

## CCDP Weekly News Digest

November 21, 2022

**Editor's Note: We will not publish next week. We'll return on Monday, Dec. 5. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!**

### Events

#### This Week's Featured Event

**Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m.**

**"Fast-Growing North Carolina Faces an Identity Crisis"**

**Zoom Event**

**Sponsored by the Fearington Democratic Club**

Join Fearington Democratic Club for a special Zoom event on Tuesday, December 6. The intriguing and timely topic of their December meeting is '*Fast-growing North Carolina Faces an Identity Crisis*'. The speaker is Jim Buie, Fearington resident, journalist, educator, and writer on varied topics, including history, global culture, politics, and the sociology of religion. He grew up in Scotland County, currently the county with the highest unemployment in the state, and now lives just 75 miles away in Chatham County, which currently has the lowest unemployment in the state.

To request the Zoom registration link, please use the contact form on the Club's website: [FearingtonDems.org](https://fearingtondems.org) > Our Club > Contact Us ([Contact Us](https://fearingtondems.org))

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#### Get Involved!

Write postcards to help elect Raphael Warnock for U.S. Senate in Georgia!

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#### News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

This week's news releases:

- [One Year Later, Biden Delivered Where Trump Failed: Infrastructure Law Rebuilding North Carolina](#)
- [NCDP Statement On Donald Trump's 2024 Announcement](#)
- [ICYMI: North Carolina Faith Leaders Call Out Mark Robinson's Dangerous Rhetoric](#)

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#### News from Neighbors on Call

If you weren't able to attend last week's Zoom event with Rob Schofield, Director of [NC Policy Watch](#), or if you'd like to share the link with others, you can find the **recording of the event [HERE](#)**.

#### In the Nov. 8 elections,

- [Republicans in the North Carolina General Assembly fell one seat short of a veto-proof supermajority](#). While they gained exactly the number of seats needed for a supermajority in the NC Senate, [their projected gains in the NC House \(with not all elections officially called\) give them 71 seats – one less than a supermajority](#). The extremely narrow margin by which vetoes from Governor Cooper must now be sustained means that Republicans in the NCGA may try to push for previously out-of-reach movement on controversial issues such as restricting abortion rights.
- NoC-supported candidates Sen. Sydney Batch (Wake) and Rep. Terence Everitt (Wake) retained their seats and Mary Wills Bode flipped a state Senate seat (Wake). However, Rep. [Ricky Hurtado lost his bid for reelection in Alamance County by 658 votes](#).
- [Republicans gained two seats in the North Carolina Supreme Court, giving them a 5-2 majority](#). With the 4-3 majority Democrats held previously, they were able to [block partisan gerrymanders](#) and [order education funding to fulfill the Leandro plan](#), but the new Republican majority puts these issues – along with many others – in question.
- Beyond the NC Supreme Court races, [Republicans also won all four statewide Court of Appeals races on the ballot](#).
- **All results are posted on the [NC SBE Election Results Dashboard](#).**

#### Education

- The [Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission \(PEPSC\) voted 9-7 to support a plan to change teacher compensation in North Carolina to a performance-based, rather than experience-based, model](#). This represents an initial step in a recommendation process for eventual changes in law that would be implemented by the NCGA and State Board of Education. The vote was controversial, with critics expressing concerns that the new model would place too much emphasis on standardized tests and devalue experienced teachers' expertise.

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#### News from NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives

The midterm elections have finally concluded. Rep. Reives secured re-election to represent District 54 for two more years. The new district includes all of Chatham County and two precincts in Randolph County, Liberty and Staley. His guest column in the News + Record is included below, thanking supporters and outlining some priorities for the upcoming session.

The Legislature has a number of dates where we will return monthly for what are currently no-vote sessions. If something does arise, there may be votes held on those dates.

Sincerely,

**Robert T. Reives II**

<https://www.chathamnewsrecord.com/stories/putting-aside-politics-for-the-greater-good,14923>

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#### Selected News and Opinion Stories of Note

[Chatham News + Record](#): No Recount in Dist. 3 Race

[Ballotpedia.org](#): Conflicts in School Board Elections, 2021-2022

[Must-Watch Video](#): Why White People in America Are So Scared of Black People (Jane Elliott, Educator and Diversity Trainer)

[New York Times](#): Republicans, Fear the Young

[Chatham News + Record](#): Hispanic Liaison, Youth Volunteers Assist Latinx Voters

[Chatham News + Record](#): The Results Are In: Democrats Sweep Chatham

[Carolina Public Press](#): North Carolina Voter Turnout in 2022 Was Lower Than 2018, Despite Many Predicting the Opposite

[Chapelboro.com](#): Schools, Sewers, Spending: Chatham Commissioners Discuss Capital Improvement Plans

[The Assembly NC](#): The Gospel According to Mark Robinson

[Carolina Public Press](#): The Voices of NC Veterans During the 2022 Midterms

[WUNC](#): Scientists Oppose Duke Energy Plans for More Gas-Fired Plants

[Axios.com](#): NC Republicans Aren't Rushing to Endorse Trump

[NC Policy Watch](#): Bill Protecting Same-Sex Marriage Gains Bipartisan Support in U.S. Senate

[WRAL](#): 'Ramifications Are Substantial.' How Republicans Gained a Lasting Grip on the NC Supreme Court

[WRAL](#): Candidate Quality Comes into Focus as NC Republicans Reflect on Missed Opportunities in Congress