

Chris West (GA-02) Research Report

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Chris West

Republican Candidate in
Georgia's 2nd Congressional District

Research Memo – 2022

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Significant Findings

West Painted Himself As An Outsider, But Has Been A Political Insider For Nearly Two Decades

- ✓ West painted himself as an outsider and “not the candidate of choice for the Washington insiders.”
- ✓ West worked for political campaigns for over a decade, serving as a senior-level staffer for statewide candidates, working for Senator Saxby Chambliss on Capitol Hill, and for Vice President Dick Cheney’s advance team during his second term in office.
- ✓ 2012 – 2014: West worked as general counsel for Wiregrass Strategy Group which specialized in political campaigns, government, advertising, communication, and law for conservative candidates and causes.
 - ✓ Wiregrass Strategy Group’s clients included Rep. Mike Collins, who supported “private sector solutions” for Social Security and slashing corporate tax rates.
- ✓ West has served the Georgia Republican Party in various roles since 2004.

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 - ✓ As West raised more than \$5,000 the day he filed to run for Congress on 12/6/21, West was required to file his financial disclosure by 1/5/22.
- ✓ March 2022: West loaned his campaign \$50,000.

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- ✓ West shared a Facebook graphic questioning the vote count in DeKalb county
- ✓ West posted on Facebook asking if the Georgia audit and recount would “include an analysis of the votes casts to detect fraud.”

West Hypocritically Attacked Government “Handouts” Despite Cashing In On Over \$20,000 In Pandemic Relief Funds

- ✓ Despite his attacks on “handouts,” West obtained a \$20,833 PPP loan to retain one job at his personal law practice.
- ✓ West blamed the policies of Biden and Bishop for skyrocketing inflation and falsely implied lowering taxes would reduce inflation; economists warned tax cuts would exacerbate inflation by raising demand.
- ✓ West promoted himself as someone who had personally “felt the effects of inflation.”
- ✓ West falsely claimed that inflation didn’t impact lower-income households that lived on “handouts.”

West Pointed To Debt As The “Biggest Long-Term Problem Facing Our Country” But Supported Millions In Tax Breaks That Would Exclusively Benefit Multi-Millionaires

- ✓ West argued that debt was the “longest long-term problem facing our country.”
- ✓ West supported repealing the estate tax, which would only benefit the wealthiest Americans, as it only taxes estate-owners after their first \$11 million, \$22 million for married couples, in property, stocks, and other assets are passed down to heirs tax-free.
- ✓ Only 2,750 returns qualified for the estate tax in 2019.

West Fearmongered About The Southern Border Predicting “Another 9/11 In The Next Couple Of Years Because Of Folks That Have Come Across The Border”

- ✓ West fearmongered about undocumented immigrants and predicted “another 9/11 in the next couple of years because of folks that have come across the border.”
- ✓ West supported completing Trump’s border wall and keeping out undocumented immigrants.

Background

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** Christopher Frank West
- **BORN:** 8/18/83
- **FAMILY:** Jenny West (wife), 3 young children: Preston ~9, Presley ~2, Paisley ~2
- **HOME:** Thomasville, GA
- **EDUCATION:**

- Bachelors, Political Science and Government, Valdosta State University (2001 – 2005)
- Master of Public Administration, Valdosta State University (2005 – 2007)
- JD, Faulkner University (2008 – 2010)
- **PROFESSIONAL:**
 - Chris F. West PC (2011 – present)
 - General Counsel, Teramore Development, LLC (2014 – present)
 - General Counsel, Wiregrass Strategy Group LLC (January 2012 – March 2014)
 - Partner, Forehand & Adams LLP (2011 – 2014)
 - Office of U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss, Washington DC
 - White House Advance Team, Vice President Cheney
 - Executive officer, 116th Mission Support Group, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia Air National Guard
- **ORGANIZATIONS:**
 - Member of State Committee, Georgia Republican Party (July 2020)
 - Georgia Republican Party (2004 – present)
 - Board of Governors, State Bar of Georgia
 - First Baptist Church of Thomasville
 - Rotary Club of Moultrie
 - United Way of Colquitt County
 - Thomasville YMCA youth soccer coach
- **LICENSES:**
 - 7/3/21: Fishing License, Florida
 - 2/29/20: Hunting License, Georgia
 - 12/26/17: Hunting and Fishing License, Georgia
 - 12/15/17: Hunting License, Georgia
 - 12/25/16: Hunting and Fishing License, Georgia
 - 11/23/12: Hunting License, Georgia, #104803982
 - 11/23/12: Hunting and Fishing License, #104803982

West Painted Himself As An Outsider, But Has Served The Georgia Republican Party Since 2004 And Worked For 10 Years In Campaigns, On Capitol Hill, And In The White House Before Joining A Political Strategy Firm

West Painted Himself As An Outsider And “Not The Candidate Of Choice For Washington Insiders”...

West Called Himself “A Bit Of An Outsider.” “As the midterm elections draw closer, candidates are kicking up their campaigning. One first-time congressional candidate hoping to unseat Sanford Bishop passed through Bainbridge this past Saturday, hoping to connect with locals as part of a grass-roots campaign. Chris West, a resident of Thomasville, has never run for office before. ‘I’m a bit of an outsider, but I’ve paid attention to the process my entire life,’ he told the Post-Searchlight in an interview. ‘I feel like my background matches up with the new district so well.’ West grew up surrounded by agriculture and working in agribusiness, before moving on to serve part-time in the Air Force and Georgia Air National Guard at Robin’s Air Force Base, as well as working full-time as a commercial real estate developer. With current redistricting drawing the base into the 2nd district, West decided that now would be the time to try and make his voice heard.” [Post-Searchlight, [1/19/22](#)]

West Claimed He Was “Not The Candidate Of Choice For The Washington Insiders.” “West: ‘In case you hadn’t noticed, I am not the candidate of choice for the Washington insiders, but that’s okay. I am not running to represent them. I am running to make sure we flip this seat and elect the right kind of Republican.’ [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [5/2/22](#)]

...But West Was A Political Insider Who Worked For More Than A Decade In Campaigns, On Capitol Hill, In The White House, And At A Political Strategy Firm

West Worked In Political Campaigns, Capitol Hill, And The White House For More Than 10 Years

West Had More Than A Decade Of Political Campaign Experience In Georgia From Volunteer To Senior-Level Staff For Statewide Candidates, Working In Campaigns As Early As 2003. “He’s no backwoods southern lawyer. With over a decade in political campaign experience, Chris West was a welcomed addition as partner with WSG providing general consulting advice and serving as General Counsel. Getting his start as a College Republican chairman, Chris helped to elect the youngest elected official in Georgia history in 2003. Before becoming an attorney, he crisscrossed Georgia working for candidates at all levels ranging in roles from volunteer to senior-level staff for statewide candidates.” [Wiregrass Strategy Group, accessed [8/1/18](#)]

A Biography Of West Said He Worked For Senator Saxby Chambliss On Capitol Hill. “In addition to his campaign experience, Chris has served a tour of duty on Capitol Hill working with U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA).” [Wiregrass Strategy Group, accessed [8/1/18](#)]

West Worked In The White House Advance Team For Vice President Cheney During The Second Bush Term. “He has also been active in Republican Party politics serving in official capacities at the local level and attending state, district and national conventions. During President Bush's second term, he served on the White House Office of Advance team for Vice President Cheney.” [Wiregrass Strategy Group, accessed [8/1/18](#)]

West Worked For A Political Consulting Firm That Specialized In Conservative Candidates And Causes

West Worked As General Counsel For Wiregrass Strategy Group, LLC Between January 2012 And March 2014.



[LinkedIn, Chris West, accessed [5/3/21](#)]

Wiregrass Strategy Group Was A Political Firm That Specialized In Political Campaigns, Government, Advertising, Communication, And Law For Conservative Candidates And Causes. “Wiregrass Strategy Group is a full-service political firm specializing in campaigns for conservative candidates and causes. Our professionals have over 29 years experience in political campaigns, government, advertising, communication and law. If there's one common thread that binds the Wiregrass team together it's our competitive spirit. It's not so much that we like winning; it's that we hate losing. We have been involved on countless campaigns-as volunteers, staffers, managers and advisors-from President to sheriff and everything in between. We've served legislators and worked with 527 groups. We've worked for state agencies and local governments. We've written budgets, speeches, fundraising letters, television ads, policy and press releases. There's no part of the process in which we haven't been involved. Whether you're trying to get elected, influence public opinion or need help building an image and only the best will do-win with Wiregrass.” [Wiregrass Strategy Group, accessed [8/1/18](#)]

West Focused On Research, Policy, And “Opposition Reconnaissance” While At Wiregrass. “With a Master's in Public Administration, Chris provides advice to candidates and elected officials on policy and budget matters. He also uses his training as an attorney to lead research efforts for policy endeavors or opposition reconnaissance.

Chris' time fighting in the trenches of grassroots politics brings the level of experience necessary to provide important insight to the process. He's built the relationships and reputation that in close races can make the difference. WSG clients have a stronger shot a victory with Chris in their corner." [Wiregrass Strategy Group, accessed [8/1/18](#)]

While At Wiregrass Strategy Group, West Worked With The Romney 2012 Campaign.



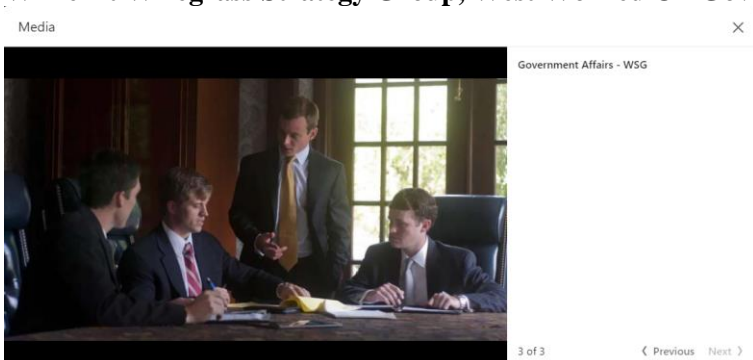
[LinkedIn, Chris West, accessed [5/3/21](#)]

- **While At Wiregrass Strategy Group, West Interacted With Megyn Kelly.**



[LinkedIn, Chris West, accessed [5/3/21](#)]

- **While At Wiregrass Strategy Group, West Worked On Government Affairs.**



[LinkedIn, Chris West, accessed [5/3/21](#)]

Between 2012 and 2014, Wiregrass Strategy Group’s Clients Included Rep. Mike Collins (GA-10) Who Supported “Private Sector Solutions” For Social Security And Slashing Corporate Tax Rates

Between 2012 and 2014, Wiregrass Strategy Group’s Clients Included Rep. Mike Collins (GA-10) And Failed Senate Candidate Art Gardner. [FEC, accessed [6/23/22](#)]

Collins Supported “Private Sector Solutions” For Social Security. “Entitlement programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid were created as a safety net for our most vulnerable citizens. For decades, however, these programs have ballooned in size and scope, now accounting for more than 50 percent of the federal budget. As with other federal programs, the pandemic further exacerbated costs and accelerated the crisis. Congress can’t kick the can down the road any longer. Now, more than ever, we must reform our entitlement programs. This should be done by allowing people choices, increasing flexibility and including private sector solutions. Returning these programs to their original intent is also critical to cut costs and ensure long-term sustainability. Americans should be allowed to make their own health care and retirement decisions, not special interest groups, politicians and unelected bureaucrats. In Congress, I will fight to enact these reforms.” [Mike Collins for Congress, Issues, accessed [6/23/22](#)]

Collins Supported Slashing Corporate Tax Rates. “The Biden administration is set to raise the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%. Corporations are also looking at the repeal of the fossil fuel tax breaks and incentives to move operations back to America. Once these higher taxes are in place American corporations will be paying much higher taxes compared to their overseas competitors. This all harms workers who risk losing jobs when companies move overseas and it harms consumers who are forced to pay higher prices for goods and services. I support slashing the corporate tax rates.” [Mike Collins for Congress, Issues, accessed [6/23/22](#)]

In July 2020 West Served On The State Committee Of The Georgia Republican Party And Said He Had Served The Georgia Republican Party In Various Roles Since 2004

July 2020: West Served On The State Committee Of The Georgia Republican Party. “THOMASVILLE, Ga. — Moultrie native Chris West recently graduated from Air Force Officer Training School. West serves with the 116th Air Control Wing of Georgia's Air National Guard. He is an attorney in Thomasville, Ga. He also serves on the State Committee of the Georgia Republican Party. West and his wife Jenny have three children and reside in Thomasville.” [Moultrie Observer, [7/19/20](#)]

West Has Served The Georgia Republican Party In Various Roles Since 2004. “He serves on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia and has been a grassroots leader and volunteer in the Georgia Republican Party since 2004.” [Chris West for Congress, accessed [5/4/22](#)]

West Self-Funded His Campaign While Hiding His Personal Finances From Voters For Months

West Did Not File A Personal Financial Disclosure Until May 31, 2022

West Filed His Personal Financial Disclosure On May 31, 2022. [Chris West, Financial Disclosure Report, [5/31/22](#)]

Because West Became A Candidate For Congress In December 2021, He Was Required To File His Financial Disclosure In January 2022

House Committee On Ethics Defines “Qualifying As A Candidate” As Raising Or Spending More Than \$5,000. “Individuals are required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement once they ‘qualify’ as a candidate by raising or spending more than \$5,000 in a campaign for election to the House of Representatives.” [House Committee on Ethics, accessed [5/17/22](#)]

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“Individuals are required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement once they ‘qualify’ as a candidate by raising or spending more than \$5,000 in a campaign for election to the House of Representatives [...] If you qualify during a non-election (odd-numbered) year, then you must file a Financial Disclosure Statement within 30 days of becoming a candidate or May 15 of that year, whichever is later. You are then required to file a subsequent Statement on May 15 of the following year if you are still a candidate on that date. If you lose a primary election before May 15, then you are not required to file the Statement.” [House Committee on Ethics, accessed [5/17/22](#)]

West Was Required To Submit His Financial Disclosure Statement By 1/5/22 Because He Raised More Than \$5,000 For His Campaign As Of 12/6/21. [FEC, Chris West for Congress, Year-End Report, filed [1/31/22](#)]

West Loaned \$50,000 To His Campaign In March 2022

3/31/22: West Loaned His Campaign \$50,000. [FEC, accessed [5/17/22](#)]

West Was Anti-Choice And Supported Banning Abortion With No Exceptions

West Supported Banning Abortion With No Exceptions. “Republican congressional candidates Jeremy Hunt and Chris West say they support banning abortion without exceptions for rape or incest. However, Hunt told the Ledger-Enquirer that he supports the procedure in cases where the life of the mother is at risk. [...] In response, West told the Ledger-Enquirer in a statement that he doesn’t support any exemptions, citing experiences during his own birth. Unlike Hunt, West expressed no support for abortion if the life of the mother is at-risk. West, 38, said he was born with shoulder dystocia, a condition that occurs when one or both of a baby’s shoulders get stuck during labor and birth. The umbilical cord wrapped around West’s neck, nearly suffocating him in the birth canal. ‘Statistically I never should have survived, and if I did, the doctors told my mother and father I would be severely physically and mentally challenged,’ he said. ‘My dad asked the OB doctor if he could see me for a few minutes before they took me away after delivery. After placing his hands on my lifeless young body and offering a true prayer of faith, I began to breathe. ‘It is out of that experience that has been told to me by many over the years, that I have always known God gave me life and purpose,’ he added. ‘It is out of this framework that I know God greatly values the life of every person. We must do all we can to protect the lives of our little ones no matter where they are, and especially while vulnerable in the womb. The womb should be the safest place on earth.’” [Columbus Ledger Inquirer, [6/9/22](#)]

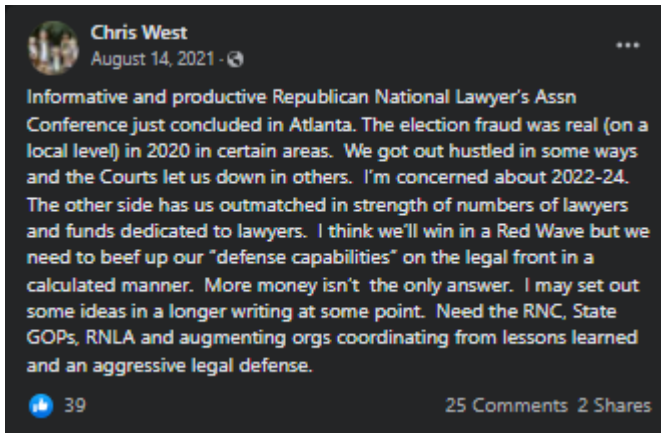
West Stated That He Was Anti-Choice: “I Will Always Stand Up To Protect The Unborn.” “If the Supreme Court moves forward with overturning Roe vs. Wade, it will be a great victory for life and our families in Southwest Georgia. As a father of three, I will ALWAYS stand up to protect the unborn and the most vulnerable among us! #gapol” [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [5/3/22](#)]

West Said He Welcomed A Potential Supreme Court Decision To Overturn Roe Vs Wade. “If the Supreme Court moves forward with overturning Roe vs. Wade, it will be a great victory for life and our families in Southwest Georgia. As a father of three, I will ALWAYS stand up to protect the unborn and the most vulnerable among us! #gapol” [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [5/3/22](#)]

- **West Thanked President Trump For Appointing Amy Coney Barrett As Part Of The Effort To Overturn Roe Vs Wade.** “...and we thank God every day that President Trump stood strong and appointed Amy Coney Barrett to our highest court!” [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [5/3/22](#)]

West Repeatedly Shared Conspiracies About 2020 Election Fraud On Facebook

West Said That “Election Fraud Was Real (On A Local Level) In 2020 In Certain Areas.”



[Chris West, Facebook, [8/14/21](#)]

West Said That There Was “Enough With Georgia To Have The Court Look At It.”



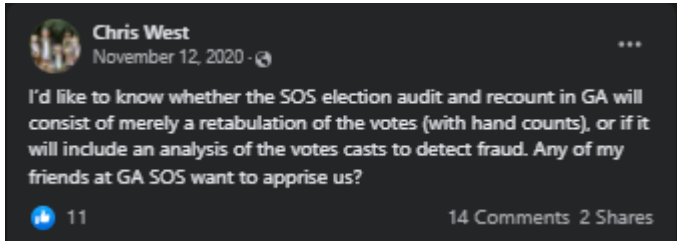
[Chris West, Facebook, [12/8/20](#)]

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[Chris West, Facebook, [11/18/20](#)]

West Posted On Facebook Asking If The Georgia Audit And Recount Would “Include An Analysis Of The Votes Casts To Detect Fraud.”



[Chris West, Facebook, [11/12/20](#)]

West's Rhetoric On Inflation And Government "Handouts" Was False, Out Of Touch, Hypocritical And Self-Aggrandizing

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West Promoted Himself As Qualified For Federal Office Because He Had "Felt The Effects Of Inflation." "Our country needs common-sense businessmen and women; it needs people that have felt the effects of inflation," he said. 'I feel my background, my understanding of agribusiness and business in general, our voice is needed in Washington.' West came through Bainbridge to campaign over the weekend, meeting with local farmers, leaders and members of law enforcement. Some of the items on West's agenda, should he be elected, would be to better manage spending, as well as aid rural Georgia communities with infrastructure and resources. 'Decatur County has been fortunate with it's economic development, but some of the surrounding counties haven't been as fortunate,' West said. West hopes to use his business experience to improve the economy, in order to provide resources for rural education and healthcare. He also aims to make said healthcare more patient-friendly, and hopes to provide infrastructure to allow rural economic development in the future. 'The voters in the 2nd District are going to see a kind of candidacy with Chris West that is about putting the people of Southwest Georgia first,' he said. 'They'll recognize that our candidacy is the kind that's going to be successful in flipping Georgia's 2nd Congressional District, and have a Republican that's successful at unseating Sanford Bishop.'" [Post-Searchlight, [1/19/22](#)]

West Alleged That Inflation Didn't Impact Lower-Income Households Or Those Receiving "Government Handouts"

West Criticized Georgians Who Took "Government Handouts" And Claimed That Inflation Did Not Affect Those "Living On Government Substance [sic]." [12:12] "Host: 'We are not going to raise taxes on the middle class, but we are going to let inflation absolutely run rampant and I think the people that don't acknowledge inflation as a tax on the middle class just don't see the big picture.' West: 'Yeah that's right, if you don't work, if you're living on government handouts, you're not a retiree, you're just living on government substance, it doesn't matter, right, you're checks go up, your food is going to be taken care of, but you're right.'" [Spreaker from iHeart, The Wes Carroll Morning Show, [4/28/22](#)] (AUDIO)

West Obtained A PPP Loan To Retain One Job At His Personal Law Practice

In May 2021, Chris F. West P.C. Accepted \$20,833 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans To Retain 1 Employee. Chris F. West P.C. in Thomasville, Georgia received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$20,833 which was approved in May 2021. This loan has been paid in full or forgiven as of May 2022. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [5/4/22](#)]

West Said That He "Did Nothing Improper By Accessing The Program During The Height Of Pandemic Lockdowns." "Jeremy Hunt has also questioned his opponent in the 2nd District runoff, Chris West, about his use of PPP funds. Collins and West have both said they did nothing improper by accessing the program during the height of pandemic lockdowns. More than 1 million companies of all sizes used the federal program intended to

help businesses avoid layoffs. Collins' trucking company received a \$920,000 forgivable PPP loan in April 2020. West's law practice, of which he is the sole employee, received \$20,833 from the program in May 2021." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [6/17/22](#)]

West Blamed Biden And Bishop For Inflation, Said He Would Fix The Problem By Cutting Taxes – Which Would Not Reduce Inflation And Could Exacerbate It Further

West Blamed The Policies Of Biden And Bishop For Skyrocketing Inflation. "Inflation continues to skyrocket out of control due to the disastrous policies of Joe Biden and Sanford Bishop. Send me to Washington, and I'll use my business background and experience to help cut taxes, reduce regulations, and lower costs for SW Georgia families! #gapol" [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [4/14/22](#)]

West Implied That Further Cutting Taxes And Regulations Would Reduce Inflation. "Inflation continues to skyrocket out of control due to the disastrous policies of Joe Biden and Sanford Bishop. Send me to Washington, and I'll use my business background and experience to help cut taxes, reduce regulations, and lower costs for SW Georgia families! #gapol" [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [4/14/22](#)]

Economists Warned Cutting Taxes Could Exacerbate Inflation Even Further By Stimulating Already-High Consumer Demand. "But while the policies are aimed at helping Americans weather the fastest pace of inflation in 40 years, economists warn that, paradoxically, cutting taxes could exacerbate the very problem lawmakers are trying to address. By putting more money in people's pockets, policymakers risk further stimulating already rampant consumer demand, pushing prices higher nationally. Jason Furman, an economist at Harvard University who was an economic adviser under the Obama administration, said that the United States economy was producing at full capacity right now and that any additional spending power would only drive up demand and prices. But when it comes to cutting taxes, he acknowledged, the incentives for states do not always appear to be aligned with what is best for the national economy. 'I think all these tax cuts in states are adding to inflation,' Mr. Furman said. 'The problem is, from any governor's perspective, a lot of the inflation it is adding is nationwide and a lot of the benefits of the tax cuts are to the states.'" [New York Times, [5/10/22](#)]

West Pointed To Debt As The "Biggest Long-Term Problem Facing Our Country" But Supported Multi-Million Dollar Tax Breaks To The Richest Of Rich Heirs

West Said That Debt Was The "Biggest Long-Term Problem Facing Our Country"

AUDIO: West Said That Debt Was The "Biggest Long-Term Problem Facing Our Country." [9:00] "Host: 'What do you see as the first things that Republicans need to do? [...] What do you see being maybe top of mind, the first issue that Republicans need to get on, assuming the red wave happens?' West: 'Well some of it is going to depend on committee assignments, in terms of me personally, and part of that will be electing good leadership in the House, I am not sure how that will play out yet. But I know we need strong conservatives up there who are just not going to go along and get along for more of the same and increase our debt. Our debt I see as the biggest long-term problem facing our country, it's going to turn into a national security issue at some point if we can't service the debt because right now we have over \$30 trillion, it's just not sustainable. But day 1 its pushing back against the Biden agenda.'" [Spreaker from iHeart, The Wes Carroll Morning Show, [4/28/22](#)] (AUDIO)

West Claimed Bishop Voted To Raise Taxes And Blamed Bishop For Rising Inflation Which Impacted Local Agriculture Through The Rising Cost Of Energy And Materials For Farmers

West Blamed "The Policies Sanford Has Been Supporting For The Last Few Years," Including Having "Voted To Increase Taxes," For Rising Inflation Which Impacted Local Agriculture Through The Rising Cost Of Energy And Material Costs For Farmers. "'I think that's going to be a key to being able to beat

Sanford, just somebody who's spent their whole life in this community,' West said. 'When I go to D.C., I'm going to be fighting for the people of southwest Georgia. 'We're seeing a lot of enthusiasm for a younger candidate who understands agriculture.' Farmers are facing a difficult time with the increase in fuel prices, which also drives up the cost of fertilizer and other agricultural chemicals, West said, adding he has been hearing from farmers all over the area about that impact. Everyone else is being hit hard by inflation, too, he noted. 'The increase in energy and raw material costs has made it where it will be challenging to make a profit or even remain viable as a business,' he said. 'Or if you're that retiree who's saved your entire life — say you have \$1 million — now it's worth 7 or 8 percent less because of inflation. If you project out two or three years, it's a frustrating outcome. That's due to the policies Sanford has been supporting for the last few years.' 'For so many years, the people in agriculture have been voting for Sanford,' West said. 'The danger in that is he's voted to increase taxes. He's voted with Nancy Pelosi and (President) Biden 100 percent of the time.' [Albany Herald, [3/21/22](#)]

West Supported Lowering Taxes And Regulations

West Supported Lowering Taxes And Regulations. "In my view, we need to get back to making an environment that is conducive to business, where you are lowering people's taxes, getting regulations out of the way so people can conduct business. I think it (redistricting) is going to have a drastic impact because of the amount of Republican voters that were pulled in in some of the northern counties and also Thomas County." [Albany Herald, [3/21/22](#)]

West Supported Lowering Taxes. "Great day out on the trail in Mitchell County meeting with Sheriff Bozeman, Tax Commissioner Brian Brock and local agribusiness. As your next Congressman, I'll always stand with our law enforcement & work to cut taxes for our families in SW Georgia. #gapol" [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [12/21/21](#)]

West Promised To Cut Taxes, Repeal Regulations, And End Government Overreach. "The Death Tax is a crippling and regressive burden on hardworking families, and as the next Congressman from Georgia's 2nd Congressional District, I will do everything in my power to cut taxes, repeal burdensome regulations, and end big government overreach like the Death Tax." [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [3/9/22](#)]

West Supported Repealing The Federal Estate Tax, Calling It "The Death Tax," Even Though Repeal Would Only Benefit Wealthiest Estates Worth More Than \$11 Million

West Supported Repealing The Federal Estate Tax Calling It The "Federal Estate Death Tax." "On behalf of Southwest Georgia's farmers, ranchers, and small business owners, I am proud to support repealing the Federal Estate Death Tax. #gapol" [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [3/9/22](#)]

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2017: Center On Budget And Policy Priorities: Prior To The Trump Tax Cuts, The First \$5.49 Million Of Wealth Transfers Per Person Are Tax Exempt; \$10.98 Million Per Couple. "This is because the first \$5.49 million of wealth transfers per person (\$10.98 million per couple) are exempt and passed on tax-free — more than what middle-income Americans, who pay taxes on their weekly paychecks, typically earn in a lifetime." [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [10/30/17](#)]

Prior To The Trump Tax Cuts Which Doubled The Threshold For The Estate Tax, Only 0.2% Of US Adults Owed Estate Tax Between 2011 And 2016. "Historically, between 1% and 2% of U.S. adults who die each year

owe estate tax, Kaufman said. But the share fell to about 0.2% annually from 2011 to 2016, according to most recently available IRS data. That's the lowest percentage on record, dating to 1934." [CNBC, [9/29/21](#)]

The 2017 Trump Tax Cuts Doubled The Threshold For The Estate Tax To Allowing The First \$11 Million, And \$22 Million For Married Couples, In Property, Stocks, And Assets To Be Passed Down To Their Heirs Tax-Free

After The Trump Tax Cuts In 2017, The Estate Tax Allowed The First \$11 Million, And \$22 Million For Married Couples, In Property, Stocks, And Other Assets To Pass Down To Their Heirs Tax-Free. "You can pass your heirs up to \$22 million tax-free: In the end, the estate tax (often called the 'death tax' by opponents) would remain part of the U.S. tax code, but far fewer families will pay it. Under current law, Americans can pass on up to \$5.5 million tax-free (that threshold is \$11 million for married couples). The House wanted to do away with the estate tax entirely, but some senators felt that was too much of a giveaway to the mega-rich. The final compromise was to double the threshold, so now the first \$11 million that people pass on to their heirs in property, stocks and other assets won't be taxed (and yes, that means \$22 million for married couples)." [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

The Estate Tax Only Applied To 2,570 Returns In 2019. "The estate tax, which is owed at death, is a tax on wealth transfer. Taxes are levied on cumulative property like stock and real estate valued over a certain level before they're passed to heirs. Lawmakers created the federal estate tax in 1916. Since then, Congress has changed elements like the tax rate and estate size at which the tax applies. Currently, a 40% federal tax applies to estate values exceeding \$11.7 million for single individuals and \$23.4 million for married couples. There were 6,409 estate tax returns filed in 2019, according to IRS data. About 40% of them (2,570 returns) were taxable. They owed \$13.2 billion in net estate tax." [CNBC, [9/29/21](#)]

West Fearmongered About The Southern Border, Predicting "Another 9/11 In The Next Couple Of Years Because Of Folks That Have Come Across The Border"

West Fearmongered About Undocumented Immigrants And "Another 9/11 In The Next Couple Of Years Because Of Folks That Have Come Across The Border." [11:24] "West: 'The border is at a crisis, I think that is probably #2, we are hearing that 600,000 illegals are going to be coming into our country across the southern border between now and September, that's a national security. There is no telling what kind of result are going to happen in a bad way or we are going to have another 9/11 in the next couple of years because of folks that have come across the border.'" [Speaker from iHeart, The Wes Carroll Morning Show, [4/28/22](#)] (AUDIO)

West Supported Completing Trump's Border Wall And Keeping Out Undocumented Immigrants. "We need to finish building President Trump's wall and secure our border NOW! #gapol"



[Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [3/4/22](#)]

West Supported A Pro-Trump, America-First Agenda

West Advertised Himself As A Pro-Trump, America-First Republican

West Said He Was A Champion Of President Trump’s America First Agenda. “I’m proud to announce that I’m running for Congress in Georgia’s 2nd Congressional District,’ West posted on his Facebook Saturday. ‘As an Air Force Officer, Job Creator, and champion for President Trump’s America First Agenda, I’ll work every day to deliver results for the people of Southwest Georgia as their next Congressman.’” [Insider Advantage, [12/20/21](#)]

West Voiced Excitement That Trump Could Be Given Back His Twitter Account After Elon Musk’s Potential Takeover; “Great” For Trump To Get That Platform Back. [16:08] “West: ‘Maybe after Elon has it, maybe then, but I think it’s exciting, I hope he can get Trump back on there, that would be great for President Trump to get that platform that he used to have.’” [Spreaker from iHeart, The Wes Carroll Morning Show, [4/28/22](#)] (AUDIO)

West Attended An Event At Mar-A-Lago.



[Twitter, @BCP229, [12/2/21](#)]

Issues

Critical Race Theory

West Criticized Critical Race Theory As An “Attempt From The Woke Left To Divide America And Indoctrinate Our Children.” “Critical Race Theory is an attempt from the woke left to divide America and indoctrinate our children. As a father of three, I will stand firmly against CRT and other far-left ideologies in Congress! #gapol” [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [4/26/22](#)]

West Supported Parents Having Control Over What Their Kids Are Taught And Criticized Curriculum On Sexual Identity And Gender As Dangerous. [14:22] “West: ‘I think the more that parents can have control over what their kids are taught the better. Obviously we have seen some of this curriculum when 5 and 6 year olds are being taught about sexual identity and gender. It’s really sad. Its sad that some of the folks in our country have these views. But its dangerous and its something we got to fight back and to the extent that I can lead in Congress

and say no more we are not going to be teaching this garbage to our kids, that's exactly what I am going to do.” [Spreaker from iHeart, The Wes Carroll Morning Show, [4/28/22](#)] (AUDIO)

Law Enforcement

West Promised To Always Stand With Law Enforcement. “Great day out on the trail in Mitchell County meeting with Sheriff Bozeman, Tax Commissioner Brian Brock and local agribusiness. As your next Congressman, I'll always stand with our law enforcement & work to cut taxes for our families in SW Georgia. #gapol” [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [12/21/21](#)]

West Believed Supporting Law Enforcement Would Lower Crime. “West also said it's Bishop's party's policies that have caused rising inflation and gas prices to go up. West said he thinks the solution to crime in Albany is to support law enforcement. He said that will be one of his top priorities if elected. ‘Our folks are tremendously concerned about crime. We have to support our law enforcement. It is unfortunate that we haven't had the congressional representation to support law enforcement,’ West said.” [WALB News 10, [3/18/22](#)]

West Supported Law Enforcement And Cracking Down On Crime. “Southwest Georgia needs a leader who will strongly stand beside and support our Law Enforcement to crack down on crime and protect our communities—and that's exactly what I'll do in Congress on Day One! #BacktheBlue #gapol” [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [4/29/22](#)]

Health Care Investment

West Said He Wanted A Reinvestment In The District's Health Care Infrastructure Especially After Hospitals Closed In Cuthbert, Fort Gaines, And Richland. “In addition to taxes, West said he thinks that crime is an issue that will resonate with the district's voters. The largely rural region also needs additional investment in health care infrastructure. Discussing Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams' first campaign stop in Cuthbert, where the hospital closed two years ago and, she reminded supporters, that hospitals in nearby Fort Gaines and Richland have been closed as well, West said it will take a long time to restore the lost resources. ‘When you lose health care infrastructure, you don't just flip a switch and turn it back on,’ he said. ‘It takes years. You need to look at creative ways to keep them open, we need to look at that. I've worked in the business world. I know how to find creative solutions.’” [Albany Herald, [3/21/22](#)]

Election Security

West Believed That Republicans Needed To Pass Federal Legislation To Secure Elections. [11:00] “West: ‘But then it's going to be securing the elections to make sure we can't have liberal states that are taking advantages of election systems that are not secure to the extent that we as Republicans can put forth legislation to make sure our elections are secure.’” [Spreaker from iHeart, The Wes Carroll Morning Show, [4/28/22](#)] (AUDIO)

April 2022: West Claimed “Liberal States” Were “Taking Advantages Of Election Systems.” [11:00] “West: ‘But then it's going to be securing the elections to make sure we can't have liberal states that are taking advantages of election systems that are not secure to the extent that we as Republicans can put forth legislation to make sure our elections are secure.’” [Spreaker from iHeart, The Wes Carroll Morning Show, [4/28/22](#)] (AUDIO)

Military

West Said He Supported National Defense And The Local Military Installations As Local Economic Drivers. “That fresh perspective for the district is another key the candidate sees to earning a victory in the fall general election. His familiarity with the region's military installations, which are a sizable economic driver for communities from Columbus to Warner Robins, where he is stationed as a guard member, to Valdosta also is a

plus. ‘When I go up and represent the interests of MCLB-Albany, it’s not going to be the first time I’ve been on (the base),’ he said. ‘I support our national defense.’” [Albany Herald, [3/21/22](#)]

Energy

West Supporting Reopening The Keystone Pipeline To Restore Energy Independence And Lower Gas Prices. “The Biden Administration’s failures continue to crush working families at the gas pump. We need to reopen the Keystone Pipeline, restore our energy independence, and lower prices for Southwest Georgians! #gapol” [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [3/7/22](#)]

Professional History

Personal Law Practice

7/19/11: Chris F. West PC Was Registered In Thomasville, GA. [OpenCorporates, accessed [5/3/22](#)]

Chris F. West Was Listed As The CEO, Secretary, And CFO Of Chris F. West PC. [Georgia Corporations Division, accessed [5/3/22](#)]

- **5/3/22: Chris F. West PC Was Active.** [Georgia Corporations Division, accessed [5/3/22](#)]
- **From January 1, 2022 – May 31, 2022, West’s Income From Chris F. West, P.C. Was \$80,000.** [Chris West, Financial Disclosure Report, [5/31/22](#)]
- **In 2021, West’s Income From Christ F. West, P.C. Was \$167,000.** [Chris West, Financial Disclosure Report, [5/31/22](#)]

In 2018, West Was Re-Elected To The Board Of Governors Of The State Bar Of Georgia And Represented The Southern Judicial Court, Post 1. “Christopher F. West of Chris F. West P.C. in Thomasville and H. Burke Sherwood of Sherwood & Sherwood P.C. in Valdosta were re-elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the 50,000-member State Bar of Georgia and were installed June 9 during the organization’s Annual Meeting. West will continue to serve in the Southern Judicial Circuit, Post 1 seat on the board, representing Brooks, Colquitt, Echols, Lowndes and Thomas counties. He earned his law degree from the Jones School of Law at Faulkner University and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 2011. He serves as general counsel for Teramore Development LLC in Thomasville.” [Moultrie Observer, [7/14/18](#)]

June 2017: West Was Elected To The Board Of Governors Of The State Bar Of Georgia Representing The Southern Circuit, Post 1 With His Term Ending In 2018. [State Bar of Georgia, accessed [6/8/17](#)]

West Was Listed As An Attorney From Thomasville. “Two candidates have submitted paperwork and begun raising money: Tracy Taylor, chairwoman of the Dougherty County GOP, and Vivian Childs, another party activist who ran for the seat in 2020 but lost in a close primary. Thomasville attorney Chris West and William Crozer, a veteran political operative and lobbyist who worked in the Trump administration, are also considering bids.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [12/3/21](#)]

Professional Career

April 2014 – Present: General Counsel, Teramore Development, LLC

West Has Worked As General Counsel For Teramore Development, LLC Since April 2014.



General Counsel

Teramore Development, LLC

Apr 2014 - Present · 8 yrs 2 mos

Thomasville, GA

The Teramore team leverages our expertise in Retail real estate brokerage, management, ownership and development for our commercial real estate customers.



[LinkedIn, Chris West, accessed [5/3/21](#)]

Chris F. West PC Was Listed As The Registered Agent For Teramore Development PC. [Georgia Corporations Division, accessed [5/3/22](#)]

- **West Was The General Counsel For Teramore Development.** “In a crowded field of Republican candidates seeking to end Democratic U.S. Rep. Sanford Bishop’s tenure in office, Chris West thinks his local roots make him stand out. Raised in Thomas County, West’s family operates an agricultural business in Colquitt County in a Second Congressional District where farming is the biggest industry. The lawyer and Georgia Air National Guard member attended grade school in Colquitt County and is currently general counsel for Teramore Development, based in Thomasville.” [Albany Herald, [3/21/22](#)]
- **Teramore Development Is A Commercial Real Estate Development Company** “To Be Your Commercial Real Estate Development Partner: We are committed to serving our communities by developing and managing projects that add value to the community and generate desirable economic returns. We strive to create and maintain projects that reflect our client’s expectations and goals. Teramore Development can service all your retail real estate needs Our integrated platform of services offers a full range of expertise through our Real Estate Team, Leasing Team, Engineering and Construction Team and Retail Investment Team nurturing opportunities into successful transactions and developments. Our team represents over one hundred years of exceptional real estate development and operational management experience giving Teramore a solid foundation for providing knowledge and professionalism throughout the commercial real estate development process. Our professional team has facilitated over one million square feet of transactions in recent years with our total far exceeding four million square feet. Teramore continues to successfully perform as a preferred developer for Dollar General along with developing for other national tenants such as Publix Supermarkets, Vitamin Shoppe, Dunkin Donuts, Chipotle and AT&T throughout the Southeastern United States.” [Teramore Development, LLC, accessed [5/18/22](#)]
- **West Did Not Report Any Income From Teramore Development.** [Chris West, Financial Disclosure Report, [5/31/22](#)]

January 2012 – March 2014: General Counsel, Wiregrass Strategy Group, LLC

West Worked As General Counsel For Wiregrass Strategy Group, LLC Between January 2012 And March 2014.

 **General Counsel**
Wiregrass Strategy Group, LLC
Jan 2012 - Mar 2014 · 2 yrs 3 mos
Tallahassee, Florida Area



[LinkedIn, Chris West, accessed [5/3/21](#)]

2011 – 2014: Partner, Forehand & Adams, LLP

West Worked As A Partner At Forehand & Adams, LLP Between 2011 And 2014.

 **Partner**
Allen, Forehand & Adams, LLP
2011 - 2014 · 3 yrs
Moultrie, GA



[LinkedIn, Chris West, accessed [5/3/21](#)]

Political Campaign Career

West Had More Than A Decade Of Political Campaign Experience In Georgia From Volunteer To Senior-Level Staff For Statewide Candidates, Working In Campaigns As Early As 2003. “He’s no backwoods southern lawyer. With over a decade in political campaign experience, Chris West was a welcomed addition as partner with WSG providing general consulting advice and serving as General Counsel. Getting his start as a College Republican chairman, Chris helped to elect the youngest elected official in Georgia history in 2003. Before becoming an attorney, he crisscrossed Georgia working for candidates at all levels ranging in roles from volunteer to senior-level staff for statewide candidates.” [Wiregrass Strategy Group, accessed [8/1/18](#)]

West Worked For Senator Chambliss On Capitol Hill. “In addition to his campaign experience, Chris has served a tour of duty on Capitol Hill working with U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA).” [Wiregrass Strategy Group, accessed [8/1/18](#)]

West Worked In The White House Advance Team For Vice President Cheney During The Second Bush Term. “He has also been active in Republican Party politics serving in official capacities at the local level and attending state, district and national conventions. During President Bush's second term, he served on the White House Office of Advance team for Vice President Cheney.” [Wiregrass Strategy Group, accessed [8/1/18](#)]

Education

West Graduated From Valdosta State University With A Bachelor’s In Political Science And Government Between 2001 And 2005.

Education



Faulkner University-Law School
Doctor of Law (J.D.), Law
2008 - 2010



Faulkner Law



Valdosta State University
Master of Public Administration (MPA)
2005 - 2007



Valdosta State University
Bachelor's degree, Political Science and Government
2001 - 2005

[LinkedIn, Chris West, accessed [5/3/21](#)]

West Graduated From Valdosta State University With A Master Of Public Administration Between 2005 And 2007. [LinkedIn, Chris West, accessed [5/3/21](#)]

West Graduated From Faulkner University-Law School With A J.D. Between Doctor Of Law. [LinkedIn, Chris West, accessed [5/3/21](#)]

Georgia Air National Guard

West Was An Executive Officer In The 116th Mission Support Group At The Robins Air Force Base For The Georgia Air National Guard. “Chris is also an officer with the Georgia Air National Guard, where he serves as an executive officer in the 116th Mission Support Group, Robins Air Force Base.” [Chris West for Congress, accessed [5/3/22](#)]

West Was An Officer In The Georgia Air National Guard. “A Republican from Thomasville is looking to take advantage of Georgia’s newly redrawn, more GOP-friendly 2nd Congressional District. Chris West, general counsel to a Southwest Georgia real estate company, announced Thursday that he will challenge the longest-serving member of Georgia’s congressional delegation, Democratic U.S. Rep. Sanford Bishop. West, an officer in the Georgia National Guard, is pointing to Bishop’s age – 75 – and longevity in Congress as reasons for change. Bishop was elected to the House in 1992.” [Clayton News-Daily, [12/16/21](#)]

Personal Information

West Attended Grade School In Colquitt County. “In a crowded field of Republican candidates seeking to end Democratic U.S. Rep. Sanford Bishop’s tenure in office, Chris West thinks his local roots make him stand out. Raised in Thomas County, West’s family operates an agricultural business in Colquitt County in a Second Congressional District where farming is the biggest industry. The lawyer and Georgia Air National Guard member attended grade school in Colquitt County and is currently general counsel for Teramore Development, based in Thomasville.” [Albany Herald, [3/21/22](#)]

West’s Family Operated An Agricultural Business In Colquitt County. “In a crowded field of Republican candidates seeking to end Democratic U.S. Rep. Sanford Bishop’s tenure in office, Chris West thinks his local roots make him stand out. Raised in Thomas County, West’s family operates an agricultural business in Colquitt County in a Second Congressional District where farming is the biggest industry. The lawyer and Georgia Air National

Guard member attended grade school in Colquitt County and is currently general counsel for Teramore Development, based in Thomasville.” [Albany Herald, [3/21/22](#)]

AUDIO: May 2022: West Has Three Kids, Preston Who Was About To Turn 10, And Two Twins Who Are 2 Years Old. [4:30] “West: ‘My oldest Preston is about to be 10 [...] I got a set of twins that are 2 years old.’” [Spreaker from iHeart, The Wes Carroll Morning Show, [4/28/22](#)] (AUDIO)

West Enjoyed Being A Martial Arts Instructor And Surfer, Including Surfing On 16 Beaches For 16 Consecutive Weekends. “Chris and his wife Jenny are the proud parents to their son Preston. Chris is a Rotarian and tries to live by the four-way test. He enjoys spending his leisure time as a Martial Arts Instructor. He resides with his family in southern Georgia. Interesting fact: Once surfed 16 different beaches for 16 consecutive weekends.”



[Wiregrass Strategy Group, accessed [8/1/18](#)]

Political Career

Campaign Finance

West Raised A Total Of \$286,691.24 And Spent A Total Of \$159,627.60 In His Run For Federal Elected Office

According to the Federal Election Commission, West raised \$286,691.24 and spent \$159,627.60 in their run for federal elected office.

| West Federal Campaign Finance History | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Year | Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee | Raised | Spent |
| 2022 | Chris West for Congress | \$286,691.24 | \$159,627.60 |
| | Total: | \$286,691.24 | \$159,627.60 |

[FEC, Chris West for Congress, accessed [6/23/22](#)]

Endorsements

West Received An Endorsement From State Senator Dean Burke. “I’m so proud to have the endorsement of State Senator @DrDeanBurke in my race for Congress in GA-2! Senator Burke has been a fighter and a champion for families and farmers in Southwest Georgia—and I’m honored to have his support! #gapol” [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [3/14/22](#)]

West Received An Endorsement From State Senator Carden Summers. “Proud to have the endorsement of State Senator Carden Summers! Senator Summers has been a fierce advocate for the Constitution, our conservative values, and Southwest Georgia families—and I look forward to having his support on the campaign trail as we take back GA-2!” [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [3/16/22](#)]

West Received An Endorsement From State Senator Russ Goodman. “Thank you State Senator @RussGoodman8 ! Senator Goodman has been a tireless champion for our rural communities and the Ag industry in South Georgia. I’m honored to have his endorsement and support in my campaign for Congress in GA-2!” [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [3/18/22](#)]

West Received An Endorsement From State Senator Randy Robertson. “As a former law enforcement officer, Senator Robertson has been a champion for our heroes in blue and public safety in our state. Columbus is a better place because of his leadership—and I’m proud to have his endorsement! #gapol” [Twitter, @ChrisWestGA, [3/21/22](#)]

Personal Political History

Personal Political Donations

West Has Given \$14,250 To Federal Political Candidates

According to the Federal Election Commission, West has given \$14,250 to federal political candidates.

| West Political Giving History - Federal | | | |
|---|--|-------|----------|
| Date | Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee | Party | Amount |
| 7/16/14 | Friends of Jack Kingston (Senate-GA) | R | \$250 |
| 11/5/15 | Cruz for President | R | \$500 |
| 6/2/17 | Georgia Republican Party, Inc. | R | \$75 |
| 5/12/17 | Georgia Republican Party, Inc. | R | \$225 |
| 4/27/17 | Handel Victory Committee (GA-06) | R | \$2,700 |
| 4/27/17 | Handel for Congress, Inc. (GA-06) | R | \$2,700 |
| 8/13/18 | Austin Scott for Congress Inc (GA-08) | R | \$250 |
| 10/15/19 | Perdue for Senate (Senate-GA) | R | \$250 |
| 3/24/2020 | Kevin Cooke for Congress, Inc. (GA-14) | R | \$250 |
| 6/30/2021 | Collins for Congress (GA-10) | R | \$250 |
| 9/29/2021 | Jake Evans for Congress, Inc. (GA-06) | R | \$250 |
| 7/28/2021 | Jake Evans for Congress, Inc. (GA-06) | R | \$250 |
| 11/11/2021 | Team Herschel, Inc. (Senate-GA) | R | \$500 |
| 11/23/2021 | Team Herschel, Inc. (Senate-GA) | R | \$5300 |
| 11/23/2021 | Team Herschel, Inc. (Senate-GA) | R | -\$2,900 |
| 11/23/2021 | Team Herschel, Inc. (Senate-GA) | R | \$2,900 |

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|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 11/11/2021 | Team Herschel, Inc. (Senate-GA) | R | \$500 |
| | | Total | \$14,250 |

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed [5/2/22](#)]

West Has Given \$2,167.50 To State-Level Political Candidates

According to the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, West has given \$2,167.50 to state-level candidates.

| West Political Giving History - State | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|-------------------|
| Date | Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee | Party | Amount |
| 8/2/21 | Georgia Republican Party, Inc. | R | \$120 |
| 9/10/20 | Darlene for Georgia (CD-173) | R | \$150 |
| 10/10/19 | Georgians for John King (Commissioner of Insurance) | R | \$250 |
| 4/21/19 | Georgia Republican Party, Inc. | R | \$190 |
| 10/25/18 | Tyler Harper for Georgia (SD-07) | R | \$100 |
| 10/19/18 | Kemp for Governor, Inc. (Governor) | R | \$250 |
| 6/2/17 | Georgia Republican Party, Inc. | R | \$75 |
| 5/12/17 | Georgia Republican Party, Inc. | R | \$225 |
| 4/27/15 | Georgia Republican Party, Inc. | R | \$139 |
| 2/21/14 | Brian Allen McDaniel | R | \$250 |
| 5/27/13 | Georgia Republican Party, Inc. | R | \$168.50 |
| 11/14/12 | Committee to Elect Dick Perryman (District Attorney) | R | \$250 |
| | | Total | \$2,167.50 |

[Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, accessed [5/3/22](#)]

Voter Activity

West Was Registered To Vote In Georgia's 2nd Congressional District

West Was Registered To Vote In Thomasville, GA, 31792. [VoteBuilder, accessed 5/2/22]

West's Address Was Located In Georgia's 2nd Congressional District. [FairDistrictsGA, accessed [5/2/22](#)]

2004 – 2022: West Voting History

| West Voting History (2004 – 2022) | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Year | Description |
| 2021 | Voted in the federal runoff and general elections |
| 2020 | Voted in the general election |
| 2019 | Voted in the runoff election |
| 2018 | Voted in the Republican runoff primary, general runoff, Republican primary, and general elections |
| 2017 | Voted in the runoff and general elections |
| 2016 | Voted in the Republican presidential primary, Republican primary, and general elections |
| 2015 | Did not vote |
| 2014 | Voted in the Republican runoff primary and general elections |

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|------|---|
| 2013 | Did not vote |
| 2012 | Voted in the Republican presidential primary, Republican primary, and general elections |
| 2011 | Did not vote |
| 2010 | Voted in the runoff primary, Republican primary, and general elections |
| 2009 | Did not vote |
| 2008 | Voted in the general election |
| 2007 | Did not vote |
| 2006 | Voted in the Republican primary election |
| 2005 | Did not vote |
| 2004 | Voted in the Republican presidential primary, Republican primary runoff, primary, and general elections |

[VoteBuilder, accessed 5/2/22]

Public Records

Criminal And Traffic Violation Record

As of May 2022, West was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed, 5/2/22]

Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of May 2022, West is not associated with any bankruptcy, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 5/2/22]

COVID Relief Loans/Grants

Paycheck Protection Program

In May 2021, Chris F. West P.C. Accepted \$20,833 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans To Retain 1 Employee. Chris F. West P.C. in Thomasville, Georgia received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$20,833 which was approved in May 2021. This loan has been paid in full or forgiven as of May 2022. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [5/4/22](#)]