

## **Chatham County Democratic Party Weekly News Digest January 8, 2024**

### **Canvassing Orientation and Training**

Our Canvassing Team plans to hit the ground running (or at least walking) in January for this crucial election year. But, before we lace up our sneakers, we need to make sure everyone shares the vision for the road ahead and has the skills needed for success. We have a lot of wonderful Democratic candidates depending on us!

Please take a second now to sign up for one of our [Canvassing Team Orientation & Training](#) zoom sessions. By attending one of these sessions, you will learn about our canvassing plans for 2024 and develop the knowledge and skills needed to be an effective canvasser.

One more thing: Please tell us a little about your previous canvassing experience and training by completing our [Canvasser Intake Form](#). It should only take a couple of minutes and your responses will help us tailor the training to the needs of those attending each training session.

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### **Good News on March Primary Sunday Voting**

I am writing to thank everyone who wrote or otherwise contacted the State Board of Elections on the Sunday voting issue. They received over 300 emails from Chatham County and almost all supported the availability of Sunday voting.

And, I have wonderful news to share. At a special meeting of the Chatham County Board of Elections, the Board voted unanimously to include one Sunday (Feb. 25) in the early voting schedule for the March primary. Because the decision was unanimous, the State Board did not need to consider the issue.

Bottom line: The polls will be open for voting in the afternoon on Sunday, February 25th. Help us spread the word.

This outcome is an example of how we can work together to make our voices heard. With 2024 quickly approaching, I hope you'll consider helping support the work of our all-volunteer team by [becoming one of our sustaining donors or making a one-time gift](#). Together, we can make a difference in 2024!

Best wishes for the new year,

Sue Blalock  
Chair, Chatham County Democratic Party

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## **Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events**

### **Training Options**

You're invited to sign up for any of these upcoming training sessions:

[Events Team Orientation](#) @ Zoom - December 29 and January 12 & 26

[Canvassing Orientation and Training](#) @ Zoom - January 10 & 13

[Voter Registration and Education](#) @ CEC - January 13 & 27 and February 10 & 24

[Join Our Office Crew](#) @ CEC - January 23 & 30 and February 6 & 13

[Staffing Tent Events](#) – February 13 & 27

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### **Red, Wine & Blue-Sponsored Events (All Virtual)**

January 4, 7:30 p.m., Troublemaker Training: Be a Social Media Queen

Ready to defeat right-wing extremism and bring common sense back to our communities? Sharing information and inspiring people to action is how we bring change – want to widen your reach? Become a Social Media Queen – learn how to be an effective online influencer with your friends and beyond.

[Sign up.](#)

January 11, 7:30 p.m., Troublemaker Training: How to Be a Media Rockstar

You are making waves and bringing change to your community – are you ready to up your game? It's time to become a media rockstar! How do you build relationships with reporters, successfully navigate interviews and bring attention to your efforts? Join us to learn what you need to know about interacting with the media.

[Sign up.](#)

January 16, 7:30 p.m., The Legacy of Matthew Shepard and the Fight for LGBTQ+ Rights

In 1998, Matthew Shepard was killed in Wyoming solely because he was gay. Award-winning author Leslea Newman will join us to discuss her new book “Always Matt: A Tribute to Matthew Shepard” and discuss his legacy and the progress that has been made since his tragic death.

[Sign up.](#)

January 17, 7:30 p.m., Banned Book Club: The Kite Runner

Join us as we read The Kite Runner. The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father’s servant, caught in the tragic sweep of history, The Kite Runner set in Afghanistan at a tense and crucial moment of change and destruction. A powerful story of friendship, it is also about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption; and an exploration of the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, their lies.

Sign up [here](#).

January 18, 7:30 p.m., Troublemaker Training: Handing Tough Topics Like a Pro

Want a little help having effective and persuasive conversations? We got you! Join us to hear from Jess McIntosh, a communication strategist, CNN commentator and former host of Signal Boost. She can help you with tips and advice on what to say (and what not to say) and how to connect with others.

[Sign up.](#)

### **Other Upcoming Events**

January 22, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Community Climate Conversation, Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, Pittsboro

The Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC) was awarded a \$1 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) by EPA to develop the climate action plan for our region. Once complete, our local governments will be able to apply for \$4.6 billion in competitive funding, authorized by the Inflation Reduction Act, to implement projects and actions included in the climate plan. There will be a **Community Climate Conversation** on Monday, January 22, 2024, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro.

For more information and to register, visit:

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## News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

### ICYMI: North Carolina Democrats Win Big in Municipal Elections, File to Run in Nearly 100% of House and Senate Districts, and Head Into 2024 with More Energy than Ever

*North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Anderson Clayton released the following statement:*

“As 2023 comes to a close, Democrats across our state have more energy than ever heading into 2024. In November, we saw Democrats win big in areas that pundits and politicians wrote off as being too red. From Huntersville to High Point, Waynesville to Wrightsville, we not only defeated the odds, we showed the nation that North Carolina really is The battleground state of this election cycle.

When I ran for Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party, I made it a priority of mine to find quality candidates to contest every seat in our legislature. I am proud that we have Democrats across our state running in 118 out of 120 House districts and in all 50 Senate districts. I did not accomplish this alone. Thanks to the help of the House and Senate Caucuses, and the leadership of Senator Lisa Grafstein and Rep. Vernetta Alston, we have given voters across our state candidates to vote for and believe in.

The future of our state is on the line next year, and the stakes couldn't be higher, and I am so damn proud that we had folks step up to fight for their communities and earn the vote of their neighbors. While we take a moment to celebrate this achievement, we also know that we have a lot of work to do in 2024. We're in this fight together, we have momentum on our side, and we are going to win.”

- **Big filing win:** Y'all hustled to get folks to your local Board of Elections and file for office, and that hard work has paid off. **NC Democrats out-recruited the NCGOP** this year, and we're sending over **thirty** Democrats to the North Carolina General Assembly who won't be uncontested by a Republican in November. If you haven't already, [find the Democrat championing your local house or senate district](#) and see how you can help them gear up for the road ahead.
- **Infrastructure:** Last week we focused on Biden's big announcement that his administration is investing in connecting Raleigh to Richmond. This week, [take a look at the other routes](#) the Biden Administration is investing in, connecting rural North Carolina communities across our state.

- **Mark Robinson:** Last week Donald Trump hosted a fundraiser at Mar-a-Lago with NC Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson, and praised him as “better than MLK.” In North Carolina we know Mark Robinson’s campaign of anti-woman, anti-LGBTQ+, anti-choice, antisemitic, anti-education hate does **not** represent our state.

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## News from Neighbors on Call

Thank you to the 152 of you who attended our Party with Purpose in person and over Zoom! It was exciting to hear from Sen. Lisa Grafstein, Sen. Mary Wills Bode, Rep. Terence Everitt, Rep. Julie von Haefen, Commissioner Bryan Cohn, Evonne Hopkins, and Safiyah Jackson! **Now we are *fired up* for 2024!**

**In case you missed this big news: Rep. Terence Everitt (currently NC House District 35) is running for NC Senate District 18 in Wake and Granville Counties.** Sen. Mary Wills Bode currently represents this district, but she has decided not to run again. We’re proud to have helped her win last year and are deeply grateful to her for serving. And we thank Rep. Everitt for stepping up! **Read more [here](#).**

Join us on Jan. 18 on Zoom to get to know the New Neighbors on the Block! RSVP below.

The NoC Leadership Team  
Becca, Susan B, Sanji, Patience, Isabel, Amanda, Patty, Jan, Fran, and Susan  
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### **New Neighbors on the Block**

**Thursday, January 18 @ 7:30pm** (7pm “doors” open for optional social time)  
**via Zoom**

### **Meet the NC General Assembly candidates who are *new to NoC* in 2024:**

Evonne Hopkins (for HD 35, Wake)  
Safiyah Jackson (for HD 37, Wake)  
Bryan Cohn (for HD 32, Granville/Vance)  
Sen. Lisa Grafstein (SD 13, Wake)  
*and moderator Dante Pittman (for HD 24, Wilson)*

These are wonderful folks in MUST-WIN state legislative districts, and we can’t wait for you to get to know them!

[Sign up.](#)

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## News from NC Congresswoman Valerie Foushee (North Chatham County's 2024 Democratic Candidate for NC's Fourth Congressional District)

As 2023 comes to an end and I close out my first year in Congress, I'd like to take a moment to highlight some of the work my office has been doing to serve you and the folks across North Carolina's Fourth Congressional District.

### 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

- Sponsored and cosponsored **203** pieces of legislation.
- Held over **1,100** meetings with constituents, stakeholders, and community leaders.
- Responded to over **13,750** constituent letters.
- Closed **1,091** constituent cases and helped return nearly **\$650,000** owed to constituents from federal agencies.
- Requested over **\$37 million** for 15 Community Project Funding requests that will support critical local projects throughout the district.

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### LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** As a proud supporter of the Green New Deal and as a member of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, I am working to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for future generations. Building on current environmental protection laws and bolstering funding to critical agencies and programs, like the National Park Service and the Land and Water Conservation Fund, is key to protecting our natural resources while offering recreational and culturally enriching opportunities across the country. Additionally, I have taken steps towards preventing unnecessary environmental threats in our local communities, including leading my colleagues in urging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to deny an extension for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate project.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE:** As a former administrator for the Chapel Hill police department, I have experienced the importance of solidarity and unity first-hand, as we attempt to create safer communities across the nation. That's why I am proud to collaborate with law enforcement to create a safe and sustainable foundation to

improve community relationships and curb violence within our communities. At the same time, I support long overdue reforms to the criminal and civil justice systems, including the Ending Qualified Immunity Act, Justice for Incarcerated Moms Act, and programs to help support low-income individuals seeking access to legal services.

**GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION:** As a member of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, I am honored to help lead gun safety efforts within Congress. I have joined over 20 different legislative actions and proposals including efforts to reinstate the federal assault weapons ban, advance vital gun safety measures, ban high-capacity magazines, enforce background checks, and expand research and support for mental health services, hunter gun safety education programs, and community violence intervention programs. I also joined my colleagues in an effort to establish an Office of Gun Violence Prevention to reduce gun violence in our communities, and I am proud to share that this is now a reality thanks to the Biden Administration. Furthermore, alongside House Democrats, I signed discharge petitions to pass the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, the Assault Weapons Ban, Ethan's Law (to ensure safer storage), and legislation to block the Charleston Loophole.

**REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS:** Our reproductive rights are under attack, and I refuse to let our country continue to take steps backward. I am committed to restoring the fundamental right to an abortion and making sure that every person has the right to choose. This year, I was happy to cosponsor H.R. 12, the Women's Health Protection Act, which prohibits governmental restrictions on access to abortion services, and H.Res.561, which expressed opposition to the use of State power against people seeking reproductive healthcare.

I am extremely proud of all we've accomplished in year one, but our work is far from finished. As your Representative, I'll continue to bring the voices and priorities of North Carolina's Fourth District to Washington and fight for our district, our country, and our democracy.

I would like to hear from you about the issues that matter most to you and your family. Will you take a minute to answer a short survey to let me know your legislative priorities for 2024?

### **Take my 2024 Priorities Survey**

*\*By taking this survey, you are opting-in to future news and updates from my office.*

I'm honored to have the opportunity to represent you in Congress. I look forward to continuing to advocate for you and our community every day. To stay up to date with the work I am doing on behalf of North Carolina's Fourth District, [subscribe](#) to my newsletter and follow along on my official social media pages on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

I hope you and your family have a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Valerie Foushee

Member of Congress

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### **News from County-to-County**

Think about January 2024 as the beginning of us breaking the NC Republican supermajority – **County-to-County** is counting on YOU! Happy New Year! Let's start it off by helping one of our brave, wonderful, NC Representatives get re-elected.

**All of January is Rep. Diamond Staton-Williams' Month here at C2C!** She is a mother of three, a registered nurse, a small business owner, and a volunteer. In her short time as a Representative of NC District 73, Diamond has been a fierce advocate for women's rights, mental health care access, public school funding, and more.



In May, 2023, newly elected Diamond Staton-Williams stood on the floor of the House to talk about [her own abortion and women's right to choose](#). "You won't see my deep breath as I mustered the courage to not just speak publicly (an activity I absolutely despise), but to speak publicly about an incredibly private and personal experience. You won't see the text messages I received moments before reminding me that I can do difficult, scary things. And you definitely won't see the people in that chamber mocking me even as I spoke."

**You know the rest.** The new NC GOP Supermajority, thanks to NC Rep. Tricia Cotham switching parties, overrode Gov. Cooper's veto. North Carolina now has a ban on abortions after 12 weeks. Diamond received hate mail and death threats after her speech. Her response? "Black women deserve to see themselves making decisions and fighting for what's right, even when it's a losing battle. And I don't regret anything I said."

**Let's get Diamond re-elected to NC House District 73 in 2024!** Rep. Staton-Williams will join [our phone bank kickoff](#) Thursday, Jan. 11, at 5:45 p.m., then we'll start phone banking into her Cabarrus County district to find out what issues are important to her constituents. We hope to make at least 400 calls that night. But we'll keep on calling until Jan. 31! **Rise to the challenge and help C2C make 1,500 calls in January.**

**Sign Up for a Place in the Spotlight!**

**January Spotlight on Rep. Diamond Staton-Williams (House District 73, Cabarrus County)**

- **Sign up here to phone bank for Diamond Staton-Williams.** Kickoff by Zoom is **Thursday, Jan. 11, at 5:45 p.m.**. Meet Diamond and make calls that night and/or whenever it works for your schedule through January 31! Help us get to 1,500 calls! You can find out more [here](#) and **keep track of our progress. If you can't make the kickoff, you can still participate! Phone bank ANY TIME!** We'll leave the phone bank open all month so you can make calls on YOUR schedule that month (9 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST most days).

**A Special Thank You to Sarah O'Brien**

Beginning this month, **C2C Co-Director Sarah O'Brien will begin her new role as NCDP's Organizing Director. Congratulations to Sarah and to NCDP!** Because this crucial job is full time (and then some), Sarah will be stepping away from her role as C2C Co-Director (Laura Baxley will continue as C2C's Executive Director). We are so grateful for Sarah's exemplary leadership over the past 18 months. Her contributions are too many to name, but as leader of our County Team Liaisons and as Director of WeCan 2022, Sarah brought a whole new level of vision and expertise to C2C's programming. She has helped C2C grow into one of the state's most respected organizations – and she has done it all with her signature grace and good nature. While we are sad to see her go, we are so grateful she will be a leader within the NC

Democratic Party. **We will miss you, Sarah – Thank you so much for all you’ve given C2C!**

### **Winter “All Hands” Volunteer Meeting**

**Calling all C2C Volunteers! Sign up here for our Winter All Hands meeting Tues., Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. EST, via Zoom.** We’ll review our new “Spotlight” model and hear a detailed report from **C2C’s Latino Engagement Team** on the importance of North Carolina’s fast-growing, dynamic, and diverse Latino population. This booming constituency will be key to NC Democratic wins in 2024!

### **Phone Bank Training**

**Sign up here for our phone bank training Sun., Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. EST.** We’ll go over our new “Spotlight” model, review how easy it is to make calls on behalf of our wonderful candidates, and answer any questions you have. We think the new model (with more information about our candidates and their voters’ concerns) will make it easier than ever for you, our wonderful volunteers, to reach out and connect with voters in districts that matter.

### **Our February Spotlight Candidates – Terence Everitt (SD 18) and Bryan Cohn (HD 32)**

**Our February Spotlight** will shine on two candidates whose districts overlap: Terence is currently representing House District 35, but he has filed to run in the NC Senate District 18 race at the request of Gov. Cooper. Bryan is currently on the City of Oxford Board of Commissioners, which has supported city employees with substantial raises and has overseen ambitious water and sewer infrastructure projects. Signup links coming soon for our February phone bank and canvass!

**Sign up here** for our news and updates. **On the Issues** articles provide a deep and thoughtful dive into North Carolina and national politics and policy.

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### **News from the NC Counts Coalition**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break.

Please mark your calendars for our next Redistricting Roundtable which will take place on January 16, at 2 p.m. This January meeting will include a dive into some of the lawsuits surrounding the maps passed by the General Assembly in 2023.

Register and join us via

[zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoduGrrj4oE9M0Bpnrls0_ofkiZnouT8XN) here - [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoduGrrj4oE9M0Bpnrls0\\_ofkiZnouT8XN](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoduGrrj4oE9M0Bpnrls0_ofkiZnouT8XN)

We are also still soliciting feedback and input on our work from 2023. We want to hear your thoughts of accomplishments and areas of improvements. Please complete this [short survey](#) and give us feedback so we can celebrate our work and improve on our efforts. <https://forms.gle/VXSF63SrD1R2A1j68>

And if you unplugged from the news during the holidays, below are some articles and updates on redistricting.

**Associated Press** - [New North Carolina congressional districts challenged in federal court on racial bias claims.](#)

North Carolina Black and Latino voters sued in federal court ... seeking to strike down congressional districts drawn this fall by Republican state legislators that they argue weaken minority voting power in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

*Gary D. Robertson | December 4, 2023*

**Southern Coalition for Social Justice** - [Black North Carolinians, voting rights groups file lawsuit against racially discriminatory NC electoral maps.](#)

North Carolina voters and nonpartisan voting rights groups filed a lawsuit in federal court... against the state legislature's illegal gerrymandering of voting districts that attack the rights of Black North Carolinians.

*SCSJ | December 19, 2023*

**Politico | News** - [What the South's population boom means for 2030 redistricting](#)

The South is experiencing a population boom — well outstripping the rest of the country — that could have significant ramifications for political representation next decade. The Census Bureau released its annual population estimates on Tuesday, finding that the country gained more than 1.6 million people over the past year. That brings the nation to just under 335 million residents. The country is growing in ways we have not seen since before the pandemic, the agency noted.

*Zach Montellaro | December 20, 2023*

As always, let me know if you have questions.

Thank you,

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### **Selected News and Opinion Stories of Note**

**Hopium Chronicles:** [3 Reasons for 2024 Optimism, The Democratic Party is Strong, My MSNBC Hit on “The Party of Putin”](#)

**Carolina Public Press:** [Playing Catchup With the Future of Renewable Living and Energy in NC](#)

**Chapelboro:** [System President Tabs Lee Roberts as UNC-Chapel Hill’s Interim Chancellor](#)

**Hopium Chronicles:** [NYT Has Biden Up 2 \(47-45\), The Economy is Strong, Crime is Dropping Across the US, MAGA Cowards Run Away](#)

**NY Times (May Require Subscription):** [Opinion: Why Biden Could Lose Georgia Next Year](#)

**NC Newslines:** [Voting Rights Groups File Sweeping Lawsuit Against NC Redistricting Plans](#)

**The Assembly NC:** [Is Our Children Reading?](#)

**WRAL:** [NAACP Sues Over New NC Political Districts, Saying They’re Racially Gerrymandered](#)

**Hopium Chronicles:** [Another Court Delivers Blow to Trump, Tom Keen Tonight, US Economy Up/Crime, Rents, Inflation Down](#)

**Lucid:** [Memory As Resistance: Documenting Russian War Crimes and the Destruction of Holy Sites](#)

**Carolina Public Press:** [Consolidation to Reshape NC Mental Health System](#)

**Cardinal & Pine:** [Voucher Expansion and a State of Emergency: Public Schools in 2023](#)

**Cardinal & Pine:** [Former NC Chief Justice Cheri Beasley on the Promise and Peril of Campaigning as a Black Woman](#)

**Cardinal & Pine:** [This Group Has a Plan to Ensure NC’s Black Rural Voters are Better Represented](#)

NC Office of State Budget and Management: [North Carolina's Strong Population Growth Continues](#)

Carolina Public Press: [What Does Ruling Banning Trump from Colorado Ballot Mean for NC Voters?](#)

NC Newslines: [Cooper Grants Clemency As Vigil Outside Governor's Mansion Winds Down](#)

NY Times: [Florida Sex Scandal Shakes Moms for Liberty, As Group's Influence Wanes](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [A Positive, Upbeat Close to 2023 for Joe Biden and The Democrats](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Burden of High Prices Behind Bars in NC](#)

WRAL: [Biden Won't Have Challengers in NC 2024 Primary Election, State Democratic Party Decides](#)

The Carolina Journal: [North Carolina's 2024 Presidential Primary Candidates Approved](#)

WUNC: [NC Treasurer Divests \\$40 Million from Ben & Jerry's Parent Company Over Israel Boycott](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Key Inflation Measure \\*Falls\\* in Nov., 2023 Ending on an Upbeat Note, MAGA=Frauds, Liars, Charlatans, Thieves, Insurrectionists](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Supreme Court Won't Hear Case on Trump's Immunity Defense for Now](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [How \\$37 Billion in Federal Funding Is Being Used to Improve At-Home Caregiving in NC](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Op-Ed: Denied the Pursuit of Happiness: Being Transgender in 2023](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [NC is Granted a Waiver, Ensuring Kids Will Keep Their Medicaid Coverage for Another 12 Months](#)

Washington Post: [Biden's Economy Vs. Trump's, in 12 Charts](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Thank You, A Story, and Spreading Hopium in 2024](#)

Lucid: [On Christmas, A Call for Love and Peace](#)

Carolina Public Press: [NC Law Setting Minimum Standards for DSS Hires Goes Unenforced](#)

Chapelboro: [North Carolina Medicaid Expansion Enrollment Reached 280,000 in First Weeks of Program](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [“Biden’s 2024 Chances Are Much Stronger Than People Realize” – My MSNBC Op-Ed](#)

Lucid: [We Stand Up for Jews. So How Can We Be Called Fascists? The Double Game of the Far Right in Europe and the US](#)

Chapelboro: [Students and Mentors Struggle to Navigate Recently Passed NC Bill, ‘Care for Women, Children, and Families Act’](#)

Chapelboro: [Long-Running North Carolina Education Case Will Return Before the State Supreme Court in February](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Waste, Casinos, Voter ID and the Forest Plan: CPP’s Top Stories of 2023](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Spread Some Hopium on Morning Joe This Morning](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Opinion: A Trump Conviction Could Cost Him Enough Votes to Tip the Election](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Opinion: How Trump is Running Differently This Time](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Opinion: The Factors That Made Evangelicals Ready for Trump](#)

WRAL: [NC Senate Candidate Challenges Opponent’s Residency](#)

WRAL: [NC Republicans Rush to Protect Trump As Effort To Ban Him from Ballots Gains Momentum](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Opinion: What Are Young Voters Looking For?](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Opinion: Trump’s Final Battle Has Begun](#)

WRAL: [Gov. Roy Cooper Campaign Promise Tracker \(Second Term\)](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [GOP Talking Points Evaporating, Congress Has Much to Do, Starting 2024 Strong](#)

NC Health News: [Our Reporters Look Into Their Health Policy Crystal Balls for 2024](#)

NC Health News: [Medicaid Expansion Is Off to a Strong Start in NC](#)

NC Health News: [North Carolina's Top Health Topics for 2023](#)

WUNC: ["The Purple Ballot," Due South's 2024 Election Preview](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Biden Campaign Ramps Up, Optimism About 2024, Why Trump Should Be Barred From Running](#)

NC Newslines: [Chief Justice Newby Removes Judge Stroud as Chief of Appeals Court](#)

Axios Raleigh: [North Carolina's Newest Laws](#)

Lucid: [Authoritarians and Their Sons-in-Law from Mussolini to Trump: Partners in Corruption](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Trump Asks Supreme Court to Keep Him on Colorado Ballot](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Beyond the Grade: How One 'Failing' NC School Defines Success](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [How a "country boy" from underfunded eastern NC schools came to lead one of NC's fastest-growing cities](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [What a Gov. Mark Robinson would mean for rural education in NC](#)

Cardinal & Pine: ['It started as a lie': Locals push back against Moms for Liberty in NC](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [We're Running Out of Time to Adequately Address Climate Change](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [How to get a free Voter ID in NC](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [NC approves more student and employee IDs you can use to vote](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Video: Lawsuit says NC legislature drew discriminatory voting maps](#)

Chapelboro: [\\$1.9 Billion Grant Reflects North Carolina's Renewed Interest in Rail](#)

Chapelboro: [Town of Pittsboro Announces New Town Hall Location](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [New Biden Democracy Ad – Let's Watch and Amplify Through Our Networks](#)

Carolina Public Press: [How Did Gerrymandering Begin in North Carolina? Consider Vance County.](#)

Lucid: [No Q&A; Public Art and Democracy; Why Trump Loves Xi Jinping](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Today's Jobs Report is Another Good One – The American Economy Remains Remarkably Strong](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Insulin Prices Plunge for North Carolinians Due to Biden's American Rescue Plan](#)

Raleigh News & Observer (May Require Subscription): [NC Democratic leader: These state contracts are wasting millions of your tax dollars | Opinion](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Supreme Court to Decide Whether Trump is Eligible for Colorado Ballot](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Major Biden Speech on January 6<sup>th</sup> – Fighting for Freedom and Democracy Here and Everywhere](#)

Lucid: [How Trump Uses Jan. 6 To Humiliate the GOP](#)

NC Newslines: [State Education Leaders Want to Reset Long-Term Federal Performance Goals](#)

The Assembly NC: [Tobacco's Second Wind](#)

Raleigh News & Observer (May Require Subscription): [High Turnover, Media Missteps, and an Incomplete Car: Inside VinFast's Rocky US Launch](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Progress in Washington, The US Economy is Strong, Biden Defends Democracy, Trump's "Insane" Economic Plans](#)