

No Matter Your Issue or What You Care About, You Will Find it on Your Ballot in 2023

# 2023 WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

## VOTER

### REMEMBER

Your Local Elected Officials touch your everyday lives more than federal representatives. Engaging at all levels of our democracy can help break the tangle of oppressive practices and policies. Think your vote doesn't matter? See what's on the ballot in 2023, and think again.

### VOTE EARLY

The 3 weeks leading up to Election Day in your city. Check: [demnc.co/voteearly](https://demnc.co/voteearly)

### ELECTION DAY

Depending on your city: **September 12** (Primary) **October 10** **November 7**

**ONE PERSON** can determine the outcome of an election. In 2021, **ONE VOTE** made the difference in **more than 30 municipal ELECTIONS** here in NC!

### Races that will be on the ballot in 2023:

- **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL**
  - Oversee the general administration of day-to-day city operations, including police & fire departments, arts & parks, local taxes, economic development, water & sewer management, and zoning. They hire the City Manager and prepare the annual budget.
- **LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS**
  - Local school boards were the explicit targets of multiple bills during the 2023 legislative session as lawmakers attempted to instill formally partisan values into the education system, showing the importance of these boards. They decide where kids go to school, classroom sizes, and even what textbooks are used.
- **LOCAL WATER, SEWER, AND SANITATION**
  - Commissioners and trustees work to protect clean water, address sanitary and sewer concerns, and make sure utilities run smoothly.

### Topics that will be on the ballot in 2023:

- **FREE, PUBLIC EDUCATION**
  - School Boards in every district have the power to determine what aspects of U.S. history and types of books are taught in the classroom, as well as what language is permitted while speaking to students. Our children's education is at stake this year.
- **SAFE COMMUNITIES**
  - City Councils and Mayors have the power to name cities as sanctuary spaces for members of communities – such as the LGBTQIA+ or non-U.S. born residents – whose safety may be at risk due to certain local or federal laws.
- **CHILDREN'S HEALTH**
  - Ecological hazards, from lead in local parks to dangerous runoff from agricultural farms leaching into water sources, have a disproportionate impact on Black and brown families. Local positions can help combat environmental racism and its lasting impacts.



### PRO TIP

**The more you know about the races on your ballot — the less you leave blank.** Take your time, mark your choices in EVERY race in your area, and encourage others to do the same. Learn more about what's on your ballot at [demnc.co/yourballot](https://demnc.co/yourballot)

