

# Action is Louder than Words

The young people below protested NC's anti-voter laws; then they organized other youth to go vote! Their action made the difference in several contests. Their message: You have power, take action!



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**INSIDE:  
Mystery  
Amendments  
on Your Ballot**

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# You & the Justice Election

“Justice” is on the ballot in 2018. Why? Because you can decide who is the next Justice on the NC Supreme Court and vote for other judges, the county sheriff, and district attorney.

You can also **vote against unjust Constitutional Amendments** on the ballot that will restrict voting, let legislators pick judges, and shift taxes from big corporations to you! *See page 3.*

## YOU JUDGE WHO'S BEST for the NC SUPREME COURT

**NC Supreme Court justices are powerful! They decide cases affecting everything from your light bill, to voting rights, to who gets the death penalty.**

**Choose 1 of the 3 candidates below. They are in the order they will appear on your ballot. Because of laws passed by the NC legislature, they have party labels and a Republican is listed first on the ballot in this race and in all 3 Court of Appeals contests on the next page.**

### Barbara Jackson

**Party:** Republican

**Occupation:** Associate Justice, NC Supreme Court

**Experience:** Justice, NC Supreme Court; Judge, NC Court of Appeals; General Counsel, NC Labor Department; Associate General Counsel, Governor Jim Martin.

**Favorite endorsements:** Chief Justice (retired) Burley Mitchell; Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry; NC Republican Party

**Personal statement:** Fairness, impartiality, integrity, and a commitment to the rule of law all are essential characteristics of a good judge. I've worked hard to live up to each of these principles, gaining invaluable first-hand experience, which is why I'm seeking re-election. As the only candidate in this race with judicial experience, I understand that this is not an entry level job.

**More info:** JusticeJackson.com



### Christopher (Chris) Anglin

**Party:** Republican

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Experience:** Legal practice at all levels of civil, criminal and family trial courts in state and federal courts for 7 years.

**Favorite endorsements:** I am not seeking any endorsements.

**Personal statement:** I'm running as a Republican to give a voice to the many Constitutional Republicans who are appalled at the assault on the rule of law and the checks and balances of our Constitutional Republic that is happening every day. Secondly, to point out the mistake of being the only state in 100 years to make our judicial elections partisan.

**More info:** Anglin4Justice.com



### Anita Earls

**Party:** Democrat

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Experience:** Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, US Justice Department; UNC Center for Civil Rights; Southern Coalition for Social Justice.

**Favorite endorsements:** North Carolina AFL-CIO; Equality NC; NC Advocates for Justice

**Personal statement:** I have been a civil rights attorney for thirty years, fighting for equal justice and fair representation. As a mother and grandmother, I understand challenges families face and have worked to protect the rights of hard-working people. We must have a fair court that protects everyone no matter their race, gender or how much money they have.

**More info:** Earls4Justice.com



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Find longer responses from these and other candidates at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) or [NCVoterGuide.org](http://NCVoterGuide.org). For bulk copies of this Guide, call 919-286-6000.

The best all-purpose website on voting is [NCVoter.org](http://NCVoter.org). Use it to view your own ballot.



# More Judges: NC Court of Appeals

You can elect 3 judges to the NC Court of Appeals. Below are the candidates; vote for 1 in each race.

Court of Appeals judges hear appeals of criminal and civil cases heard in local District and Superior Courts.

## SEAT ONE

### Andrew T. Heath

**Party:** Republican

**Occupation:** Superior Court Judge

**Favorite endorsements:** Former Supreme Court Justice and Chair of NC State Ethics Commission George L. Wainwright, Jr.; Former NC Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner; NC Republican Party

**Personal statement:** I am a fair and impartial



judge who respects the Constitution and the law, and who values access to justice and equality under the law. It has been an honor to serve North Carolina as a Superior Court Judge, and I look forward to serving on the Court of Appeals.

**More info:** [HeathForJustice.com](http://HeathForJustice.com)

### John S. Arrowood

**Party:** Democrat

**Occupation:** NC Court of Appeals Judge



**Favorite endorsements:** NC Advocates for Justice; Equality NC; Sierra Club

**Personal statement:** I pledge to administer justice equally and without favoritism to any litigant or to the State. My experience on the Court of Appeals, as a Superior Court Judge, together with my over 26 years in private practice and prior work as a research assistant and staff attorney at the Court of Appeals, makes me uniquely qualified to remain on the Court.

**More info:** [KeepJudgeArrowood.org](http://KeepJudgeArrowood.org)

## SEAT TWO

### Jefferson G. Griffin

**Party:** Republican

**Occupation:** Wake Co. District Court Judge & JAG Officer (CPT), NC Army National Guard

**Favorite endorsements:** NC Republican Party; Former NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Burley B. Mitchell Jr.

**Personal statement:** North Carolina deserves a Judge who is dedicated to upholding the Rule of Law and our Constitution. My diverse experiences as a Judge, Soldier, prosecutor, and practicing attorney provide a perspective that will benefit all North Carolina citizens when I am on the Court of Appeals.

**More info:** [JeffersonGriffin.com](http://JeffersonGriffin.com)



### Tobias (Toby) Hampson

**Party:** Democrat

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Favorite endorsements:** NC Democratic Party; NC AFL-CIO; Former Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson

**Personal statement:** The Court of Appeals needs a judge with the right experience — an appellate specialist. I have 16 years of experience in our appellate courts, starting as a law clerk at the Court of Appeals, then strengthening my experience by handling hundreds of appeals in private practice. I will bring a strong work ethic, integrity and appellate expertise to the Court.

**More info:** [TobyHampsonForJudge.com](http://TobyHampsonForJudge.com)



### Sandra Alice Ray

**Party:** Republican

**Occupation:** District Court Judge

**Favorite endorsements:** NC Troopers Association; NC Fraternal Order of Police

**Personal statement:** When any Judge talks to you, they should tell you of their love and trust in our United States and North Carolina Constitutions. I believe as our Constitution says, in the Sovereignty of the People — not the politicians and bureaucrats. I want to serve on your Court of Appeals to preserve the self-evident rights our Constitution guarantees.

**More info:** [SandraAliceRay.com](http://SandraAliceRay.com)



## SEAT THREE

### Chuck Kitchen

**Party:** Republican

**Occupation:** Private Attorney

**Favorite endorsements:** NC Republican Party; Alamance Sheriff Terry Johnson; NC Federation of Republican Men

**Personal statement:** In order to make a good appellate judge, you must have extensive experience both trying cases and handling appeals. I am the only candidate who has both, including successfully defending Sheriff Terry Johnson against the US Department of Justice. I have also filed more than 100 briefs and petitions in the appellate courts.

**More info:** [KitchenForCourtOfAppeals.com](http://KitchenForCourtOfAppeals.com)



### Michael Monaco Sr.

**Party:** Libertarian

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Favorite endorsement:** None submitted

**Personal statement:** The purpose of the court is to be objective and independent; especially in disputes between the branches of government. These good governance cases can present conflicts to the other candidates who are associated with the dominant parties in North Carolina politics. These dominant parties have engaged in partisanship in recent years and we need to be vigilant to keep judiciary independent.

**More info:** [nc-monaco-2018.com](http://nc-monaco-2018.com)



### Allegra Katherine Collins

**Party:** Democrat

**Occupation:** Law Professor and Appellate Attorney

**Favorite endorsements:** NC Advocates for Justice; NC AFL-CIO

**Personal statement:** I have focused my career on appellate law and judicial process in our appellate courts. With my experience, expertise, and dedication to the law, I will be a judge who renders fair and accurate decisions. My experience and expertise mean I will do this job well, my passion for this work means I will continuously strive to do it better.

**More info:** [AllegraCollins.com](http://AllegraCollins.com)



**Judges are powerful! Use your power to select them.**

**Find the Early Voting locations in your county at [demnc.co/ev2018](http://demnc.co/ev2018)**

**Why Vote AGAINST Amendments on Your Ballot**

# A Threat You Can Stop!

*"Ballot questions shouldn't be a riddle. Or, even worse, a lie." - Raleigh News & Observer*

*"The amendments\* would destroy our system of checks and balances. Vote against them." - all 11 former Governors and NC Supreme Court Chief Justices, Democrats & Republicans*

**L**eaders in the General Assembly placed descriptions of 6 proposed amendments to the NC Constitution at the end of your ballot. The descriptions sound very appealing (*read them in box on right*) – but they are dishonest and dangerous!

**Why are they dishonest?** Because the short descriptions on the ballot do not reveal extensive changes the actual amendments would create.

**Why are they dangerous?** **If enough people are tricked into voting for them, the amendments will give legislators new powers to control all three branches of government, pass laws that discriminate, and help their special-interest donors at the expense of working families.**

Civil rights leaders, constitutional attorneys, and former NC governors (Democrats and Republicans) call this scheme a "radical power grab."

**You have the power to stop this because the Constitution can't be changed without voter approval. Be sure to vote AGAINST all 6:**

**Right to Hunt:** Sounds good, but does adding this to the Constitution mean people can challenge laws against hunting in parks or near schools? Nobody knows. The corporate gun lobby is pushing this.

**Victim Rights:** This delays justice and will cost millions to notify victims of every detail of court action. But who pays? The amendment is full of unknowns. News reports say a billionaire got legislators to put this on the ballot to honor a slain relative. (Bad way to make policy!)

**Income Tax:** Putting a cap in the Constitution saves the super-rich from paying a higher rate than others, as they do in most states; it will lead to more sales taxes to balance our state's budget. This is a big gift to wealthy political donors, at the expense of working families.

**Photo ID to Vote:** Only Mississippi has this in a Constitution and it has exceptions. Will college or military IDs be ok? Unknown. This lets legislators exclude who they want. Courts said Black voters were "targeted" when NC legislators last passed a photo ID law. Fact: It stopped far more honest people from voting than dishonest ones.

**Judicial Vacancies:** Governors must now get local input to fill vacancies; the new scheme says legislators control who is appointed. It's a way to make their friends judges and end the courts' independence. **\*Former governors and judges oppose this and the next amendment.**

**Board of Elections:** NC has a 9-person Board now; 4 Republicans, 4 Democrats, 1 Independent. This cuts the Independent, leading to 4-4 deadlocks; one political party could block Early Voting plans or block corruption investigations. Gridlock gives even more power to legislative leaders to manipulate the election process for their benefit.

**The amendments are a devious way for legislators to get more power at our expense; as written, they can fill in the "unknowns" in the amendments later, without voter approval. Vote AGAINST all 6!**

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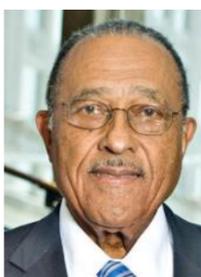


### WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

*I was one of the thousands blocked from voting in the 2016 primary by NC's ID law. Don't bring it back!*  
- Janice Franklin



*I'm especially suspicious because these were rammed through the legislature in a heavily partisan manner.*  
- Leigh Bradley



*Having judges selected by legislators would undermine judicial independence. Vote No!* - frm. NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Henry Frye\*



*It's a bad scheme, a snake. You have to defeat them. You have to kill a snake.*  
- frm. Gov. Jim Martin (R)\*



*Fair government and equal rights are at stake. Vote against the amendments.*  
- Rev. Jennifer Copeland, NC Council of Churches Exec. Dir.



*I'm worried my student ID won't be accepted for voting; they weren't in 2016. There are too many unknowns.*  
- Jaden Peay

### REFERENDUM

**"CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS"**  
*(The descriptions below leave out key parts of the actual Amendments)*

#### RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH

"Constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife."  
 For  Against

#### RIGHTS OF VICTIMS

"Constitutional amendment to strengthen protections for victims of crime; to establish certain absolute basic rights for victims; and to ensure the enforcement of these rights."  
 For  Against

#### INCOME TAX

"Constitutional amendment to reduce the income tax rate in N.C. to a maximum allowable rate of seven percent (7%)."  
 For  Against

#### PHOTO ID TO VOTE

"Constitutional amendment to require voters to provide photo ID before voting in person."  
 For  Against

#### FILL JUDICIAL VACANCIES

"Constitutional amendment to change the process for filling judicial vacancies that occur between judicial elections from a process in which the Governor has sole appointment power to a process in which the people of the State nominate individuals to fill vacancies by way of a commission comprised of appointees made by the judicial, executive, and legislative branches charged with making recommendations to the legislature as to which nominees are deemed qualified; then the legislature will recommend at least two nominees to the Governor via legislative action not subject to gubernatorial veto; and the Governor will appoint judges from among these nominees."  
 For  Against

#### BOARD OF ELECTIONS

"Constitutional amendment to establish an eight-member Bipartisan Board of Ethics and Elections Enforcement in the Constitution to administer ethics and elections law."  
 For  Against

## Were you displaced by the Hurricane?

**You don't lose your right to vote just because you had to leave your home. Here are a few helpful tips:**

**1** If you have temporarily relocated because of Florence (or for any reason) but you intend to go back to the residence where you were already registered, you do not need to re-register. Even if your return is many months away, as long as you **intend to return**, you may use that address as **your voting home** for purposes of registration and voting.

**2** If you are at a new address and don't know where you will be in the future, you may use the new address or your old address as your voting home. Important: The ballot you receive for the Nov. 6 election is based on your voting home's address **on Oct. 7** (30 days before Election Day). That could be the new address or the old address you left.

**3** If you were registered at that Oct. 7 voting home address, you can use any of the **"3 Ways to Vote"** listed on the next page, including voting through the mail with an absentee ballot. To vote by mail, carefully follow the instructions at [demnc.co/mail](http://demnc.co/mail).

**4** If you were not registered at the address of your Oct. 7 voting home, you can use **"same-day registration"** to register and vote this fall. Go to an Early Voting site in the county of the address and show the poll worker one of the documents listed in #1 on the next page under "3 Ways to Vote." (You can't use same-day registration on Election Day.)

**5** Early Voting or Election Day sites may change due to the hurricane. Find your county board of elections at [demnc.co/board](http://demnc.co/board). Call or visit their website or call the State Board (866-522-4723) with your questions.



# Have Your Say!

The ballot box is where we are all equal, regardless of race or income: *One person, One vote.* Your vote is a powerful way to express yourself. People acting together have changed government policies to gain civil rights, improve their lives and stop threats to their community. Use your power!

## Think voting doesn't matter? Consider this:

- In 2008, the biggest group using Early Voting in NC was African-American female Democrats. The next year, legislators focused on K-12 education, childcare support, and the NC Racial Justice Act.
- In 2014, the biggest group using Early Voting in NC was white male Republicans. The next year, legislators cut corporate taxes, cut healthcare programs for women, and cut pollution regulations.



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## 3 WAYS TO VOTE IN NC

### 1. EARLY VOTING is Oct. 17-Nov. 3

Voting at an early voting center in your county is generally the best option. [See your county's schedule at demnc.co/ev2018](http://demnc.co/ev2018). Definitely use Early Voting if you have moved or have not voted in several years. You can also register as a new voter in your county during Early Voting by using Same-Day Registration; you will need to show the poll worker one of these: a NC driver's license or government photo ID; a utility bill, bank or payroll statement, or any government letter or document with your name and address; or a student ID with a college document showing your address. These can be on your phone or a hard copy.

### 2. ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, Nov. 6

On Election Day, go to your precinct's polling place. Polls are open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. If you are in line by 7:30 pm, you'll be able to vote. If you go to the wrong polling place in your county and don't have time to get to your precinct, ask to use a *provisional ballot*. **To find your precinct's polling place, go to [demnc.co/distr](http://demnc.co/distr) or call 866-522-4723.**

### 3. MAIL-IN ABSENTEE VOTING

Any registered voter may vote by mail; no special reason is needed. First, send an application for the absentee ballot to your county board of elections so it arrives by Oct. 30 at 5 pm. Vote the ballot that is sent to you in the presence of 2 witnesses (or 1 notary) who must sign and fill out the special envelope that is sent with the ballot. You sign, too, and mail it back so it arrives at the county elections board by Nov. 6 at 5 pm. See [demnc.co/mail](http://demnc.co/mail) for details. Follow the rules carefully.

## 9 TIPS FOR VOTING from NCVoter.org

1. You may **take a list of your choices** (on paper or your cell phone) inside the poll to help you remember, but do not show the list to others.
2. **An ID is not needed to vote, except #4 below.** You'll be asked to state your name and address and sign a document to confirm your identity.
3. **New voters in a county may need to show an ID if the ID number they gave on their registration form could not be verified; they'd need to show a photo ID or a utility bill, bank statement, or government document (license, bill, letter, etc.) with their name and address.**
4. If you missed the regular deadline to register, you can **register and vote at an Early Voting center** in your county but not on Election Day. (*See #1 at left in "3 Ways to Vote."*)
5. Any voter may get help inside the poll from a "near family" member (not a cousin). Voters with a disability (including reading difficulty) may get help from anyone, except their employer or union agent.
6. You don't lose your right to vote if you have an **outstanding warrant, traffic ticket, bankruptcy, civil fine, or misdemeanor.**
7. People **convicted of a felony** in NC or any state may register to vote after serving their complete sentence, including probation. No special document is needed. Just register like anyone else.
8. **On Election Day, go to your own precinct's poll to vote.** If you can't get to your home precinct, you may vote with a provisional ballot at another precinct in your county, but part of the ballot may not count.
9. If you mark the **wrong choice by mistake**, ask the elections official for a new ballot to replace a "spoiled" one.

## Preview your own ballot: Who's on it?

Every voter's ballot will include the judicial contests on pages 1 and 2 of this Voter Guide, as well as the 6 Constitutional Amendments described on page 3. Those are crucial reasons to vote, but you'll see other important contests on your ballot this year.

**Preview your own ballot by visiting [demnc.co/distr](http://demnc.co/distr) and following the instructions. You can also read the candidates' responses to questions from Common Cause at [NCVoterGuide.org](http://NCVoterGuide.org) and League of Women Voters at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org). Many officials are elected by district, so your ballot may be different from someone else's even in the same precinct.**

Here are some other important contests on the 2018 ballot:

- **U.S. Congress:** The winners in several competitive districts in NC could determine which political party controls Congress, passes new laws, and helps or hurts President Trump's agenda.
- **NC General Assembly:** Voters will elect all 170 members of the NC House and Senate to serve 2 years. They will decide hot topics – cut taxes on corporations *versus* invest more in public schools; improve air and water quality *versus* reduce regulations on Duke Energy; healthcare, guns, immigration, police conduct, voting rights . . . The list is long. Legislators decide hot issues but you decide who they are!

- **Sheriff:** They hire and train deputies, prioritize areas of the county to patrol, and employ practices that affect racial bias in law enforcement.
- **District Attorney:** They decide who to prosecute for what type of crime, who to recommend for a reduced sentence or alternative program, and often what bail is set or how long someone waits in jail.
- **District and Superior Court Judges:** Voters elect these local judges on different schedules, in countywide or district elections. Because of a new law, they run with party labels. They decide cases from child custody and property disputes to criminal cases with juries.
- **County Commissioners:** They set the county budget, including for schools; oversee land-use planning and social services; prioritize parks, affordable housing, transportation, arts, and other community needs.
- **School Board:** They hire the school superintendent, oversee school facilities, assign pupils, and set policy in line with state and federal law.

**Trouble voting? Questions? Call the Election Protection Hotline at 888-OUR-VOTE (888-687-8683) or visit [NCVoter.org](http://NCVoter.org)**