Pick who's on the ballot for the General Election

**Primary Election Day** *March* 5, 2024 **Vote Early** *February* 15 to March 2, 2024 Pick who represents your community in the years to come **General Election Day** November 5, 2024 **Vote Early** October 17 to November 2, 2024



**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 how to look up your sample ballot at **ncvoter.org/ballot** 

### **REMEMBER** — Start with the Locals

The races at the bottom of your ballot that touch our everyday lives should be a top priority for all voters.



**FACT** — More than **30%** of voters fail to complete their ballot.\* Don't be one of them.

\*Based on research from the University of Virginia Center for Politics

#### LOCAL JUDGES & DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

Have the power to do everything from felony and misdemeanor criminal cases to business disputes to divorce and child custody.

#### LOCAL COUNTY COMMISIONERS

Hold the purse strings for your community, determining everything from local funding for your elections and schools to setting property taxes.



# LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION & VARIOUS POSITIONS

A number of NC municipalities have elections in 2024 for education boards, mayors, and seats on municipal governing boards, all of which directly impact your community.

#### Public Safety is on the Ballot

U.S. Congresspeople create laws that impact criminal justice reform and gun regulation. Judges at all levels rule on cases we see in the news almost every day, including those connected to law enforcement.

#### Health is on the Ballot

From access to life-saving treatments, to Medicaid to your county's budget for social services, the physical and mental well-being of you and your family are in the balance.

#### Democracy is on the Ballot

State senators and congresspeople can pass legislation to make voting easier as well as make decisions on laws that affect school safety, reproductive justice, wealth distribution, and more.



#### **REMEMBER** — Choose Who Runs Our State

All North Carolinians will be affected by these co-equal branches of government.

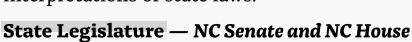
**Council of State** (Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Agriculture,

Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Labor)

Includes the top 10 officials in NC's executive branch, is led by the governor, and can call for special legislative sessions and determine the state's financial future.

# State Judges and Justices — NC Court of Appeals and Supreme Court

The state's highest courts hold the governor and legislature accountable, make life or death decisions in death penalty appeals, and are the final word on other appeals and interpretations of state laws.



The two chambers of the NC General Assembly hold the power to make state laws on everything from voting maps to investment in education to how many North Carolinians receive health care.

# **REMEMBER** — Don't Forget Your Federal Picks

Everything from the future of the economy to the fate of the planet is on your ballot.

## **U.S. President** (and Vice President)

The United States' chief executive determines the fate of our armed forces, appoints federal judges — all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court — and has the power to stop laws passed by Congress.

Congress — House of Representatives

With the ability to make U.S. law and oversee federal agencies, Congress' powers include

investing tax dollars,

72%

**FACT** — The 2020 General Election resulted in the *highest voter turnout in recent U.S. history*. **Over 5.5 million** North Carolinians cast a ballot, nearly **72%** of the state's votingeligible population at the time.

military intervention, deciding who gets health care and environmental protections, and when to hold the President accountable — from appointments to impeachments.