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Summary by ChatGPT

- Support and Unity: Harris praises local leaders and emphasizes the importance of community and unity as they approach the upcoming election.

- Election Urgency: She stresses the tight nature of the race and the need for hard work to ensure victory, urging supporters to stay focused and motivated despite the challenges.

- Policy Priorities: Harris outlines her commitment to key issues, including affordable childcare, healthcare expansion, and combating high costs of living. She highlights her plans to address housing affordability and tax cuts for families.

- Contrast with Opponent: She contrasts her vision with Donald Trump's, criticizing his plans for tax breaks for the wealthy, cuts to Social Security and Medicare, and potential national sales taxes.

- Call to Action: Harris calls on voters to engage actively in the election, stressing the significance of their participation in shaping the future and preserving democratic values.

Kamala Harris

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Good afternoon, Savannah. Uh, good afternoon. Oh, good afternoon. Oh, it's good to be back in Savannah. Good afternoon.

Kamala Harris

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Can we please hear for Caitlin and her incredible, incredible leadership? Look, when I look out at our young leaders like Caitlin, I know our future is so bright. It is so bright. I want to thank Mayor Johnson. Thank you for yours.

Kamala Harris

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There you are. We've been hanging out for the last two days. Mayor, I thank you so very much for your leadership. Thank you, Congresswoman Nakima Williams, the chair of the Democratic Party of Georgia, for your friendship and your sisterhood, and to all the leaders with us today. Good afternoon.

Kamala Harris

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Good afternoon. Good afternoon. I also bring greetings from our president and a great friend of the state of Georgia, Joe Biden.

Kamala Harris

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And let us also send our love to the great president from the state of Georgia, Jimmy Carter.

Kamala Harris

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So, Georgia, I love your back. I love you back. And we have 68 days to go until this election. 68 days to go.

Kamala Harris

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And I think you all have spent your time here sacrificing all your other obligations to be here together, us as one community, knowing we all have so much more in common than what separates us. And I thank you for taking that time.

And listen. So we're here to speak truth. And one of the things that we know, this is going to be a tight race until the very end. Okay? So let's not pay too much attention to the polls, because we are running as the underdog, okay?

Kamala Harris

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And we have some hard work ahead of us, but we like hard work. Hard work is good work. Hard work is good work.

Kamala Harris

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And with your help, we are going to win this November. We are going to win this November. Yes, we will.

Kamala Harris

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So, look, Georgia, let me say I'm, um, no stranger to tough fights. Before I was elected vice president, before I was elected a United States senator, I was an elected attorney general, and before that, an elected district attorney.

Kamala Harris

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And before that, I was a courtroom prosecutor.

Kamala Harris

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So every day in the courtroom, I stood proudly before a judge, and I spoke five words. Kamala Harris for the people.

Kamala Harris

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My entire career, I've only had one client, the people.

Kamala Harris

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I stood for women and children against predators who abused them. I took on the big banks and delivered \$20 billion from middle class families who faced foreclosure.

Kamala Harris

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I fought against cartels who trafficking guns, drugs, and human beings. And I stood up for veterans and students being scammed by big for profit colleges, for workers who were being cheated out of the wages they were due and for seniors facing elder abuse. And I will tell you, those fights were not easy, and neither were the elections that put me in those offices. But we never gave up, because the future is always worth fighting for.

Always.

Kamala Harris

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And that is the fight we are in right now. We fight for America's future. We. We fight for a future with affordable childcare, paid leave, and affordable health care.

Kamala Harris

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And on that last subject, let's finally expand Medicaid in Georgia so people can take their child to a doctor or go to an emergency room without going into medical debt.

Kamala Harris

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We. We fight for a future where we build what I call, um, an opportunity economy so that every American has the opportunity to own a home, to start a business, and to build wealth and intergenerational wealth, and a future where we lower the cost of living for America's families. So when I was attorney general, I went after price fixing schemes and love you back. Love you back.

Kamala Harris

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And I will tell you, when we get this done together, my friend, and when I am president, I will take on the bad actors who exploit a crisis to rip off consumers on everyday items. To rip off consumers on everyday items like groceries. I will take on big Pharma and captain the cost of prescription drugs and insulin for all Americans.

Kamala Harris

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I will take on the high cost of housing and work with developers to cut the red tape and build millions of new homes. And I will give 100 million Americans a, uh, tax cut, including \$6,000 to families during the first year of their child's life.

Kamala Harris

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Understanding folks just need a little help from time to time. And it's not about just getting by. It's about getting ahead. \$6,000 in the first year of a child's life to help pay for that car seat or the crib or the baby clothes.

Kamala Harris

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And unlike Donald Trump, I will always put the middle class and working class families first.

Kamala Harris

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Always.

Kamala Harris

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I come from the middle class. I know what I'm talking about.

Kamala Harris

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And Savannah. But we got some work to do, okay? We got some work to do, because we know Donald Trump has a very different plan. He has a very different plan and his project 2025 agenda, right? If he is elected, Donald Trump intends to give tax breaks to billionaires and big corporations.

Kamala Harris

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He intends. He intends to cut Social Security and Medicare.

Kamala Harris

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And he wants to impose, pose what, in effect, is a national sales tax on everyday products and basic necessities. And it will cost, the economist will tell you, it will cost a typical american family nearly \$4,000 a year. So, Georgia, on top of all of this, if Donald Trump wins in November, he intends to end the affordable care act to take us back to a time when insurance companies, we're not going back. We're not going back. We are not.

Kamala Harris

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We're going forward.

Kamala Harris

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And the reason we know we can't go back. To your point, the reason we know we can't go back on the issue of the Affordable Care act. Remember what that was like before we had the Affordable Care act? Remember when insurance companies had the power to deny people with pre existing conditions? Remember what that was like?

Kamala Harris

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Children with asthma, breast cancer survivors, grandparents with diabetes. So, yeah, we're not going back. We're not going back. We're not going back.

Kamala Harris

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And we will move forward.

Kamala Harris

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Ours is a fight for the future, and it is a fight for freedom, like the freedom of a woman to make decisions about her own body and not have her government tell her what to do and understand how we got here. When he was president, Donald Trump, uh, handpicked three members of the United States Supreme Court with the intention that they would undo the protections of Roe v. Wade. And they did, just as he intended. And now, more than 20 states have a Trump abortion ban, including Georgia.

Kamala Harris

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In fact, every state in the south, except for Virginia, has a Trump abortion ban. And think about that. Many with no exceptions, even for rape and incest. That is immoral. Immoral.

Kamala Harris

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And let us all agree, one does not have to abandon their faith or deeply held beliefs to agree. The government should not be telling her what to do. Come on, come on, come on.

Kamala Harris

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And if he wins, Donald Trump will go further. He will sign a national abortion ban, you best believe. And he would create a national anti abortion coordinator and force states to report on women's miscarriages and abortions. It's right there in project 2025.

Kamala Harris

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I've, uh, said it before and I'll say it again. Simply put, they are out of their minds.

Kamala Harris

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Why don't they trust women? Well, we trust women.

Kamala Harris

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And when Congress passes a bill to restore reproductive freedom, as president of the United States, I will proudly sign it into law, proudly and across our nation. In addition to that, we are witnessing a, uh, full on assault on other hard fought, hard won fundamental freedoms and love.

Kamala Harris

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Hey, let me. Let me just.

Kamala Harris

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Let me just say something. Hold on. Hold up. Hold up for a second. Hold up for a second.

Let me. Let me just say something. Let me just say something. We are fighting for a democracy. Everyone has a right and should have their voices heard.

Kamala Harris

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I am speaking now, but on the subject, I will say this. The president and I are working around the clock. We have got to get a hostage deal done and get a ceasefire done now.

Kamala Harris

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So back to this election, and Donald Trump. So in addition to the fight on the fundamental freedom to make decisions about one's own body, I have been traveling our country, and the people of Georgia know what I know. There is a full on assault on hard fought, hard won freedoms and rights, including the freedom to vote, the freedom to be safe from gun violence, and an attack on the freedom to love who you love openly and with pride.

Kamala Harris

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And we will fight against all of that, including the freedom to live free from the pollution that fuels the climate crisis. Here's the thing. Generations of Americans before us, uh, led the fight for freedom. Now, Savannah, the baton is in our hands.

Kamala Harris

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So we who believe in this sacred freedom to vote will finally pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement act and the Freedom to vote act. We who believe in the freedom to live safe from gun violence will finally pass universal background checks and red flag laws.

Kamala Harris

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So much is on the line in this election. So much is on the line. And understand, this is not 2016 or 2020. Things are different. A lot is the same when we think about the issues and then there is significant differences.

Kamala Harris

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The stakes in 2024 are even higher because consider that the United States Supreme Court recently just basically told the former president that going forward, he will be effectively immune no matter what he does in the White House.

Kamala Harris

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Now, just imagine, well, the courts gonna take care of that. We gonna get them out of. We gonna elect ourselves and everybody here in November.

But I mentioned the Supreme Court ruling because understand what this means. Just imagine, before there was at least the threat of consequence. Understand what it now means. And imagine Donald Trump with no guardrails. Imagine what that means when you consider he has openly vowed that if re elected on day one, he will be a dictator.

Kamala Harris

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That he would end. That he would end the independence of the Department of Justice so he could have unchecked power and seek vengeance against people who disagree with him.

Kamala Harris

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He even called for termination of the United States supreme. The supreme land of our nation, the United States Constitution. Think about what that means. And let us be very clear. Clear.

Kamala Harris

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Someone who suggests we should terminate the constitution of the United States should never again stand behind the seal of the president of the United States of America. Never again.

Kamala Harris

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So it all comes down to this. We are all here together, spending this time together, because we love our country. We love our country. We love our country. And we know the privilege and pride, the privilege and pride that comes with being american.

Kamala Harris

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And I do believe it is the highest form of patriotism to fight for the ideals of our country.

Kamala Harris

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That is how we realize the promise of America. Georgia, for the past two election cycles, voters in this very state, you who are here, have delivered. You sent two extraordinary senators to Washington, DC, sent President Biden and me to the White House.

Kamala Harris

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You showed up, you knocked on doors, you registered folks to vote, and you made it happen. You did that. You did that. And so now we are asking you to do it again.

Kamala Harris

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Let's do it again. Let's do it again.

Kamala Harris

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So, Savannah, are you ready to make your voices heard?

Kamala Harris

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Do we believe in freedom?

Kamala Harris

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Do we believe in opportunity? Do we believe in the promise of America? And are we ready to fight for it?

Kamala Harris

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And when we fight, God bless you, and God bless the United States.