## **DEMOCRACY NC**

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# ENGAGING YOUNG ADULT VOTERS DURING THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL & STATEWIDE ELECTION

In a remarkable show of dedication, all 20 members of the 25th Class of Democracy Summer "Friendterns" collaborated to raise \$7,000 for civic engagement programs on their home campuses this fall. These funds will support dynamic events aimed at energizing Gen. Z voters, including a Block Party at North Carolina A&T, a voter education panel at UNC Chapel Hill, and a GOTV Movie Night at Fayetteville State University.

"I have learned so much valuable information regarding voter advocacy, voter registration, and civic engagement. I am thrilled for what the rest of the summer holds along with all of the people I can advocate for!" -Skylar McCormick, 2024 Organizing Friendtern

Each event is designed to ensure young voters are registered and motivated to participate in the upcoming election. These efforts highlight the power of youth-driven initiatives to strengthen democracy and build a more engaged electorate across the state. Thank you for making this program possible!



## **VOTER MOBILIZATION & EDUCATION**

This year, Democracy North Carolina will assist thousands of voters across the state ahead of the 2024 General Election. We are committed to equipping every eligible voter with the knowledge and resources they need to participate.

<u>Print and Digital Election Resources</u> - Free materials are now available to order. We offer a variety of voter education resources, available in both English and Spanish, to help you and your community stay informed and ready to vote.

- "Top 10 Tips for Voting" Wallet Card
- "What's on the Ballot?" One-Pager
- "Been Locked Up? Don't Get Locked Out"
- "Voter ID" Half-Sheet Guide
- Voter Registration Toolkit

Please email us at info@democracync.org or visit demnc.co/resourceform to place your order. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our team!

North Carolina Voter Guides - Our nonpartisan voter guides have arrived! Available in all 100 counties, they deliver essential election information, including early voting dates, candidate positions, and detailed explanations of local ballot measures.

In addition to our traditional printed versions, we've introduced our new Online Voter Guide. This digital tool allows any registered voter in North Carolina to easily access information on local candidates and explore ballot measures in greater detail.

#### GETTING INVOLVED

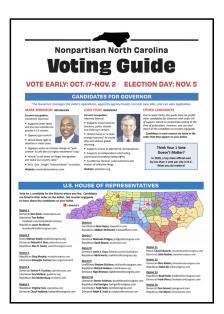
Interested in volunteering with Democracy NC but not sure where to start? We've got ways for everyone to get involved:

- Vote Protector Trainings
- Regional Coalition Meetings
- Phone Banking Sessions
- Volunteer Meet-Ups
- Community Tabling Events

Early Voting begins on October 17th. Election Day is November 5th.



Review your sample ballot at **NCVOTER.ORG/GUIDE** 





#### MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Democracy NC is fortunate to have a highly committed Board of Directors. We rely on statewide and local community leaders for guidance and support.

### Dr. Irving Joyner — Durham, NC

"In every instance where the General Assembly has acted to disadvantage or suppress the political participation of African Americans, the Legislators knew what they were doing... As a people, the most important right that we have is the right to vote!"

Dr. Joyner has been a Professor at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) School of Law since 1982. From 1984 to 1992, he served as the Associate Dean of the NCCU School of Law. He regularly teaches courses in Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Civil Rights, and Race and the Law. He has served on our Board since 2020.

## Monica Gibbs - Pamlico County, NC

"Many communities are underrepresented, and they count on me to show up. My role is about building power at the local level and mobilizing people to participate. Democracy NC embodies these values, and serving on the Board of Directors allows me to contribute my time and skills to promoting and restoring democracy!"

Monica Gibbs is the North Carolina Civic Engagement Director for the NAACP. She is also the proud mother of five and has served on our Board since 2023.

#### MEET OUR NEW POLICY DIRECTOR

## Katelin Kaiser, Policy Director — Carrboro, NC

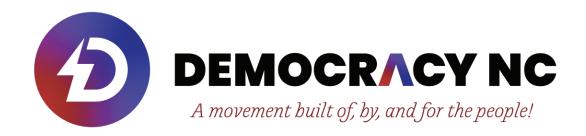
"We want to empower people to know that their voice matters and that our elections are secure. We also want voters to feel confident about who they are voting for and whether that person will fight for the issues they care about.

Knowledge is power, and when voters have trusted and vetted resources to understand the voting and election administration processes, they can share correct information with people in their community."

Katelin joined Democracy NC in May and is dedicated to fighting for an accountable, transparent, and participatory multi-racial democracy. She is licensed to practice law in North Carolina and has extensive experience in voting rights litigation, from challenging racially discriminatory voter ID laws to fighting for fair maps in Florida and Texas.

"For over 30 years, Democracy NC has taken bold action has been leading the fight from campaign finance transparency to pre-registration for 16-and-17-year olds. Democracy NC demands transparency and accountability from our elected officials at every level. I am so excited for the future of Democracy NC and to be part of a team that is grounded in people power!"





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