

CCDP Weekly News Digest November 14, 2022

UNOFFICIAL NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- North Carolina House Democratic Leader Robert Reives
- North Carolina State Senator Natalie Murdock
- Chatham County Commissioners David Delaney, Franklin Gomez Flores, and Katie Kenlan
- Sheriff Mike Roberson
- Chatham County Board of Education Members Gary Leonard, Del Turner, and Jane Allen Wilson
- North Carolina Superior Court Judges Allen Baddour and Alyson Grine
- North Carolina District Court Judge C. Todd Roper
- District Attorney Jeff Nieman
- Chatham County Clerk of Superior Court Dana Hackney

You can find complete Chatham County unofficial election results [here](#).

Chatham County voter turnout was NUMBER ONE IN THE ENTIRE STATE at 65.28 percent, edging out Alleghany County at 65.14 percent! (Note: we have nearly eight times as many registered voters as Alleghany).

NCDP Election Result Statements:

NCDP Statement Congratulating NC-04's Representative-Elect Valerie Foushee

North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson has released the following statement on Representative-Elect Valerie Foushee winning in North Carolina's 4th U.S. House District:

"For decades, Valerie Foushee has worked relentlessly in Orange County and in both chambers of the General Assembly, to ensure her community has equal access to social and economic resources that put them on the path to success and fought for the next generation of leaders to receive a quality, affordable education that will allow them to reach their highest potential. She is a committed public servant that truly puts fairness and justice at the forefront. We are proud to have her represent the people of NC-04 as she carries on Congressman Price's legacy and forges a new path delivering for the people."

NCDP Statement Congratulating NC-02's Representative Deborah Ross

North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson has released the following statement on Representative Deborah Ross winning her re-election campaign in North Carolina's 2nd U.S. House District:

"Congresswoman Deborah Ross is a champion for social, environmental, and economic justice, who has spent her first term in Congress working tirelessly to build both a state and nation that works for all of its residents. In her sophomore term, she will work even harder to ensure that all North Carolinians have equal access to quality, affordable medical care, sound educational opportunities, clean energy resources, and good-paying jobs. The people of the 2nd District, and North Carolina as a whole, can sleep easy knowing that they have a true fighter representing them in Washington and we look forward to all that she will continue to achieve."

NCDP Statement Congratulating NC-12's Representative Alma Adams

North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson has released the following statement on Representative Alma Adams winning her re-election campaign in North Carolina's 12th U.S. House District:

"Hats off to Congresswoman Alma Adams who has been a steadfast champion for North Carolinians in NC-12, working to expand health care, securing game-changing funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and dedicating her career to fighting for a better future for the next generation. With her depth of knowledge and experience, North Carolina is lucky to have her advocating for our best interests in Washington."

NCDP Statement Congratulating NC-14's Representative-Elect Jeff Jackson

North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson has released the following statement on Representative-Elect Jeff Jackson winning in North Carolina's newly-drawn 14th U.S. House District:

"As a veteran, former assistant district attorney, and current member of the Army National Guard and State Senate, Jeff Jackson has a proven career of service to his community, his state, and his country – and now he will continue that service in Congress. He stands tall in North Carolina as a pillar of the strength and integrity that exemplifies Democratic values and has fought tirelessly to fund our public schools, reform our criminal justice system, and foster a North Carolina that works better for all of its residents. We are proud to have him represent our state and our values in Washington."

NCDP Statement Congratulating NC-06's Representative Kathy Manning

North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson has released the following statement on Representative Kathy Manning winning her re-election campaign in North Carolina's 6th U.S. House District:

"Congresswoman Kathy Manning has spent the last 30 years bringing people together to solve problems in her community – she truly stands as a pillar of her community and a powerful leader for the people of North Carolina. We are proud that she has been re-elected to Congress and we know her win is well-deserved. Her career in service will continue as she continues to advocate for equal economic opportunity, good paying jobs, accessible and affordable health care, and a quality education for all North Carolinians. We know that she will remain resolute in this fight for a better North Carolina and continue to provide the quality representation the people of the 6th District deserve."

NCDP Statement Congratulating NC-01's Representative-Elect Don Davis

North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson has released the following statement on Representative-Elect Don Davis winning in North Carolina's 1st U.S. House District:

"As a veteran, educator, minister, and dedicated public servant, Don Davis has long served as an advocate for the residents of Eastern North Carolina in Snow Hill and Raleigh. Now, he will do the same in Washington – bringing rural North Carolina values to Congress and fighting for the working families of the 1st District. Our democracy carries on the legacy of his predecessor, Congressman Butterfield, with pride and we are excited for him to craft his own legacy of strength and diligence for the betterment of North Carolina."

NCDP Statement Congratulating NC-13's Representative-Elect Wiley Nickel

North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson has released the following statement on Representative-Elect Wiley Nickel winning in North Carolina's 13th U.S. House District:

"Wiley Nickel is a dedicated public servant committed to enacting actionable, bipartisan change for the people of North Carolina and we congratulate him on his hard-fought victory. He has already demonstrated the quality of his character and his tireless perseverance in Raleigh for the people of his district through his time in the State Senate and now he will take those North Carolina values to Washington. We look forward to continued efforts, now on a national scale, to protect the rights and freedoms of hardworking North Carolinians and ensure that all of the people of North Carolina can thrive in a strong economy that actually works for the families of the 13th district, our state, and our country."

NCDP Statement on Democrats Protecting Governor Cooper's Veto Power

North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson released the following statement on the North Carolina Democrats holding strong and protecting Governor Cooper's veto power:

"Today, North Carolina voters have rejected the attempts of North Carolina Republicans to consolidate power and take our state backwards. North Carolinians see a stronger future for our state when Democrats have a seat at the decision-making table. Our democracy thrives when we work together to enact common-sense solutions that better the lives of all North Carolinians. North Carolina Democrats are committed to pursuing bipartisan solutions and advancing our policies to expand Medicaid, fully fund our public schools, and foster a stronger, more resilient economy."

NCDP Statement on Cheri Beasley's Campaign

North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson has released the following statement on Cheri Beasley's U.S. Senate campaign:

"Congratulations to Cheri Beasley on running a hard-fought campaign centered on the challenges facing North Carolinians. Her historic candidacy inspired millions of voters to use their voice in our democracy and we are eternally grateful that she had the courage to lend her own to this race."

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Events

This Week's Featured Event

**Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 p.m. ("doors" open at 7 p.m.)
"What Just Happened?" A Post-Election Debrief with Rob Schofield, Editor and Director of NC Policy Watch**

Via Zoom
Sponsored by Neighbors on Call

What will have just happened on November 8, and how will we feel about it? We don't know!

But no matter what, we'll definitely want these two things: your company and a discussion with Rob Schofield, Director of NC Policy Watch.

Please join us for an evening of...whatever awaits us.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Tuesday, November 15, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Board of Elections Regular Meeting
Board of Elections Office
984 Thompson Street, Suite D
Pittsboro

The board meeting will be open to the public at the Board of Elections office; 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro, NC 27312 and online via GoToMeeting.

Meeting access information will be available to citizens prior to each meeting and available at the meeting.

To sign up to receive meeting notices click this link: <https://www.chathamnc.org/about-us/sign-up-for-e-notifier>.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://meet.goto.com/671617485>

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: [+1 \(872\) 240-3412](tel:+1(872)240-3412)

Access Code: 671-617-485

Thursday, November 17, 4 – 6 p.m.
Board of Elections Provisional/Supplemental Absentee Meeting
Board of Elections Office
984 Thompson Street, Suite D
Pittsboro

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<https://meet.goto.com/782476981>

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United States: [+1 \(872\) 240-3412](tel:+1(872)240-3412)

Access Code: 782-476-981

Friday, November 18, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Board of Elections Canvass Meeting
Board of Elections Office
984 Thompson Street, Suite D
Pittsboro

The board meeting will be open to the public at the Board of Elections office; 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro, NC 27312 and online via GoToMeeting.

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Canvass is the official process of determining the votes have been counted and tabulated correctly, resulting in the authentication of the official election results.

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<https://meet.goto.com/756779053>

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United States: [+1 \(571\) 317-3112](tel:+1(571)317-3112)

Access Code: 756-779-053

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Other News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

NCDP Statement Honoring Veterans Day

North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson and NCDP Veteran and Military Family Caucus Chair Dr. Vikki Andrews released the following joint statement honoring the service and sacrifice of North Carolina's veterans and veteran families this Veterans Day:

"Today, we honor generations of North Carolina veterans and veterans nationwide that have served and sacrificed to protect our great country and democracy against its enemies – both foreign and domestic. Wherever and whoever they are, all of our veterans are united by a shared strength and bravery that pushed them into a life of public service – to commit to a higher purpose beyond themselves – for our nation and we owe them all a great deal for that commitment and sacrifice. Thanks to them, our democratic values – freedom, liberty, justice, and democratic integrity – are fiercely protected. From all of us here in North Carolina, thank you."

"We would also like to take this time to thank the military families that also demonstrate a great deal of bravery and grace as they endure the great sacrifice of being apart from their loved ones – with the risk that distance may not soon be closed. Their strength and perseverance through struggles at home – in our communities – is a testament to the service of those around the members of the military. When one person serves, so does their entire family, so we would also like to extend our thanks to them today as well."

"May all of our veterans and military families find a moment of peace and calm today as we all reflect on the debt that we all owe to them for their commitment to the defense of our country."

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News from Attorney General Josh Stein's Office

CONSUMER ALERT

Watch out for Fake Twitter Account Scams

Twitter's recent change to their account verification policy has [inundated users](#) with tweets from fake accounts impersonating famous people, government entities, and brands. Twitter's blue check feature previously indicated verified accounts, but the change allows any user to purchase a blue check through Twitter Blue for a subscription fee. Scammers are looking to take advantage of the confusion to steal your money and personal information.

In this scam, criminals purchase the blue check, change their name and profile picture, and pretend to represent someone else. While Twitter attempts to shut these fake accounts down, the scammers still have an opportunity to send tweets and messages to unsuspecting users. Here's how you can protect yourself from fake Twitter account scams:

- **Double check the suspicious profile.** Read their Twitter handle to see if it matches the name on the account. Click on the blue check mark to see how the account was verified. If it says the account subscribed to Twitter Blue, it could be a scam.
- **Never share your information with someone you met online.** Know that a government agency will never contact you on social media.
- **Contact the company directly.** Don't trust offers for "flash sales," gift cards, or threatening messages communicated on Twitter. Using contact information listed on their website, contact the company directly before taking any action.
- **Never trust someone who demands payment in cryptocurrency, wire transfers, or gift cards.** If someone on social media asks you to pay using these methods, it's a clear sign of a scam.
- **Be skeptical of messages claiming you've won or could win something.** If you don't remember entering a contest, it's probably a scam.
- **Report the fake account to Twitter.** By clicking on the three dots on the top right of a post, you can report it to Twitter so they can shut the account down.

Social media is a hub for scammers, and Twitter Blue offers them another tool to trick people. If you believe that you have been the victim of a scam, report the incident to the North Carolina Department of Justice's Consumer Protection Division. Call our office at 877-5-NO-SCAM or file a complaint online at <https://ncdoj.gov/file-a-complaint/>.

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Selected News and Opinion Stories of Note

[Reuters:](#) North Carolina Reports Possible Voter Intimidation, Threats Ahead of Midterm Elections

[Chapelboro:](#) 'A Blue Wave in Chatham' for State, Local Elections

[Carolina Public Press:](#) Voters Elect 24 North Carolina Sheriffs, 12 With Party Affiliations as Their Predecessors

[Chapelboro:](#) Cooper Veto Power Still Intact as NC GOP Gains Limited

[Twitter:](#) Cheri Beasley Vote Analysis

[NPR:](#) Latino Voters Helped Democrats Stave Off Red Wave, Says Strategist

[Carolina Public Press:](#) NC Veterans Say Their Vote and Their Opinions Matter in Elections Too

[Chatham News + Record:](#) Voters, Candidates Offer Enthusiasm Ahead of Results

[Chatham News + Record:](#) School Board Race Between Turner, Winger Remains Close, Recount Possible

[Chatham News + Record:](#) Chatham Officials, Advocates Praise Historic Leandro Decision

[NC Policy Watch:](#) Deciphering the Election Results in NC: It's the Gerrymandering, Stupid

[Associated Press:](#) Election Observers Caused Few Disturbances in North Carolina

The Assembly:

In the words of Cook Political Report's Dave Wasserman: "That was the craziest Election Night I've ever seen."

Nationally, Republicans underperformed expectations. But in North Carolina, they nearly ran the table – save a few interesting exceptions.

As the state starts to gain perspective on Tuesday's election, we rounded up some of the most intriguing insights.

The Senate Firewall Fell: Democrats banked hard on the state Senate as their firewall against a Republican supermajority, and focused less spending and effort on House races.

[That firewall didn't hold.](#) Republicans will have a 30-seat supermajority in the Senate, meaning they can override a veto from the governor if they vote as a block. Republicans are just one vote away from a supermajority in the House.

This cycle, Democrats lost five state House races by 1,000 votes or less. Expect a lot of debate over whether the decision to focus on the Senate was a fatal error for Democrats.

Look back: [The Assembly's](#) report on [Gov. Cooper's big bet](#) on a Fayetteville Senate race.

How Far Will Republicans Push: When legislators get back to work in January, Republicans will need to flip at least one Democratic House member to override a veto ... Or they could just wait until a few Democrats miss a vote. [Advance notice](#) of votes is not required under House rules, and support from 60 percent of those present can override a veto.

How aggressively will Republicans move? Do they prioritize negotiating with the most moderate Democrats? Do they start the session with contentious social issues like abortion, or do they focus on things like tax cuts?

There will be plenty of opportunities for Republicans to push past a veto. Keeping the caucus together and in near perfect attendance will be a huge task for Democrats – especially with lawmakers who have day jobs and families.

Look Back: [The Assembly's](#) look at the [amateur legislature model](#) that makes that cat herding all the more difficult.

Charlotte Stayed Home, While Raleigh Showed Up: Voter turnout in Wake County was 55 percent, but just 44 percent in Mecklenburg. Statewide, turnout was about 51 percent.

Raleigh's mayoral race turned out to be pretty darn tight. Incumbent Mary-Ann Baldwin won with a 6-point margin – bringing in just 46 percent of the vote. Turns out there are quite a number of discontents in the capital city.

Look back: [The Assembly's](#) dive into Baldwin's [contentious first term](#).

Ted Budd Performed: We were among the outlets that ran stories skeptical of Ted Budd's campaign for Senate. His effort seemed quiet, a bit dry, and at times stilted. But it worked.

Budd's off-colorful campaign leader Jonathan Felts has been oddly absent from taking a victory lap, but credit where it's due. Republicans may have underperformed nationally, but here in North Carolina Budd won comfortably by 4 points – just as his team said he would.

Look Back: [The Assembly's](#) [report from the field](#) on Budd's campaign.

The Coming Court Shift: A slate of judicial candidates rode the coattails of the top-of-the-ticket and flipped the North Carolina Supreme Court red. It could well be the outcome that has the most impact on the state long-term.

Since 2020, a 6-1 Democratic court majority has now become 5-2 Republican. This shift will be felt on everything from education funding to restricting to potentially abortion access.

Supreme Court elections are statewide, meaning that while gerrymandering can explain some of the Democratic Party's deficit, it doesn't apply here. Republicans simply outperformed Democrats statewide.

Look back: [The Assembly's](#) look at the [oddy and obscurity](#) of the state's judicial elections.