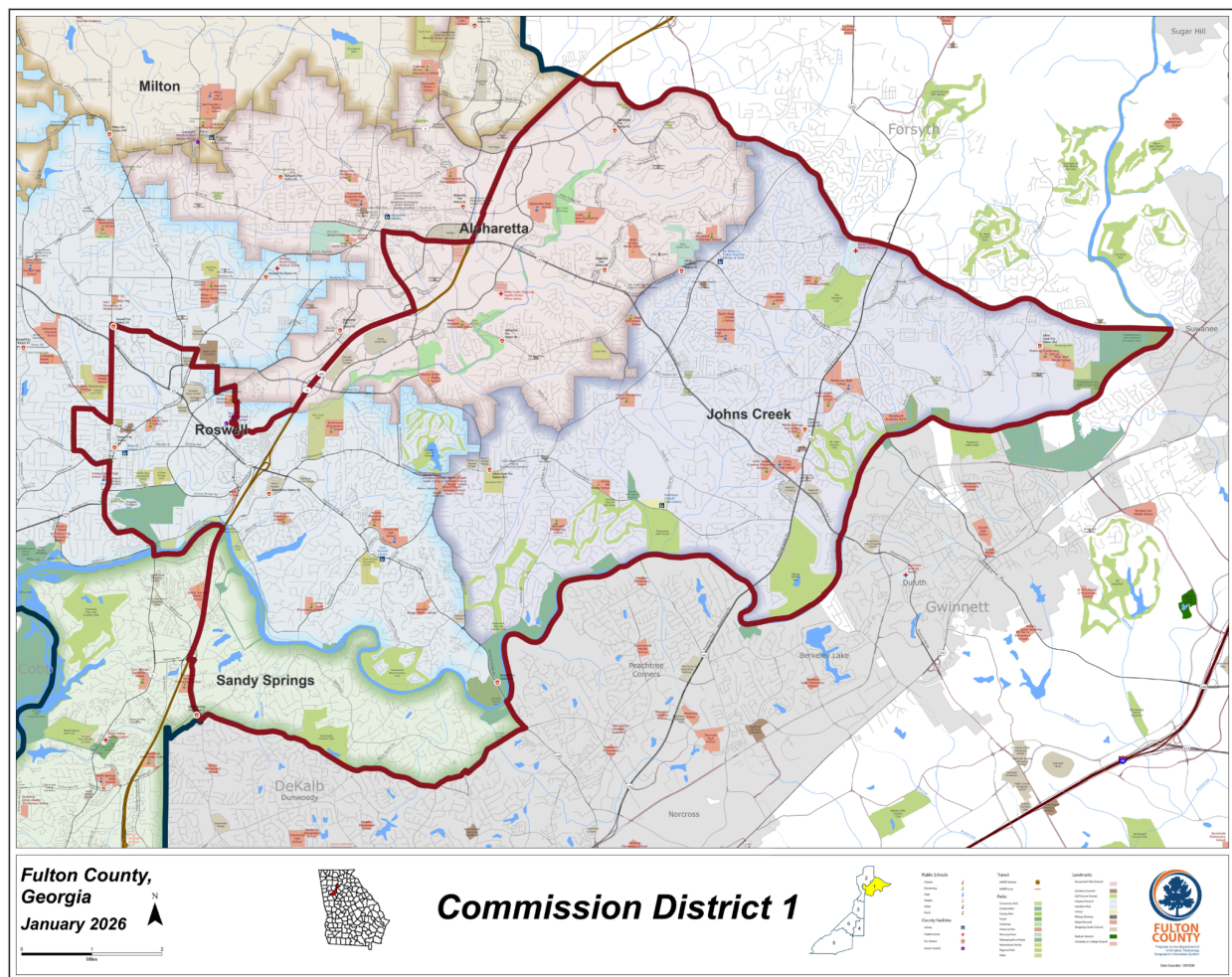
Key Findings Include:

- **Known Election Conspiracy Theorist:** Thorne has run on a platform of election integrity since questioning the results of the 2020 election in Fulton County in Georgia. She ran a Telegram channel questioning the 2020 election and was a witness in the DOJ’s affidavit to justify its raid of Fulton County’s election office.
- **Associated With Election Denier Groups:** Thorne has highlighted her involvement in election conspiracy groups including Election Integrity Project for Georgia, which Thorne leads training for. Trump campaign lawyer Cleta Mitchell runs the Election Integrity Project.
- **Rejected From Working On Elections:** After years of working with election officials in Fulton County, Thorne was not rehired after the 2020 election as she took prohibited photos and improperly showed ballots to a poll monitor.
- **Supported President Trump And Criticized The Investigation Into His Alleged Election Interference In The 2020 Election:** In a post with a picture of her and President Trump, Thorne said she was “honored” to meet President Trump and thanked him for his support to investigate the 2020 election in Fulton County. Thorne claimed that the Fulton County investigation into President Trump’s alleged election interference took resources away from taxpayers. Thorne defended Trump’s executive order targeted trans student athletes.
- **Self-Described “A Strong Conservative Voice On The Fulton County Commission:”** Thorne has described herself as a “a strong conservative voice on the Fulton County Commission.”
- **Posted In Defense Of Reducing The Federal Workforce:** Thorne claimed “the very idea of of cutting anything has been demonized” in a post regarding reductions to the federal workforce.

Jurisdiction Summary

Fulton County Board of Commissioners District 1 encompasses Johns Creek, and parts of Roswell, Alpharetta, and Sandy Springs. Republican incumbent Commissioner Bridget Thorne narrowly won the seat by 396 votes, a margin of 0.54% in 2022. Thorne is facing a rematch with 2022 opponent Democrat Goodman.

In January 2026, the FBI raided the Fulton County election office seeking material related to the 2020 election. Thorne was a witness for the DOJ's affidavit and there have been questions on whether she can be trusted with confidential information regarding the county's legal strategy. As of July 2026, the investigation is still ongoing.



BACKGROUND

PERSONAL LIFE

Bridget E. Thorne (née Koster) is a 60-year-old Republican candidate for the 2026 election to represent Fulton County Board of Commissioners District 1, a seat held by her since January 2023.

Thorne Is Married To Kenny Thorne And Has Four Children. [Bridget Thorne Campaign Website, accessed [7/8/26](#)]

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, & PUBLIC SECTOR BACKGROUND

In 1988, Thorne Graduated From Georgia Tech With A Bachelor Of Science (B.S.) In Industrial And Product Design And Later Earned An MBA From Georgia Tech In 1990. [LinkedIn, Bridget Thorne, accessed [7/8/26](#)]

Since 1991, Thorne Has Worked As A Designer Including For A Period Of Time Being Self-Employed. [LinkedIn, Bridget Thorne, accessed [7/8/26](#)]

As Of July 2026, Throne Works At Teamuniformorders As A UI/UX Designer Where She Has Worked Since 2016. [LinkedIn, Bridget Thorne, accessed [7/8/26](#)]

Between 2012 And 2020, Throne Volunteered As A Precinct Manager And Poll Technician For The Fulton County Board Of Elections. [LinkedIn, Bridget Thorne, accessed [7/8/26](#)]

- **January 2021: Thorne Was Not Rehired As She Took Prohibited Photos And Improperly Showed Ballots To A Poll Monitor.** “After the testimony, Richard Barron, the Fulton county elections director, ordered that Thorne and Suzi Voyles, another elections office employee who had been publicly critical of the election, not be rehired for the runoff election in January 2021 – effectively firing them. Barron’s office said the women had committed infractions such as taking prohibited cellphone photographs and improperly showing ballots to a poll monitor.” [Guardian, [4/18/24](#)]

On Political Contributions Thorne Made In 2020, She Listed Her Employer As Deloitte But Did Not Have It Listed On Her LinkedIn. [FEC, accessed [7/8/26](#); LinkedIn, Bridget Thorne, accessed [7/8/26](#)]

Thorne Has Been Involved With Several Nonprofit Organizations. “Bridget has served on several boards including the National Association of Counties (NACo) Justice and Safety Committee, Alpharetta Parks Visionary Committee, Alpharetta High School Foundation Board, Parent Teacher Student Association (VP of Communications), Young Men’s Service League, Local and National Boards. She has volunteered with many nonprofits; North Fulton Charities, Senior Services - Meals on Wheels, Miracle League, Habitat for Humanity, Homestretch, City of Refuge, Atlanta Union Mission, and World Relief.” [Fulton County, accessed [7/8/26](#)]

INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

As Of July 2026, Thorne Does Not Have Any Criminal Or Traffic Violations. [Nexis Criminal Records Search, accessed 7/8/26]

As of July 2026, Thorne is associated with the following bankruptcy, judgments, or liens:

Thorne's Bankruptcy, Judgements, Or Liens							
Case #	Filing Date	Debtor	Creditor/ Secured Party	Type	Jurisdiction	Amount	Link
BK38 10PG 748	3/15/17	Thorne, Bridget E and Thorne, James K	County of Fulton	County Tax Lien	Georgia	\$647	

[Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens Search, accessed 7/8/26]

CAMPAIGN BACKGROUND

Thorne Was First Elected To The Board Of Commissioners In November 2022. [Fulton County, accessed [7/8/26](#)]

2022 Fulton County Board of Commissioners District 1 General Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bridget Thorne (R)	36,402	50.27%
Maggie R. Goodman (D)	36,008	49.73%

[2022 Elections Results, Fulton County, updated [11/15/22](#)]

2022 Fulton County Board of Commissioners District 1 Primary Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bridget Thorne (R)	9,906	58.93%
Matthew C. Tyser (R)	6,905	41.07%

[2022 Elections Results, Fulton County, updated [6/8/22](#)]

IDEOLOGY & POLITICS

Thorne's Campaign Website: "Bridget Thorne Is A Strong Conservative Voice On The Fulton County Commission." "Bridget Thorne is a strong conservative voice on the Fulton County Commission. Currently there are 5 Democrats and 2 Republicans on the Board. Bridget

is your voice on the commission fighting for accountability. She won't back down! Bridget will ask the tough questions.” [Bridget Thorne Campaign Website, accessed [7/8/26](#)]

AFFILIATION WITH POLITICAL FIGURES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Thorne Highlights Her Involvement With The Election Integrity Project for Georgia.

“Bridget is involved in many grassroots election integrity groups and leads training for the Election Integrity Project for Georgia.” [Bridget Thorne Campaign Website, accessed [7/9/26](#)]

- **The Election Integrity Project Has Pushed Election Denier Claims And Has Trump Lawyer Cleta Mitchell As Its Leader.** “Michael Rydin, the CEO of a Texas construction software company, has ties with election denial groups. The Conservative Partnership Institute, where one-time Trump campaign lawyer Cleta Mitchell runs an ‘Election Integrity Project’ that pushes election denial narratives, calls Rydin a ‘partner since our founding’ who ‘made a generous gift’ to help buy a building.” [Brennan Center for Justice, [August 2022](#)]

April 2022: Thorne Posted A Picture Of Herself With Then-Former President Trump And Stated Her 2022 Campaign Centered On Election Integrity.



[Instagram, @bridgetthorne, [4/10/22](#)]

Thorne Was Photographed With Garland Favorite.



Bridget Thorne in Roswell. · Follow



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Loved spending the morning with these two and discussing voting/voter issues. @staplesforcongress @garlandfavorito

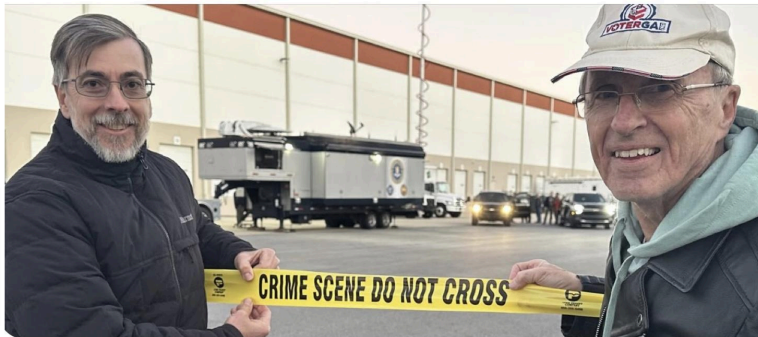


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Jason Frazier and Garland Favorito...



[Facebook, Bridget Thorne, 6/16/22]

- **Favorito Is A Known Conspiracy Theorist And Election Denier.** “Garland Favorito has said the U.S. government covered up the truth about the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He’s said the Israeli government — not Osama bin Laden — may have been responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. And he’s echoed an antisemitic claim that Jewish-controlled media have concealed grand conspiracies against the American people. Now the 75-year-old Roswell resident has become a leader among conservatives who say the 2020 presidential election in Georgia was rife with fraud.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/5/26](#)]
- **Favorito Has Been In Litigation Against Fulton County For Years.** “Favorito has spent five years in court seeking to review Fulton County’s 2020 ballots. He believes it will show counterfeit ballots cost President Donald Trump the election here — though he doesn’t know who orchestrated the scheme.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/5/26](#)]

Thorne Posted Support For Reductions In The Federal Workforce.



[X, @thornbrid, [3/25/25](#)]

Thorne Reposted A Tweet Making Fun Of Then-First Lady Jill Biden.



[X, @thornbrid, [4/21/21](#)]

CAMPAIGN INFRASTRUCTURE

2022: Thorne Wrote That She Ran For Fulton County Board Of Commissioners Because “Maybe I Could Be More Effective In Fighting For Election Integrity.” “In a 21 March 2022 post, Thorne – as administrator of the channel – wrote a first-person post describing the reasons for her candidacy for the Fulton county commission: “I decided that maybe I could be more effective in fighting for election integrity by running for District 1 Commissioner. Instead of fighting them from the outside, I can fight from the inside. I can ask the tough questions. I can force them to be transparent. I hope that you can help me.” The post is followed by a link to Thorne’s campaign website.” [Guardian, [4/18/24](#)]

ENDORSEMENTS

The Atlanta Realtors Center Endorsed Thorne. “After an interview of all the candidates for Fulton County Commissioner District 1, I am honored to have received Atlanta Realtors’ endorsement. With more than 15,000 residential and 3,000 commercial members, their

endorsement means a lot. I am thankful for your trust and support!” [Facebook, Bridget Thorne, [4/8/26](#)]

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

According to the Fulton County Easy Campaign Finance Portal, Thorne raised \$180,102.63 and spent \$113,856.06 in her run for Fulton County Board of Commissioners District 1.

Thorne State Campaign Finance History			
Cycle	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2026	Fulton County Board of Commissioners District 1	\$68,108.95	\$6,276.73
2022	Fulton County Board of Commissioners District 1	\$111,993.68	\$107,579.33
Total:		\$180,102.63	\$113,856.06

[Fulton County Easy Campaign Finance Portal, Q2 2026 report, filed [5/7/26](#), 2022 EOY report filed [1/5/23](#)]

As Of April 2026, Thorne Reported \$61,832.22 Cash On Hand. [Fulton County Easy Campaign Finance Portal, Q2 2026 report, filed [5/7/26](#)]

Thorne Has Received Donations From Kenny Troutt, An Investor In Truth Social. “Thorne, who showed a natural proclivity for politics, won her seat on the Fulton commission on the Republican line, with donations from two family friends who were also prominent donors to Trump — Lisa and Kenny Troutt of Texas. (Kenny Troutt was also an investor in Truth Social.)” [New York Times, [10/25/24](#)]

PERSONAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

According to the Georgia Secretary of State, Thorne has given \$112 to state-level political candidates.

Thorne Political Giving History - State					
Contributor name	Recipient	State	Employer	Receipt date	Amount
THORNE, BRIDGET	GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY INC.	GA	SELF EMPLOYED	08/02/2021	\$112.00

[Georgia Secretary of State, accessed [7/8/26](#)]

According to an FEC individual contribution search, Thorne has given \$530 to federal political candidates.

Thorne Political Giving History - Federal

Contributor name	Recipient	State	Employer	Receipt date	Amount
THORNE, BRIDGET	GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY INC.	GA	FULTON COUNTY	06/05/2025	\$300.00
THORNE, BRIDGET	WINRED (EARMARKED FOR TEAM HERSCHEL, INC)	GA	SELF	08/17/2022	\$30.00
THORNE, BRIDGET	WINRED (EARMARKED FOR NRSC)	GA	DELOITTE	11/10/2020	\$33.34
THORNE, BRIDGET	WINRED (EARMARKED FOR GEORGIANS FOR KELLY LOEFFLER)	GA	DELOITTE	11/10/2020	\$33.33
THORNE, BRIDGET	WINRED (EARMARKED FOR PERDUE FOR SENATE)	GA	DELOITTE	11/10/2020	\$33.33
THORNE, BRIDGET	WINRED (EARMARKED FOR PERDUE FOR SENATE)	GA	DELOITTE	11/07/2020	\$33.33
THORNE, BRIDGET	WINRED (EARMARKED FOR NRSC)	GA	DELOITTE	11/07/2020	\$33.34
THORNE, BRIDGET	WINRED (EARMARKED FOR GEORGIANS FOR KELLY LOEFFLER)	GA	DELOITTE	11/07/2020	\$33.33

[FEC, individual contribution search, accessed [7/8/26](#)]

ISSUES

Taxes / Controversial Budget Cuts

Thorne Described Herself As A “Fiscal Conservative” Who Supported Cutting Spending, Lowering Taxes, And Opposing New Spending. “I am a fiscal conservative who will protect your tax dollars. Too often, our county commission simply throws money at problems and

creates more problems with inefficient bureaucracies. I will cut spending and lower taxes and focus on cleaning up the inefficient departments within Fulton County government. While taxpayers are dealing with high inflation, government spending needs to be dialed back. I support prioritizing spending in essential areas such as public safety and health but there should be no new spending and no new programs at this time.” [Bridget Thorne Campaign Website, accessed [7/9/26](#)]

January 2026: Thorne Voted For Fulton County’s FY2026 Budget. [Fulton County, [1/21/26](#)]

- **The 2026 Budget Did Not Raise Taxes.** “Before the Jan. 21 approval of Fulton County’s 2026 operating budget, it looked like homeowners and commercial property owners could expect a hike to the property tax rate this fall. The Fulton County Commission passed this year’s \$1.041 billion operating budget in a 4-3 vote, keeping the assumed property tax rate flat at 8.87 mills. Support came from a bipartisan voting bloc that emerged last year, including Republican commissioners in North Fulton, and longtime Democrats, Chair Robb Pitts and Vice Chair Khadijah Abdur-Rahman.” [Rough Draft Atlanta, [1/23/26](#)]
- **A Fellow Commissioner Called The Budget “Irresponsible” For Failing To Address Funding Crises.** “While Arrington indicated he was fine with the chair’s proposal, Ivory said she ‘fundamentally cannot agree to many items,’ calling the budget ‘irresponsible.’ ‘I don’t think they’re realistic, and I don’t think that they take into account our crises ... that have been taking place for a very long time,’ Ivory said. ‘We have a jail crisis ... we’re not properly funding the consent decree costs in the proposed budget from the county manager.’” [Rough Draft Atlanta, [1/23/26](#)]

August 2025: Thorne Voted For a Property Tax Increase To 8.87 Mills. “The Fulton County Board of Commissioners rejected a proposed 12.5 percent property tax hike after hearing from thousands of outraged residents. During its Aug. 6 meeting, the board approved a millage rate of 8.87 mills, dropping a proposal to raise it by a full mill. [...] Ivory, who proposed a maximum millage rate of 9.87 during the commission’s June 18 meeting, was the only commissioner to vote against the 8.87 millage rate.” [Rough Draft Atlanta, [8/6/25](#)]

- **Rough Draft Atlanta: “An Increase In Property Tax Assessments And A Growing Tax Digest Meant That The Staff Proposed 8.87 Mills Rate Was A Tax Increase.”** “An increase in property tax assessments and a growing tax digest meant that the staff proposed 8.87 mills rate was a tax increase. It would generate enough revenue so that the county would not need to consider spending constraints for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Bridget Thorne wanted to stick with the staff recommendation.” [Rough Draft Atlanta, [6/24/25](#)]

June 2025: Thorne Voted Against A Property Tax Increase To 9.87 Mills. “The Fulton County Board of Commissioners voted 4-3 on June 18 to set the property tax rate ceiling to a full mill higher than what staff recommended, citing possible escalating jail costs and a need to restore other programs. The commission voted to set the millage rate at 9.87 mills on a motion by Commissioner Mo Ivory. [...] The final motion by Ivory to set the millage rate at 9.87 mills was seconded by Arrington. Commissioners, Barrett and Abdur-Rahman also voted for that tax rate. Commission Chairman Robb Pitts, Thorne, and Ellis voted against that millage rate.” [Rough Draft Atlanta, [6/24/25](#)]

- **Thorne Opposed The Higher Tax Rate Citing Affordability Concerns.** “‘Right now, I think it’s a struggle for the most basic needs, for people to have housing, to have interest rates where they can’t afford to buy, it drives up the cost of rentals all across. And I’m hoping that we can get some fixes to the economy here,’ Thorne said. ‘But right now, I can’t burden the taxpayers with more than a 10 percent increase in taxes.’ Thorne’s belief was that an increase in taxes would make homeowners more dependent on county services because the additional taxes make living in Fulton County difficult or impossible.” [Rough Draft Atlanta, [6/24/25](#)]

Thorne Called For No New County Spending Or Programs. “While taxpayers are dealing with high inflation, government spending needs to be dialed back. I support prioritizing spending in essential areas such as public safety and health but there should be no new spending and no new programs at this time.” [Bridget Thorne Campaign Website, accessed [7/9/26](#)]

Good Government/Ethics

Thorne Stated That Government Transparency Was Tied To Election Integrity. “My experience with Fulton County Government has been they lack transparency and fail to address concerns of the citizens. This failure leads to a general distrust of Government. As a Commissioner, I will keep my constituents engaged and informed in the decision-making process. Fulton County needs to empower the people by advancing policies that create a more open, accountable, and responsive government. Trust needs to be restored. Too many voters in both parties are losing trust in our elections. Fulton County makes national news in every election cycle for our lack of election integrity. I want to ensure proper audits of ballots and prevent abuses of the electoral process. I want Fulton County to be known for elections that are efficient, accessible, transparent, accurate and fair.” [Bridget Thorne Campaign Website, accessed [7/9/26](#)]

Public Safety

2025: Thorne Voted For A \$1.1 Billion Plan To Overhaul The Fulton County Jail System.

“During a Wednesday meeting, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners voted to approve a \$1.1 billion plan to overhaul its troubled jail system, despite opposition from two board members and community leaders. The plan includes building a new special-purpose facility to house vulnerable inmate populations and renovating the county’s main jail on Rice Street. The plan is intended to reduce the need to outsource inmates to other locations and begin addressing years of dangerous and inhumane conditions. [...] The 4–2 vote was split, with Pitts and Commissioners Bridget Thorne, Bob Ellis, and Khadijah Abdur-Rahman voting in favor of the plan.” [Saporta Report, [8/21/25](#)]

- **One Of The Jails Was Under A Federal Consent Decree For Inhumane Conditions Including Inmate Deaths And Inadequate Health Services.** “The Rice Street jail is currently under a federal consent decree citing inhumane conditions, including failure to protect inmates from violence and inadequate medical and mental health care. In 2024, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported more than 60 deaths at the jail between 2009 and fall 2022, and 10 deaths of inmates in custody in 2023.” [Saporta Report, [8/21/25](#)]

Thorne Questioned Whether Criminal Justice Reforms Were Contributing To Crime. “I believe we need to find solutions as to why there is an increase in crime. Are Atlanta's decriminalization and decarceration policies affecting crime increase? Are more criminals back on the streets? Are gun buy-back programs really the solution? Since Atlanta is the epicenter of violent crime and ALL Fulton County taxpayers are paying, shouldn't Fulton County have some say?” [Bridget Thorne Campaign Website, accessed [7/9/26](#)]

Healthcare

2023: Thorne Voted Against Fulton County Filing A Complaint With The DOJ Over The Closure Of Two Hospitals In Majority-Black Areas. “The Fulton County Commission is asking the United States Department of Justice to investigate Wellstar Health System's recent closures of two Atlanta-area hospitals that were located in majority-Black areas. It's the third request for a federal complaint against Wellstar in a week. [...] The resolution passed with one no vote from District 1 Commissioner Bridget Thorne.” [WABE, [3/15/25](#)]

Thorne Called On The County Health Department To Address The Mental Health Crisis. “As we move post-Covid, I would like the health department to use their existing resources towards addressing mental health problems, particularly in the homeless community. Especially since mental health and the drug crisis contribute to the spike in crime.” [Bridget Thorne Campaign Website, accessed [7/9/26](#)]

Economic Development

Thorne Praised State Officials For Funding An Expansion Of The Fulton County

Executive Airport. “Fulton County officials broke ground Thursday on a customs facility at Fulton County Executive Airport, a project county leaders say will make the general aviation airport more competitive for international business travel. It's also part of a broader expansion of the airport on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. The \$5.2 million project will allow customs agents to process international arrivals directly at the airport. [...] District 1 County Commissioner Bridget Thorne said the benefits of the investment extend beyond Fulton County. ‘What's good for Fulton County is good for the entire state,’ Thorne said, thanking state officials for helping secure funding for the project.”

Thorne Was Selected To The National Association Of Counties’ International Economic Development Force To Represent Fulton County.

“National Association of Counties’ (NACo) President James Gore has named Fulton County Commissioner Bridget Thorne (District 1) to two separate committees tackling major policy issues. Commissioner Thorne was named to the International Economic Development Task Force and the Large Urban County Caucus. In these roles, Commissioner Thorne will represent the voices of Fulton County residents and other counties in setting national policy around economic development and the complex issues facing large counties.” [Fulton County, press release, [8/19/24](#)]

Housing & Development (affordable housing, zoning, data centers)

Thorne Opposed “Overdevelopment” And Said She Would “Only Approve Projects That Are Desired By Those Cities.”

“Elected officials too often ignore the wishes of local homeowners. I will work to protect our neighborhoods from overdevelopment. The Fulton Development Authority should work closely with city governments and only approve projects that are desired by those cities.”[Bridget Thorne Campaign Website, accessed [7/9/26](#)]

Environment / Land Management

No findings of note

Infrastructure (roads, parks, water and utilities, bike paths)

No findings of note

Education

No findings of note

Elections/Voting Access

Thorne Has Described Herself As A “Vocal Advocate For Election Integrity,” Citing Her Concerns About The 2020 Election.

“Bridget has been a vocal advocate for Election Integrity. Prior to the 2020 election she spoke to a Secretary of State Investigator about concerns while

working in the central election warehouse in Fulton County. Bridget's efforts to get those in authority to address her concerns were ignored, but her persistence led to testifying before the State Senate. She was subsequently fired as a whistleblower, but she has not given up. Bridget is involved in many grassroots election integrity groups and leads training for the Election Integrity Project for Georgia.” [Bridget Thorne Campaign Website, accessed [7/8/26](#)]

Thorne Was Listed As A Witness In An Unsealed Affidavit From The Department Of Justice To Justify The FBI’s Raid Of Fulton County’s Election Operation Center. “Thorne, a Republican who has said there could have been voter fraud in the 2020 election, is listed as a witness in an unsealed affidavit laying out key evidence the U.S. Department of Justice used as probable cause to justify last month’s raid of a county election operations center.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [2/18/26](#)]

- **Thorne Said She Was “Glad” The FBI Came In To Investigate Fulton County.** “Uh for me, I’m just, you know, glad that they’ve come in. Let’s just settle this once and for all. Let’s just actually let somebody see the ballots. I mean, Secretary of State Raffensburger, he said, ‘We have the most secure elections because we’ve got the receipts. When you vote, you vote on those machines. They scan that QR code, but we have the actual physical ballots.’ But Fulton County has spent millions of dollars fighting anybody from ever seeing those actual ballots. So, that’s kind of led to the tension and now hopefully we just can resolve it, you know, and just be done with 2020. And I’m I’m so ready to just get over 2020 and move on.” [95.5 WSB, The Shelly Wynter Show, [2/1/26](#)] (VIDEO)
- **Thorne: “If Fulton Has Nothing To Hide, Then There Should Be No Fear Of Showing The Election Materials. I Would Love To Finally Put The 2020 Election To Rest.”** “‘I believe in complete transparency of our election process,’ Fulton County District 1 Commissioner Bridget Thorne (R) told Democracy Docket. ‘If Fulton has nothing to hide, then there should be no fear of showing the election materials. I would love to finally put the 2020 election to rest.’” [Democracy Docket, [1/28/26](#)]
- **Fellow Commissioners Have Questioned If Thorne Can Be Trusted With Confidential Information Regarding The County’s Legal Strategy.** “Some Democrats on the Fulton County Commission are questioning whether fellow Commissioner Bridget Thorne can be trusted with confidential information about the county’s legal effort to claw back troves of 2020 election documents seized by the FBI. Specifically, two of the Democrats say Thorne should not be present in closed-door executive sessions where commissioners discuss legal strategy with attorneys.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [2/18/26](#)]

Thorne Created A Telegram Channel That Spread Misinformation About The 2020 Election. “A Fulton county commissioner in Georgia has been operating a private Telegram channel for years, propagating debunked claims about the 2020 election, and spreading accusations of crimes by county employees, including Ruby Freeman, an election worker defamed by Rudy Giuliani in the wake of Donald Trump’s 2020 loss. Bridget Thorne, a Republican representing the relatively conservative cities of Fulton county north of Atlanta, indirectly identifies herself as the creator and administrator of the Fulton County Elections

channel on Telegram, a mobile messaging platform, in multiple posts to its page. The channel uses the official logo of the Fulton county board of registration and elections.” [Guardian, [4/18/24](#)]

- **Thorne Repeatedly Posted Articles Claiming Election Fraud In Fulton County During The 2020 Election.** “Thorne has regularly posted articles during the last three years from fringe and far-right publications such as the Epoch Times claiming election fraud in Fulton county and elsewhere around the country. Between the inception of the page in May 2021 and her election in November 2022, Thorne reposted videos and articles by VoterGa, an activist group founded by Garland Favorito, a far-right conspiracy theorist who continues to press debunked claims about the 2020 election in court and the media.” [Guardian, [4/18/24](#)]

2024: Thorne Proposed A New Rule To The State Election Board Requiring Election Certifiers To Conduct Investigations Before Certifying Election Results. “In April, Thorne submitted a new rule to the state board. This one would require all Georgia elections certifiers to conduct more extensive investigations before certifying and require elections supervisors to provide board members with all records related to the election upon request. She developed the rule, she said, in consultation with Johnston and Adams, as well as a prominent conservative ‘election integrity’ investigator from Pennsylvania who was also close to Cleta Mitchell, Heather Honey. The sole Democrat on the state board, Sarah Tindall Ghazal, was aghast at the proposal. Thorne told me later that her main goal was to make board members more confident in the results they were certifying. But the rule would require administrators to skip certifying the results in any individual precincts that they determined to have discrepancies until completing investigations — which meant certifying only some results.” [New York Times, [10/25/24](#)]

- **A Court Struck Down Thorne’s Rule.** “A day later, the judge in the Eternal Vigilance Action lawsuit ruled that the board had indeed overstepped its authority in approving Thorne’s rule on certification and hand-count reviews. The Republican National Committee appealed, but the state’s Supreme Court denied it on Oct. 22.” [New York Times, [10/25/24](#)]
- **Thorne’s Proposal Was Nearly Identical To A Rule Proposed By The Election Research Institute, An Election Denier Group.** “The Election Research Institute is led by Heather Honey, a conservative activist who also played a role in attempts to discredit the 2020 election results and has worked to advance election system overhauls supported by Mitchell, the head of the Election Integrity Network. [...] An almost identical submission was provided to the board at about the same time by Bridget Thorne, a Fulton County commissioner and election denier. The primary difference was that Thorne’s version did not mention the Election Research Institute and said she was submitting it herself.” [ProPublica, [8/18/24](#)]

December 2020: Thorne Testified Before The Georgia State Senate Alleging Misconduct During The 2020 Election. [YouTube, 11Alive, [12/3/20](#)]

Affordability / Cost of Living

Thorne Opposed Significantly Higher Tax Increases Citing Affordability Concerns. “‘Right now, I think it’s a struggle for the most basic needs, for people to have housing, to have interest rates where they can’t afford to buy, it drives up the cost of rentals all across. And I’m hoping that we can get some fixes to the economy here,’ Thorne said. ‘But right now, I can’t burden the taxpayers with more than a 10 percent increase in taxes.’ Thorne’s belief was that an increase in taxes would make homeowners more dependent on county services because the additional taxes make living in Fulton County difficult or impossible.” [Rough Draft Atlanta, [6/24/25](#)]

- **August 2025: Thorne Voted For a Property Tax Increase To 8.87 Mills.** “The Fulton County Board of Commissioners rejected a proposed 12.5 percent property tax hike after hearing from thousands of outraged residents. During its Aug. 6 meeting, the board approved a millage rate of 8.87 mills, dropping a proposal to raise it by a full mill. [...] Ivory, who proposed a maximum millage rate of 9.87 during the commission’s June 18 meeting, was the only commissioner to vote against the 8.87 millage rate.” [Rough Draft Atlanta, 8/6/25]

Ideology, Rhetoric & Extremism Signals

Thorne Claimed That The Fulton County Investigation Into President Trump’s Alleged Election Interference Took Resources Away From Taxpayers. “Two of the seven elected commissioners – both Republicans – say they’ve made attempts to find out how much of that money went into prosecuting Trump and his co-defendants. Commissioner Bob Ellis tried in vain to calculate it himself, but couldn’t reach a reliable estimate, according to his chief of staff. The other commissioner, Bridget Thorne, said she asked Willis directly. ‘Taxpayers certainly didn’t get anything back from it,’ Thorne told The Center Square. ‘If anything, they got things taken away from it. Courts that weren’t moving, cases that weren’t being indicted, people that were in jail too long, overcrowding the jail, people dying in our jail, filing lawsuits.’” [Center Square, [5/6/26](#)]

Thorne Praised Trump’s Executive Order Targeting Trans Athletes. “Just in! President Trump has signed an executive order aimed at safeguarding college sports from a financial arms race. As a former college Athlete, a Mom of a college athlete daughter, a Wife to a college coach and a Coach to hundreds of youth athletes, I see the deterioration of college athletics and the importance of saving it for future generations.” [Facebook, Bridget Thorne, [4/3/26](#)]

Thorne Appeared On LindellTV Spreading Election Conspiracy Theories. [Facebook, LindellTV, [1/29/26](#)]

Thorne Was Accused Of Saying That Democrats “Come To Kill, Steal, And Destroy.” “A Fulton County commissioner, an elected official, Bridget Thorne, said, ‘(Democrats) come to kill, steal and destroy.’ in ‘At ‘Women for Burt Jones,’ loyalty to Trump and talk of the 2020 election,’ April 1.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Letter to the Editor, [4/14/26](#)]

Fulton County Sheriff Misconduct

Thorne Supported An Investigation Into Alleged Misconduct By Fulton County Sheriff Patrick Labat. “Three Fulton County commissioners called on residents to ask Gov. Brian Kemp for an investigation to decide if Sheriff Patrick Labat should be suspended from office, in the wake of allegations that a former jail inmate suffered severe neglect, leading to amputations of his lower legs and fingers. Fulton Commission Vice Chair Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, a Democrat, called for the probe on Wednesday — and was joined by Republican Commissioners Bob Ellis and Bridget Thorne.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/7/26](#)]

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