



Wake County Nonpartisan Voter Guide

VOTE EARLY: OCT. 17-NOV. 2 ELECTION DAY: NOV. 5

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

The Governor manages the state's operations, appoints agency heads, recruits new jobs, and can veto legislation.

MARK ROBINSON REPUBLICAN

Current occupation:
Lieutenant Governor



- Supports lower taxes and also tax subsidies for private K-12 schools.
- Opposes gun control.
- Would block right to abortion in most cases.
- Opposes action on climate change as "junk science" & calls the civil rights movement "crap."
- Would "crack down on illegal immigration and make our country safer."
- As Lt. Gov., fought "indoctrination" in schools.

Website: markrobinsonfornc.com

JOSH STEIN DEMOCRAT

Current occupation:
Attorney General



- Supports more funds for teachers, public schools and child care centers.
- Would invest in "a clean energy economy" to create jobs and address global warming.
- Supports access to abortion & contraceptives.
- Supports an independent redistricting commission to protect voting rights.
- As Attorney General, sued scammers and makers of addictive drugs.

Website: joshstein.org

OTHER CANDIDATES

Due to space limits, this guide does not profile other candidates for Governor with under 5% of support, based on nonpartisan polling at the time of publication. However, you can read about all the candidates at ncvoter.org/guide.

Candidates for each contest are listed in the order that they will appear on your ballot.

Think Your 1 Vote Doesn't Matter?

**In 2020, a top state official won
by less than 1 vote per city in N.C.
What you do matters!**

N.C. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

The N.C. Supreme Court is not well known, but citizens elect its 7 Justices and its rulings affect everything: voting rights, fair prices, parental rights, racial bias, water quality, your privacy, and more. You can choose 1 Justice this year.



JEFFERSON GRIFFIN REPUBLICAN

Current occupation: NC Court of Appeals Judge

- Former Wake Co. prosecutor and judge advocate general (JAG) officer in the Army National Guard.
- Says he is "an originalist and a textualist." He "believes the words of the Constitution mean what they say," and he values "the rule of law."

• Says in his experience "the law is applied the same to all citizens."

Endorsed by: More than three dozen sheriffs; N.C. Republican Party

Website: jeffersongriffin.com



ALLISON RIGGS DEMOCRAT

Current occupation: NC Supreme Court Justice

- Former civil rights and voting rights attorney.
- Says courts should protect the "right to privacy [and] access to medical care."
- Says she is committed to "equal justice under the law" because she has seen the justice system hold people back rather than give them "access to equity and fairness."

Endorsed by: Sierra Club; N.C. Young Democrats

Website: riggsforourcourts.com

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3 WAYS TO VOTE

1. EARLY VOTING: Oct. 17 to Nov. 2

This is the most popular way to vote; it offers flexible days and places for voting. You can register and vote at the same time at early voting sites. Find them for Wake County inside this guide or at ncvoter.org/early.

2. ELECTION DAY: Nov. 5, 6:30am - 7:30pm

Vote at your precinct's designated polling place. Find your polling place and review your personal ballot at ncvoter.org/lookup.

3. **VOTE BY MAIL:** This is more complicated than in 2020. You will need two witnesses or a notary when you vote. Follow the directions very carefully. Act early and allow for slow mail. See ncvoter.org/absentee.

4 TIPS FOR VOTING

1. Bring an acceptable **photo ID** like a N.C. driver's license; it's okay if the address is out of date. Many student IDs are good. If you don't have an acceptable ID, you can still vote; ask the poll worker for an ID EXCEPTION FORM.

2. Take a **list of your candidate choices** on paper or on your phone to help you remember. Don't take photos in the poll; that's prohibited.

3. If you **have a disability**, you can get help to vote from anyone you choose, except your employer or union agent; or vote curbside in a car.

4. For **questions about voting**, visit ncvoter.org, call the free hotline 888-867-8683, or scan →



For all the candidates on your ballot, scan →

Send Your Values to DC

In addition to President, you can choose legislators to represent your concerns in Congress and the N.C. General Assembly. Vote for 1 candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, 1 for N.C. Senate, and 1 for N.C. House based on your Districts. District lines are new this year; find yours at ncvoter.org/distr.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



KAMALA HARRIS DEMOCRAT

- Says: "Building up the middle class will be a defining goal of my presidency."
- Supports affordable child care and health care, paid family leave, and the right to an abortion.
- Wants new gun control and voting rights laws.
- Would fight price gouging by corporations.

• Supported the bipartisan immigration reform bill opposed by Trump.

Website: kamalaharris.com



DONALD TRUMP REPUBLICAN

- Says: "My first acts as your next President will be to Close the Border, DRILL, BABY, DRILL, and Free the January 6 Hostages being wrongfully imprisoned!"
- Plans to replace Obamacare with insurance markets.
- Will combat fraud with federal limits on access to voting.
- Wants to "certify teachers who embrace patriotic values," end teaching about racism, and let parents elect principals.

Website: donaldjtrump.com

OTHER CANDIDATES: Several other presidential candidates from other political parties are on the ballot; they are profiled at ncvoter.org/guide.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members of Congress adopt legislation affecting local, national, and global affairs. Wake Co. is in 3 Congressional Districts. Vote for 1 candidate to represent the District where you live. See ncvoter.org/guide for profiles of who is on your ballot. Candidates are listed throughout this guide in their order on the ballot.

DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATES

MICHAEL DUBLIN GREEN



- Public school teacher.
- Wants a living wage of \$25 and says: "A vote for me is striking a blow at corporate greed and those who have sacrificed workers in the temple of the Capitalist God: greed."
- Opposes "military/industrial complex" and wants to "end the war machine."

• Says "stop burning fossil fuels and eating meat in large quantities" to address climate change.

Website: ncgpcandidates.org/michael-dublin

DEBORAH K. ROSS DEMOCRAT



- District 2's current Representative in Congress.
- Says it is "shameful that women are still paid less than men for the same work." Will continue to sponsor bills like the Equal Pay Act.
- Advocates against racial discrimination, for voting rights, and for comprehensive judicial reform.

• Defends Obamacare & reproductive healthcare.

Website: deborahross.com

ALAN D. SWAIN REPUBLICAN



- Former US Army Colonel.
- Wants to "cut federal spending, reduce the national debt, stop Democratic tax hikes, and halt Bidenomics."
- Prioritizes fully funding law enforcement, fighting drug & human trafficking, and also increasing funding to "rebuild the military."

• Would use "conservative, free-market approaches" to address global warming.

Website: swainforcongress.com

DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATES

VALERIE P. FOUSHEE DEMOCRAT



- District 4's current Representative in Congress.
- Prioritizes "legislation that brings equity to all communities." Will continue to "fight against systemic racism."

• Says "access to affordable, quality healthcare is a right which should be guaranteed to all Americans."

• Wants to raise the minimum wage, pass the Green New Deal, and protect labor organizing.

Website: valeriefoushee.com

GUY MEILLEUR LIBERTARIAN



- Master arborist, educator
- Prioritizes "a dynamic, future-oriented educational system based on choice" that includes "fully funding" tax-paid scholarships for kids in private schools, as well as allowing students to choose whatever public school they prefer.

• Would dissolve ABC Boards and let private business produce, distribute, and sell liquor.

Website: guyfornc.org

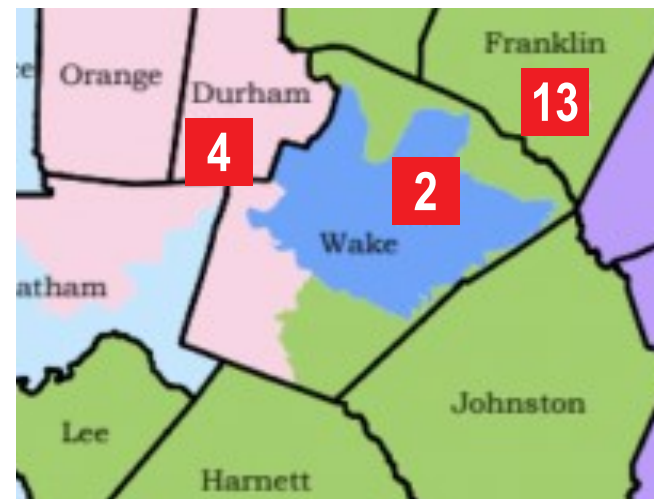
ERIC BLANKENBURG REPUBLICAN



- Technology consultant.
- Prioritizes "reforming our tax and regulatory systems to make America the best place to start a new business and expand an existing one."
- Says our schools are well funded but yield "lousy results."

• Says the right way to achieve a "Green energy future" is to have the market lead in finding solutions that are "economically viable."

Website: ericfornc.com



DISTRICT 13 CANDIDATES

BRAD KNOTT REPUBLICAN



- Former U.S. prosecutor.
- Opposes passing any new laws to regulate gun use or ownership.
- Supports "school choice" so parents can transfer their children to charter or private schools; says "public schools push woke ideologies like critical race theory."

• Will prioritize "tough-on-crime policies" because Democrats "brought us deadly violence."

Website: bradknottforcongress.com

FRANK PIERCE DEMOCRAT



- Owns landscaping business.
- Supports "a reasonable tax rate to assure a lean & efficient government."
- Says: "Let's stop demonizing immigrants" and adopt sensible policies like the bipartisan plan developed earlier this year.

• Wants to lower drug prices, reduce racial health disparities, defend voting rights, build affordable housing & "fully fund Title I for disadvantaged kids."

Website: frankpierce4congress.com

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N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly has 50 members in the N.C. Senate and 120 members in the N.C. House who represent Districts across the state. All members will be elected this year for a two-year term. They adopt laws affecting health-care, jobs, schools, taxes, racial justice, roads, voting, climate change, abortion, guns & more.

As in Congress, Democratic and Republican legislators often disagree on issues. Learn about the candidates seeking to represent you at ncvoter.org/guide and Vote411.org.

Differences between Democratic and Republican candidates reflect the differing positions of party leaders, like these from N.C. Senate leaders:

Examples of Different Positions of Democratic vs. Republican Legislators in the General Assembly

DEMOCRATIC SENATE LEADER: DAN BLUE

vs.

REPUBLICAN SENATE LEADER: PHIL BERGER



“Stop giving corporate titans and millionaires tax cuts and invest that money in our public school teachers and students.”

“Restore the Earned Income Tax Credit for working families.”

“Stop the sale of assault weapons, enforce strict backgrounds checks, and enact strong red flag laws to keep vulnerable parties safe.”

Opposes U.S. Supreme Court’s repeal of *Roe v. Wade*.



“Cut taxes on businesses and cut govt. regulation halting progress in the private economy.”

“Increase the number of charter schools and funding for students to attend private schools.”

Do not restore the Earned Income Tax Credit for working families. Opposes an assault rifle ban & strong red flag laws.

Supports Supreme Court’s repeal of *Roe v. Wade*.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONTESTS INVOLVING WAKE COUNTY VOTERS

Find your N.C. House and Senate contests at ncvoter.org/guide and Vote411.org. D=Democrat; R=Republican; L=Libertarian

- NC Senator District 13: Lisa Grafstein (D) vs. Susan Hogarth (L) vs. Scott Lassiter (R)
- NC Senator District 14: Angela McCarty (R) vs. Dan Blue (D) vs. Sammie Brooks (L)
- NC Senator District 15: Kat McDonald (L) vs. David Bankert (R) vs. Jay J. Chaudhuri (D)
- NC Senator District 16: Gale Adcock (D)
- NC Senator District 17: Mrs. Sydney Batch (D) Patrick J. Bowersox (L)
- NC Senator District 18: Terence Everitt (D) vs. Brad Hessel (L) vs. Ashlee Bryan Adams (R)
- NC House District 11: Allison A. Dahle (D) vs. Philip Hensley (R) vs. Matthew Kordon (L)
- NC House District 21: Ya Liu (D) vs. Mary Miskimon (R)
- NC House District 33: Monika Johnson-Hostler (D) vs. Chris Costello (L)
- NC House District 34: Ed George (L) vs. Tim Longest (D)
- NC House District 35: Evonne S. Hopkins (D) vs. Michael Oakes (L) vs. Mike Schietzelt (R)
- NC House District 36: Travis Groo (L) vs. Julie von Haefen (D) vs. Becki Allen (R)
- NC House District 37: Safiyah Jackson (D) vs. Erin Pare (R) vs. Christopher Robinson (L)
- NC House District 38: Abe Jones (D)
- NC House District 39: James Roberson (D)
- NC House District 40: Jerry Doliner (R) vs. Joe John (D) vs. Mike Munger (L)
- NC House District 41: Matthew Laszacs (L) vs. Maria Cervania (D)
- NC House District 49: Cynthia Ball (D)
- NC House District 66: Michael Nelson (L) vs. Sarah Crawford (D)

Pick Your County & City Leaders

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The 7 members of the County Commission adopt the budget for schools, sheriff’s department, and other agencies, and they make decisions affecting land use, housing, conservation, the health department, and other vital services. This year, voter in just 3 Districts will elect a Commissioner who lives in their District. See your ballot at ncvoter.org/guide.

DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATE

SUSAN P. EVANS
DEMOCRAT

This candidate has no opponent.

DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATE

TARA WATERS
DEMOCRAT

This candidate has no opponent.

DISTRICT 6 CANDIDATES



SHINICA THOMAS
DEMOCRAT

- On Board of County Commissioners now.
- Priorities: promote housing affordability, focus on public health & safety, support vulnerable populations, and advance multi-modal transit options.

Website: vote4shinica.com



JACOB ARTHUR
REPUBLICAN

- Gen. Counsel/COO at Moss Construction & Design LLC.
- Priorities: reduce taxes, rein in spending, lower the county’s debt, fill vacancies at the Sheriff’s department, and prioritize public safety in Wake County.

Website: jacobarthurforwake.com

QUESTIONS AT THE END OF YOUR BALLOT

→ All voters will see this question at the end of the ballot: The N.C. Constitution now specifies that a person “born in the U.S. or naturalized” is entitled to vote. Do you want to change the wording to say “only a citizen of the U.S.” is entitled to vote? YES or NO

→ Wake County voters can vote YES or NO to authorize the County to issue bonds (borrow money) worth \$142 million for constructing new or upgrading current LIBRARY FACILITIES (fixed or mobile); property taxes will pay off the bonds over several years.

→ Cary voters will have 2 more questions about authorizing \$30 million of bonds for developing affordable housing and \$560 million for new and existing parks and recreational facilities.
→ Zebulon voters can vote YES or NO for issuing \$20 million of bonds for streets & sidewalks.

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The 9-member Board of Education hires the School Superintendent and oversees finances and school policies. This year, 5 Board members are elected by District on a nonpartisan basis. See your District and ballot at ncvoter.org/guide.

DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATES



WING NG

- On School Board now. Physician.
- Promotes “early literacy using evidence-based methods and high-dosage tutoring programs.”
- Supports “the freedom of teachers to design curriculum in keeping with state standards” and will uphold “parents’ final authority to opt out of material that they find objectionable.”

Endorsers: Wake Co. Republican Party; N.C. Rep. Erin Paré

Website: wingforwakeschools.com



JORDYNE BLAISE

- Diversity & equity strategist at Molt+Moxie Consulting.
- Would “create more opportunities for parental involvement in school activities and decision-making.”
- Would “address disparities in discipline and academic achievement among different student groups” and “increase funds for school counselors and mental health resources.”

Endorsers: Wake Co. Democratic Party; Wake Co. Assn. of Educators

Website: jordyneforwake.com

DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATES



TOSHIBA RICE

- On School Board now. CEO of JoKhyKi LLC.
- Would “develop & enforce clear anti-bullying policies [and] establish support systems for victims.”
- Supports “implementing evidence-based instructional strategies that cater to diverse learning styles” and that establish regular assessment & intervention to ensure student progress.

Endorsers: Wake Co. Democratic Party

Website: toshibarice.com

ROBERT MORALES VERGARA

He has withdrawn, but his name may appear on the ballot.



MIKE WILLIAMS

- Educational consultant & former school administrator.
- Would address book bans by polling the community to assess the books’ appropriateness.
- Would “bolster school safety by immersing all students into the school culture, increasing mental health, and aggressively encouraging ‘See something, Say something’ campaigns.”

Endorsers: none listed for his campaign on his website

Website: docwmsone.com

SEAN CALLAN

No website or campaign Facebook page identified.

Other Wake Co. Contests

Superior Court Judge, District 10C, Seat 1:

Stephanie Davis (Una) vs. Becky Holt (R) vs. Sean A.B. Cole (D)

Superior Court Judge, District 10F, Seat 1:

Graham Shirley (R) vs. Jennifer Bedford (D)

District Court Judge, District 10D, Seat 3 (Unexpired Term):

Karl Roth (R) vs. Kevin Boxberger (D)

12 other District Court Judges: unopposed

Wake County Register Of Deeds:

Tammy L. Brunner (D) unopposed

Soil And Water Conservation District Supervisor:

Brian K. Lewis vs. Reese Wamsley vs. Mark Boone

DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES



LYNN EDMONDS

- On School Board now. Public Schools First NC staff.
- Would expand “grow your own” program which recruits WCPSS high school students to become educators.
- Supports raises for teachers, more counselors & nurses, and “equity-focused practices that will improve learning.”

Endorsers: Wake Co. Democratic Party; Wake Co. Assn. of Educators

Website: lynnforwake.com



TED HILLS

- Senior ontologist and data modeler.
- Says Wake Co. school system should be doing “a much better job” of serving its “three constituencies” – students, parents, and taxpayers.
- Says taxpayers want school graduates to “give their community a boost through hard work & productivity [and] stable families.”

Endorsers: Wake Co. Republican Party

Website: ted4ed.com

DISTRICT 6 CANDIDATES



SAM HERSHEY

- On School Board now. Evim Solutions CEO. Former coach.
- Wants support teams of mental health professionals, nurses, and social workers in each school full time.
- Values diversity “in all aspects of life,” opposes book bans beyond established review process, wants improved communication with parents, and supports SROs in middle & high schools.

Endorsers: Wake Co. Democratic Party; Wake Co. Assn. of Educators

Website: samforwake.com



JOSH POINTS

- Vice president of Medalist Capital.
- Says he’s running because 1 in 3 students is not proficient in reading and math, far worse than 20 years ago. Says: get back to basics, including teaching cursive writing.

- Says too much of increased funding goes to administrators “and that’s not helping my kids and everybody else’s kids learn better.”

Endorsers: Wake Co. Republican Party

Web: facebook.com/josh.points.7

DISTRICT 8 CANDIDATES



LINDSAY MAHAFFEY

- On School Board now. Former teacher.
- Says: “Let’s keep our focus on learner profiles & formative assessments instead of promoting high-stakes testing.”
- Wants to expand magnet options, academies & vocational programs to give students & parents more choices.

Also promotes “soft skills” (e.g., citizenship, empathy) helpful for real life.

Endorsers: Wake Co. Democratic Party; Wake Co. Assn. of Educators

Website: electlindsay.com



ELIZABETH MCDUFFIE

- Realtor. Former teacher.
- Will ensure that “money is spent effectively” to directly impact instruction, with “a transparent budgeting process.”
- Will “address key controversial issues directly with a commitment to unifying our community and respecting diverse perspectives [and] aiming for common goals that benefit all students.”

Endorsers: Wake Co. Republican Party

Website: mcduffie4schoolboard.org

RALEIGH MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

The Raleigh City Council hires the City Manager to oversee city departments and implement policies the Council adopts that affect housing, land use, transit, taxes, recreation, and many services.

Voters elect 1 member from their own District, 2 members At Large or citywide, and the Mayor who presides at Council meetings. Those with highest votes win, no runoff. Find your District and ballot at ncvoter.org/guide.

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR



JANET COWELL

- Dix Park Conservancy President; former State Treasurer.
- Would “diversify housing options,” partner with nonprofits to build low-income housing, and rehabilitate existing homes to be safe & livable.
- Wants “a forward-looking rezoning plan [to] help build a community that works for everyone through public input & comprehensive review.”

Website: janetcowellformayor.com



PAUL FITTS

- Mortgage lender.
- Says “our city council hasn’t focused at all on Public Safety. We need a minimum of 400 more police officers.”
- Would make the city “more business friendly” and create more livable areas, e.g., convert land used now for state prisons to livable spaces.
- Supports bringing a casino to Raleigh.

Website: fittsforraleigh.com



EUGENE MYRICK

- Educator.
- Priorities: “community-based power,” neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing, social equity & environmental justice.
- Says developers have too much influence; wants sustainable development.
- Opposes moving Red Hat Amphitheater to South Street area.

Website: myrickformayor.com

TERRANCE (TRUTH) RUTH



- Professor at NC State.
- Says: “The security of our city hinges on two things: advancing community well-being and implementing evidence-based policies. I will use a collaborative approach that humanizes policy decisions.”
- Wants more housing options, downtown revitalization, and a “holistic approach to safety beyond traditional policing.”

Website: truthforraleigh.com

JAMES L. SHAUGHNESSY IV



- Catering company manager.
- Would use AI to “streamline government systems” and would “restructure zoning laws to encourage more development from contractors.”
- Would “bolster mental health support,” create a mental hospital, and expand programs to aid those with addiction and homelessness.

Website: shaughnessy4you.com

CANDIDATES FOR AT LARGE



JAMES BLEDSOE

- IT manager for state agency.
- Says: “As the only Combat Veteran running, I am bringing a unique perspective to city government.”
- Would “reverse the trend of an increased cost of living, housing shortage, and lack of support for first responders and veterans.”
- Would lower spending & reduce city’s debt.

Website: electjamesbledsoe.com



JOSHUA BRADLEY

- Works in hospitality industry.
- Says he is running because “working-class people should have a seat at the table.”
- Would address racial injustice and economic inequality. Says investing in communities of color and policies that improve life for city employees will benefit all residents.

- Supports fully free public transit.

Website: bradleyforraleighworkers.com

STORMIE DENISE FORTE



- On City Council. Attorney.
- Wants to “ensure all Raleigh citizens, especially those in disenfranchised communities, have access to affordable housing.”
- Wants to improve “community mobility” and partner with grassroots organizations to promote small businesses and economic development.

• **Website:** stormie4raleigh.com

JONATHAN LAMBERT-MELTON



- On City Council. Attorney.
- Supports Council’s decisions: add 5,500 affordable homes by 2026 & allow accessory dwelling units and more housing options.
- Supports Police Advisory Board and higher pay for police, first responders, and other city employees.

- Wants better bus service, e-bikes, EV charging stations, and smart/anti-sprawl land use.

Website: jonathanmelton.com



KATIE PATE

- Marketing consultant; part-time barista.
- Priorities: “Authenticity, Accountability, and Kindness.”
- Says: “Our elected officials and public employees should be held to a higher standard. Honesty and transparency will make the city stronger.”

- Will not take contributions from developers.

Website: katiepateforraleigh.com



REEVES PEELER

- Community organizer.
- Says he is a “worker advocate, outdoor enthusiast & housing activist with a vision for a better and more equitable Raleigh.”
- Wants “stronger neighborhoods, community engagement, expanded public recreation, better walk/bike/public transit options.”

- Would empower CACs & small area planning.

Website: reevesforraleigh.com



ROBERT STEELE JR.

- Property manager.
- Wants a violent crime alert system, which could have saved the lives of his fiancée & others. Wants crime-free bus service.

- Will “aggressively seek” public-private partnerships to build affordable housing. Will not accept contributions from developers. Opposes up-zoning and wants inclusionary zoning.

Website: rob4raleigh.com

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT A



MARY BLACK-BRANCH

- On City Council. Founder of Radical Futurist Lab.
- Will “promote a vision for justice, climate action & progress.”
- Wants to “address police violence” with changes in police dept.’s budget.
- Prioritizes stopping gentrification, increasing access to renovated affordable housing, and combining climate justice with housing justice.

Website: mary4districta.com



WHITNEY HILL

- Small business owner.
- Says: “Public safety is the number one responsibility of city government.” Wants to fill vacant positions and help overworked & underpaid police and first responders.

- Wants to control taxes & make growth pay for itself, rather than add taxes to current residents.

- Wants to be “prudent and cautious” about expanding parks to avoid adding to tax burden.

Website: whitneyforraleigh.com



MITCHELL SILVER

- Urban planner; former Planning Director for Raleigh; former Parks Commissioner for NYC.
- Prioritizes “Quality Growth, Affordable Housing, and Public Health and Safety.”

- Would create “great streets, places & spaces” by using his past experience, for example, helping create Raleigh’s Unified Development Code.

Website: silverforraleigh.com

Vote your whole ballot, top to bottom. Don’t give away your power.

RALEIGH MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL *CONTINUED*

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT B



JENNIFER MCCOLLUM

- Worked in healthcare field.
- Wants to lower taxes, reduce the city's debt, and cut unnecessary spending.
- Wants to hire more police and pay first responders a livable salary.
- Says "need to pause on park expansion [and] reallocate funds toward critical issues" – housing, public safety, and emergency services.

Website: jenn4raleigh.com



MEGAN PATTON

- On City Council. Service manager in IT field; former teacher.
- Wants tax relief for "long-time residents" stressed by tax hikes.
- Wants to build mixed-income housing, provide down payment aid, and "hold developers accountable for building with sustainability in mind."
- Will "focus on transparency and rebuilding trust in the Council."

Website: pattonforraleigh.com

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT C



COREY BRANCH

- On City Council. Associate Director of Kyndryl.
- Priorities: "Improved Transportation, Affordable Housing, Youth Development, and Economic Growth."
- Emphasizes that "safe, engaging programming [for youth] is needed to ensure a bright future."
- Says his campaign's endorsements range from NC AFL-CIO to Home Builders Association.

Website: coreybranch.com



DAQUANTA COPELAND

- Staff of Wake Co. Affordable Housing Department.
- Priorities include addressing "social & economic disparities, food security, accessible & connected public transit," affordable housing, and

living wages for emergency service workers.

- Says: "I will be the Force of Change" who can navigate bureaucracies and "get things done."

Website: daquantacopeland.com



TOMARA DECOSTA

- Health research manager.
- Prioritizes "reducing wasteful spending, supporting small business, and making streets safer and more attractive."
- "Will work with developers to produce more housing and create beautiful neighborhoods."
- Wants to provide competitive salaries to city workers to retain & maintain quality service.

Website: tomaraforraleigh.com



DANIEL GRANT-KING

- Wake Co. school instructor.
- Prioritizes "outreach efforts, education initiatives, and accessible platforms" to increase public participation in city policy decisions & to create a "more inclusive" community.
- Supports accessible, affordable housing for all.
- Says the current transportation system is failing and must become safe, reliable & accessible.

Web: sites.google.com/view/danielgrantkingforraleigh



JARED S. OLLISON

- Comm. college instructor; former career in law enforcement.
- Campaign motto: "For Your Safety, For Your Voice."
- Priorities include "regulate rising property taxes; moderate growth; increase mental health resources; reduce homelessness; increase wages for law enforcement officers, first responders and other city employees."

Website: jaredollisonforraleigh.com

TOLULOPE O. OMOKAIYE



- CEO of EVOLVE Mentoring.
- Says she brings a "fresh perspective and proven leadership in the District."
- Wants "equitable economic development" that preserves

the historic character of affected communities.

- Wants "safe, stable" transportation for riders & operators; and affordable housing as a city-wide initiative with centralized coordination.

Web: facebook.com/groups/974073024719166



PORTIA W. ROCHELLE

- Pastor.
- Supports making free bus rides a permanent service rather than temporary or for limited users.
- Prioritizes building affordable housing rather than a stadium or amphitheater.
- Advocates for a living wage for police, first responders, and all city employees.

Website: rochelleforraleigh.com

CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT D

JANE HARRISON

This candidate has no opponent.

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT E



JOHN CERQUEIRA

- Corporate training/consulting.
- Will advocate for "smart growth strategies, supporting mixed-use developments, and preserving green spaces."
- Says ensuring public safety is "not only a matter of protecting our residents, but also fostering an environment where everyone feels secure and supported."

Website: john4raleigh.com



CHRISTINA JONES

- On City Council. Educator.
- Says she became involved in city affairs thru her Citizens Advisory Council; after CACs were abolished, she got elected & led effort on the Council to revive/strengthen them.
- Supports creating affordable housing & having Dist. E "do our part" to add units & be welcoming.
- Wants to reduce vacancies in public service jobs and offer competitive pay and benefits.

Website: christinaforraleigh.com

Use an Early Voting Location, Oct. 17-Nov. 2

Wake Co. voters can vote at any of the locations listed below during Early Voting. You can use Same-Day Registration to register and vote during Early Voting (but not on Election Day); see the last section of ncvoter.org/register.

All 22 sites are open: Weekdays (Monday-Friday), Oct. 17 to Nov. 1, 8 am-7:30 pm; Saturdays, Oct. 19 & Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, 8 am-3 pm; and Sundays, Oct. 20 & Oct. 27, 1-6 pm.

- Abbott's Creek Community Center, 9950 Durant Rd., Raleigh
- Avery Street Recreation Center, 125 Avery St., Garner
- Barwell Road Community Center, 5857 Barwell Park Drive, Raleigh
- Cary Senior Center, 120 Maury Odell Place, Cary
- Eastern Regional Center, 1002 Dogwood Drive, Zebulon
- Green Road Community Center, 4201 Green Rd., Raleigh
- Herbert C. Young Community Center, 101 Wilkinson Ave., Cary
- Hilltop Needmore Park, 4621 Shady Greens Dr., Fuquay-Varina
- John Chavis Meml. Park Comm. Center, 505 MLK Jr. Blvd., Raleigh
- John M. Brown Community Center, 53 Hunter St., Apex
- Knightdale Recreation Center, 102 Lawson Ridge Rd., Knightdale
- Lake Lynn Community Center, 7921 Ray Rd., Raleigh
- Laurel Hills Community Center, 3808 Edwards Mill Rd., Raleigh
- NCSU Talley Student Union, 2411 Dunn Ave., Raleigh
- Northern Regional Center, 350 E Holding Ave., Wake Forest
- Optimist Park Community Center, 5900 Whittier Drive, Raleigh
- Southeast Raleigh YMCA, 1436 Rock Quarry Rd., Raleigh
- W.E. Hunt Recreation Center, 301 Stinson Ave., Holly Springs
- Wake Co. Board of Elections Office, 1200 N. New Hope Rd., Raleigh
- Wake Tech, Northern Campus, BLDG E, 7151 Success Way, Raleigh
- Wake Tech, Southern Campus, BLDG T, 9101 Fayetteville Rd., Raleigh
- Wendell Community Center, 601 W 3rd St., Wendell

Pick More N.C. Top Officials

The Governor appoints leaders of some agencies (e.g., health and commerce), but voters elect 8 officials to lead other departments, plus the Lt. Governor. Here are the major party candidates for those positions.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR*

The Lt. Governor presides over the N.C. Senate and sits on the N.C. Board of Education and other boards.



RACHEL HUNT DEMOCRAT

- Supports investing in public school teachers rather than giving tax money to private academies.
- Emphasizes “standing with rural NC” for economic opportunity, broadband, and affordable housing.
- Supports access to abortion and healthcare.
- Promotes job training and housing for veterans.

Website: rachelhunt.com



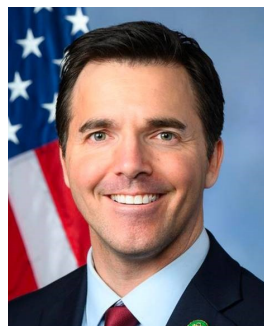
HAL WEATHERMAN REPUBLICAN

- Supports placing “armed school resource officers in each and every K-12 school.” Opposes gun control.
- Give companies tax breaks for apprenticeship jobs.
- For “Heartbeat” law to ban abortion after 6 weeks.
- Wants to integrate community college with universities to promote trades and practical skills.

Website: halweathermanfornc.com

ATTORNEY GENERAL

The AG leads the Dept. of Justice, which protects consumers, defends state agencies, and advises local law enforcement.



JEFF JACKSON DEMOCRAT

- Supports criminal justice reform: stop racial bias in sentencing, reduce incarceration for non-violent offenses, and improve reentry programs. Also supports public access to police camera videos.
- Supports gun control: require universal background checks and enact “red flag” protective laws.
- Supports expanding voting rights, independent redistricting, and ending secret money in politics.

Website: jeffjacksonnc.com



DAN BISHOP REPUBLICAN

- Says: “Crime and lawlessness is out of control in our state and I believe restoring a culture of law and order is the most important job of the next AG.”
- Says he’s now “one of the toughest and most outspoken conservatives in Congress.”
- Supports stronger measures to stop voter fraud and “ballot-box stuffing.” Opposes independent redistricting commission to draw political districts.

Website: votedanbishop.com

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

The Superintendent heads the Dept. of Public Instruction, which implements State Board of Education policies & state law.



MAURICE (MO) GREEN DEMOCRAT

- Experience: Led Guilford County School System.
- Top goals: “Prepare each student for their next phase in life.” “Enhance parent and community support” and a “safe, secure learning environment.”
- Supports more funds for pre-K schools, rural youth apprenticeships, and an 8.5% raise for teachers.

- Opposes “taxpayer-funded private school vouchers for the very wealthy.”

Website: mogreenfornc.com



MICHELE MORROW REPUBLICAN

- Experience: Homeschool teacher and nurse.
- Believes school funding must be “fueled by a fiscally conservative, free market.” Opposes federal school funds.
- Wants “independent audit of the public schools”; says many are “indoctrination centers” that threaten the U.S.
- Opposes teaching students about race and racism.

- Opposes COVID mandates; says “teachers unions forced school closures.”

Website: morrow4nc.com

SECRETARY OF STATE

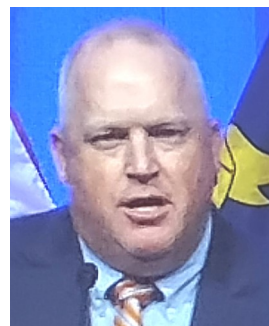
The Secretary of State manages the registration of businesses, charities and lobbyists and maintains N.C.’s official records.



ELAINE MARSHALL DEMOCRAT

- Has served as N.C. Secretary of State since 1997.
- Says: “I’ve worked to cut red tape for entrepreneurs starting companies, prosecute criminals who masquerade as charities, and crack down on financial fraud.”
- Supports modernizing notary and other services.

Website: elainemarshall.com



CHAD BROWN REPUBLICAN

- Serves on the Gaston Co. Board of Commissioners; was previously Town of Stanley mayor.
- Would “promote innovation and small business growth” and “protect consumers from fraud and identity theft.”

Website: electchadbrown.com

TREASURER

The Treasurer oversees state investments, local government borrowing, and the state employee health & retirement plans.



WESLEY HARRIS DEMOCRAT

- Plans to “protect our strong bond rating” and “expand our investment capacity” by moving more funds “sitting in cash” into higher-yield investments.
- Says: “The Treasurer’s office shouldn’t be a playground for partisan games.”

Website: harrisfornc.com



BRAD BRINER REPUBLICAN

- Top priority: “Remedy the chronic underperformance of the Retirement System” caused by “an irrational love of risk-free fixed income investments.”
- Would give a “fiduciary board of professionals,” not just the Treasurer, authority for investment decisions.

Website: bradbriner.com

More State Officials

Candidates are in order as they appear on the ballot

*A third party candidate for this office is profiled at ncvoter.org/guide

AUDITOR*

The State Auditor reviews the financial management of agencies and programs that receive public funds.



JESSICA HOLMES DEMOCRAT

- Current Auditor; former Wake Co. Commissioner.
- Says she is “committed to safeguarding taxpayer dollars as the NC Auditor, leveraging her expertise, integrity, and unwavering dedication to equitable policies for the betterment of N.C.”

Website: jessicafornc.com



DAVE BOLIEK REPUBLICAN

- Former prosecutor and UNC-CH Trustees Board chair.
- Says: “Led fight at UNC to eliminate woke diversity” and has “expertise to root out government corruption.”
- Would expose waste in government, “scrub voter rolls,” and examine efficiencies at DMV and schools.

Website: auditordave.com

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

The Commissioner leads the Labor Department, which inspects workplaces and enforces laws about worker health & safety.



LUKE FARLEY REPUBLICAN

- Says: “Will fight for free enterprise, fair competition, and cutting government red tape.”
- Will protect workers who refuse orders to receive a COVID vaccine; opposes new heat stress regulations.
- Supports “accountability by keeping the commissioner’s picture on elevator certificates.”

Website: lukefarleync.com



BRAXTON WINSTON II DEMOCRAT

- Says: “CNBC ranked NC as #1 state to do business [but] Oxfam ranked NC as worst state to be a worker. This is unacceptable. Our workers deserve better.”
- Will ensure workers “work in a safe environment.”
- Will be a “whole worker” advocate for fair pay, job rights, training, and affordable health care & housing.

Website: votebraxton.com

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE*

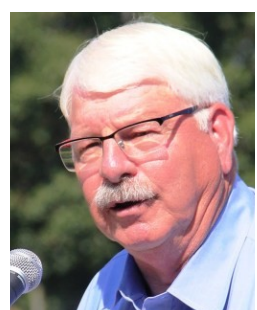
The Commissioner leads the Dept. of Agriculture, which has the double role of promoting farm products and food safety.



SARAH TABER DEMOCRAT

- Farm and food systems manager.
- Says Ag Dept. should promote high-value crops, like berries, fruits, hemp, etc.; canneries; farms in Appalachia; and processing facilities for nuts.
- Supports innovating financing for farmers, co-ops, and profit-sharing models to boost rural jobs.

Website: taberfornc.com



STEVE TROXLER REPUBLICAN

- Served as Commissioner of Agriculture since 2005.
- Has focused on “developing new markets for N.C. farm products, preserving working farms and protecting the state’s food supply.”
- Promotes meat production and the “Got To Be NC” ag marketing programs, which he says are successful.

Website: stevetroxler.com

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

The Commissioner regulates insurance rates & practices, licenses building inspectors, and trains firefighters & rescue squads.



NATASHA MARCUS DEMOCRAT

- State Senator and attorney.
- Says: “My mission has always been to stand up against corruption, corporate greed, and bad government.”
- Would “force insurance companies to justify their rates at public hearings,” which doesn’t happen now.

Website: natashamarcus.com



MIKE CAUSEY REPUBLICAN

- Served as Insurance Commissioner since 2017.
- Would abolish Rate Bureau role in setting insurance rates because it “kills free enterprise.”
- Has added fraud inspectors, added consumer services, and cleared backlog of fire dept. inspections.

Website: mikecauseync.com

N.C. COURT OF APPEALS - Candidates for 3 seats

Court of Appeals judges hear appeals of criminal and civil cases from local courts; 3 of the Court’s 15 seats are open in 2024.

SEAT 12



TOM MURRY
REPUBLICAN

Attorney and former state legislator, prosecutor, and judge advocate in the Army National Guard.

Website: jointom.com



ED ELDRED
DEMOCRAT

Attorney with over a decade of experience in trial and appellate court litigation.

Website: eldredforjudge.com



CHRIS FREEMAN
REPUBLICAN

Current District Court judge in Rockingham and Caswell counties and former district attorney.

Web: chrisfreemanforjudge.com



CAROLYN THOMPSON
DEMOCRAT

Current Court of Appeals judge; former Superior Court judge and attorney in private practice.

Web: judgearolynthompson.com



VALERIE ZACHARY
REPUBLICAN

Current Court of Appeals judge; previously practiced law for 26 years in family firm.

Web: reelectjudgezachary.com



MARTIN MOORE
DEMOCRAT

Buncombe Co. Commissioner with mediation and appellate law practice; former public defender.

Website: martinforjudge.com

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