



**Chatham County Democratic Party
News You Can Use
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Congratulations to Our New CCDP Leadership Team!

Chatham County Dems elected their new leadership team for the next two years on Saturday at the Chatham County Democratic Party 2025 County Convention in Pittsboro:

Chair: Sue Blalock

1st Vice Chair: Vickie Shea

2nd Vice Chair: Melton Hardy-Powell

3rd Vice Chair: Steve Kinsella

Secretary: Rick Morgan

State Executive Committee Members: Mike Hobbs, Nancy Jacobs, Travis Patterson, Rick Segal, Rhesa Versola

District Executive Committee Members: 4th Congressional District (Sue Blalock and Vickie Shea); 9th Congressional District (Melton Hardy-Powell and Karen Mallam)

Congrats to our new leadership team and our grateful thanks to our outgoing leadership team members Suzie Draper, Bill Alston, Ana Carlson and Bill Delano!

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CCDP Events

Training – Join Our Office Crew, May 3, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Engagement Center, 628 East St. Suite A, Pittsboro

Volunteer at CCDP's Community Engagement Center! This training covers everything you need to know to feel comfortable and competent staffing the office along with an experienced volunteer. After this one-time training session, you will be a CEC Associate Office Staff Member and you will be paired with a Senior Office Staff Member. We will work with your availability and preferences and get you on the Staffing Calendar.

Sign up at: [Training - Join Our Office Crew](#)

First Sunday May, May 4, 12 – 2 p.m., 53 Hillsboro St, Pittsboro

Staff CCDP's First Sunday Tent. Greet voters, offer candy, pens, bracelets, buttons and other free goodies. Sign-up new volunteers, take donations, answer questions, and listen to voter concerns. Have fun!

Other crews will handle equipment set-up and take-down, so just enjoy your shift at First Sunday! Sign up at: [First Sunday May](#)

Click here if you'd like to sign up for the [set-up crew](#) or [take-down crews](#).

Click here to sign up for a one-hour [Tent Event Zoom Training Refresher session](#). We're doing new things this year!

Training – Voter Education, May 10, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Community Engagement Center, 628 East St. Suite A, Pittsboro

Get ready to help voters understand and participate successfully in the election process! This ninety-minute training will cover the Voter Registration form, Photo ID and Exceptions, how to vote in person and by mail, and Provisional ballots.

This is a great way to prepare for volunteering in the CCDP Community Engagement Center, educating voters at CCDP events around the county, and sharing election information with friends and family.

Sign up at: [Training – Voter Education](#)

Monthly Anger Into Action Postcard Writing Event, May 12, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Engagement Center, 628 East St. Suite A, Pittsboro

Want a Way to Turn your Anger into Action?

Come join your fellow democrats at a postcard/letter writing event at the Pittsboro CEC EVERY SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH, starting May 12. We'll be working together to write the legislator of our choice to let them know just how we feel about what's happening to our government. And we'll be doing it together! We'll have some suggestions about what/who to write but come and write to whomever you'd like about what you're most passionate about. We'll furnish the paper, postcards and stamps (while supplies last)!

The event will include a short instruction on how to write compelling letters and postcards, and a brief presentation about 5calls.org, a simple tool you can use to easily make calls to your legislators.

Monthly Sessions: the 2nd Monday each month, starting May 12. 2-4 pm at the Pittsboro CEC office.

Sign up [here](#).

Pittsboro Unite for Justice: Live Across NC, May 21, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Community Engagement Center, 628 East St. Suite A, Pittsboro

Join us for a WATCH PARTY at the Pittsboro CEC to participate in the Unite for Justice: Live Across NC Zoom broadcast.

It's all hands on deck to take back our courts for democracy!

In 2026, we must re-elect our champions for justice and democracy, running statewide: Justice Anita Earls (NC Supreme Court) Judge John Arrowood (NC Court of Appeals) Judge Toby Hampson (NC Court of Appeals)

Our very own District Court Judge Todd Roper, will join us in person! He is also up for re-election in 2026.

Help us launch their re-election campaigns in style with Justice Allison Riggs and NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton.

Join us at the CEC, which will be one of 30 parties happening simultaneously across the state. We'll be linked together for one big Zoom to hear from our special guests.

Doors open and pizza will be served at 6pm Judge Roper will begin speaking about 5:50 p.m. The Zoom presentation starts at 7 p.m.

Sign up [here](#).

Siler City Unite for Justice: Live Across NC, May 21, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Siler City CCDP Community Engagement Center, 235 E Raleigh St., Siler City

Join us for a WATCH PARTY at the Siler City CCDP CEC to participate in the Unite for Justice: Live Across NC Zoom broadcast!

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Other Local Events

Speak Out Now!, May 3 and 17; June 7 and 21, 12 – 1 p.m., Downtown Pittsboro, Volunteer Organized by Indivisible

Hello fellow resisters! We are building new energy for a peaceful, non-violent resistance. Please join us on May 3rd for a great hour of togetherness!!! We are many! Let's build. Bring friends, signs, make some noise. Put your frustration into action on a regular basis! What is happening in our country is not normal. This is not politics as usual. We cannot become numb. The world is watching and we want to build on the energy of our Pittsboro rally on April 5. Join us to SPEAK OUT NOW! and show that the

administration does not have a mandate for their harmful actions. We are planning to gather for a peaceful protest the first and third Saturdays of each month in Pittsboro for the foreseeable future. We will gather at the sidewalk in front of the Food Lion on Hwy. 64 at noon and walk up to and around the old courthouse. Bring signs. Bring friends, family, and neighbors. Meet like-minded people, network with others who are concerned for our democracy and SPEAK OUT NOW! If you can't walk that far, meet at the Circle at about 12:15 p.m.

Sign up [here](#).

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News from the Democratic National Committee

DNC and ASDC Announces “Organize Everywhere, Win Anywhere” Strategy – Largest-Ever Monthly DNC Investment into Democratic State and Territory Parties

The DNC will transfer over \$1 million a month into Democratic state parties – a historic increase in monthly funding – to deliver on Chair Martin’s commitment to organizing and winning everywhere

Today, DNC Chair Ken Martin and ASDC President Jane Kleeb announced a historic “organize everywhere, win anywhere” strategy – a new four-year agreement to deliver more resources into Democratic state and territory parties than ever before – delivering on Chair Martin’s commitment to turbocharging investments in on-the-ground organizing and party building. Under the new State Partnership Program (SPP) agreement, each state party will receive a baseline of \$17,500 a month, a \$5,000 per month increase over the last agreement, and Republican-controlled states will receive an additional investment of \$5,000 a month through the DNC’s Red State Fund, putting their total at \$22,500 every month. The combined investments total a monthly transfer of more than \$1 million from the DNC to state parties – the committee’s largest investment into Democratic state parties in history. Additionally, the DNC makes significant investments into the technology that powers the Democratic Party, including maintaining the national voter file with robust augmentations and giving state parties best-in-class tools for accessing and leveraging that data. Each state party receives six-figures worth of data and tooling annually.

These resources will allow Democratic state parties to invest in critical infrastructure and staffing, strengthen their data and tech operations, build on-the-ground organizing programs, and better prepare for upcoming election cycles – not just in the months ahead, but in the years to come. Additionally, the new agreement includes the DNC’s commitment to hosting six regional training “bootcamps” for state parties per two-year cycle and the hiring of new ASDC staff, including five regional directors.

“With this announcement, we are breaking ground on a historic political investment unlike anything Democrats have done in modern times,” said DNC Chair Ken Martin. “Elections are won in states – and that’s exactly where we will be investing our resources. When I ran for DNC Chair, I said two things over and over. First, we have to get the DNC out of DC and into the states. Second, we have to organize everywhere and compete everywhere if we’re going to win everywhere. This agreement is how we start turning those beliefs into reality. We’re putting our money where our mouth is to equip state parties with what they need to reach working families who deserve better, build long-term success all across the ballot, and gain electoral ground for years to come.”

“When I ran to be the President of the ASDC, I knew the mission was clear: Democrats needed to rebuild infrastructure in the states and provide our state parties with the resources necessary to win. This historic agreement allows us to do just that: building infrastructure to expand Democratic power across our states and territories, be it in red, blue, or purple America,” said ASDC President Jane Kleeb. “State parties are the backbone of the Democratic Party, and through this investment, our state parties will receive the support they need to show voters that, no matter where they live, there is a strong Democratic Party in their corner, protecting their rights and economic opportunity against Republican attacks. I couldn’t be more thrilled with this investment and know our state parties across the country are ready to do the work to win elections everywhere.”

The SPP funding comes on the heels of Chair Martin’s [memo](#) laying out his vision for organizing principles centered on organizing early, organizing always, and organizing everywhere.

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

Update on the 2024 NC Supreme Court race that Jefferson Griffin is still contesting Good News! A federal court has paused the GOP scheme to make voters “cure” ballots they already cast legally. This stay is a win—but the case is still moving forward. In the meantime, we’re getting ready for any possibility.

Our digital messages this week are:

Jackson Wins - North Carolina’s Attorney General Jeff Jackson is on fire—**4 for 4** in dismantling Trump’s lawless chaos. From saving over \$1 billion in NIH research funding for our universities to defending basic constitutional rights, Jackson’s lawsuits are hitting Trump’s reckless executive orders right where it hurts: in the courtroom and the polls. Meanwhile, GOP reps like Phil Berger, Tim Moore, and Thom Tillis are clapping from the sidelines while Trump’s circus runs through North Carolina’s economy, public schools, and civil liberties. No pushback. No backbone. Just blind loyalty and bad policy. Jackson’s wins aren’t just victories in court—they’re proof that Democratic leadership gets results. Real protections. Real dollars. Real rights.

Budget Betrayal - The N.C. GOP a.k.a. ‘The Budget Bandits’ are at it again—raiding North Carolina’s schools and communities to bankroll tax cuts for their wealthy buddies. Their \$32.6 billion budget slashes \$57 million from our community colleges, guts UNC programs, and axes support for minority male students and women-owned businesses. Teachers? They get tossed a sad 3.3% raise over two years—barely a blip compared to Gov. Josh Stein’s plan to raise starting pay to \$53,000 by 2027. Public programs that actually help people—*like PBS NC*—are getting cut nearly in half. Phil Berger calls this “fiscal responsibility.” Economists call it a looming revenue disaster. By 2026, their corporate tax giveaways could crater our budget—and guess who’ll be left cleaning up the mess? Let’s call this what it is: betrayal with a budget line. NC deserves better—and we’re not backing down.

N.C. Farmers - Donald's tariff tantrum is hurting North Carolina’s farmers, while Thom Tillis sits back twiddling his thumbs. Donald's tariffs are gutting North Carolina's economy—soybeans, pork, and everything in between. A new [Meredith College poll shows nearly half of North Carolinians know these tariffs are hiking up their bills](#), meanwhile Tillis continues to back Trump’s economic dumpster fire. Prices for seeds and equipment are soaring, farms are one bad crop from bankruptcy, and our rural communities—still recovering from Hurricane Helene—are getting sold out for MAGA applause lines. Republicans have turned their backs on the people who feed this state and abroad. Democrats are fighting for fair trade, real relief, and policies that actually help rural North Carolina. In 2026, let’s send Tillis packing and elect leaders who’ll put NC farmers first—not Trump’s fragile ego.

See y’all on the Internet,
NCDP digital

Governor Stein's Budget vs. NC GOP Budget **NEW**

We're building a future that works for *everyone* – not just the ultra-wealthy. While Republicans push budgets that slash essential services and undermine democracy, Democrats like Governor Josh Stein are focused on lifting up working families, protecting our votes, and investing in North Carolinians.

- **Governor Stein's plan** raises pay for teachers and essential workers, expands child care access, and builds an economy that works for everyone.
- **The GOP budget** cuts jobs, slashes services, and gives tax breaks to corporations while leaving families behind.
- You deserve leadership that invests in *you*, not one that cuts corners and calls it "efficiency".

› Protecting our Votes: Justice Riggs **NEW**

- Nearly six months after the election, Jefferson Griffin and Republicans are still trying to reverse the will of the voters who chose Justice Allison Riggs.
- The fourth circuit has paused the cure process that would've burdened military and overseas voters.
- **Call to action:** We're preparing for every possibility. Join our **urgent virtual briefing on Friday**, April 25 at 5:30pm to find where things stand and how YOU can stay ready for action.

NC Senate Budget Prioritizes Ultra-Wealthy, Leaves Schools and Teachers Behind

The North Carolina Democratic Party issued the following statement in response to the recent NC Senate proposed budget.

*"A budget is a value statement that highlights a state's priorities. This budget shows that Senate Republicans want to double down on tax breaks to the **ultra-wealthy and largest corporations while working North Carolinians bear the brunt of rising costs. Instead of making needed investments in North Carolina public schools, this budget chooses to shortchange our teachers and kids.**"*

Here's What You Need To Know About the Senate's Budget Proposal:

The Wealthiest People and Largest Corporations Receive Tax Breaks While Working North Carolinians Get Left Behind

- The budget fails to plan for the future, doubling down on corporate tax breaks for wealthy, out-of-state corporate shareholders despite the [anticipated](#) budget cliff.
- Senate Republicans aim to increase income tax breaks that overwhelmingly benefit the [wealthiest](#) individuals instead of targeting relief for lower and middle income families like the proposals in Governor Stein's budget.
- The budget lacks [funding](#) for a fentanyl control unit that would work statewide to address the fentanyl crisis.
- The budget does nothing to help lower housing costs across the state while rents continue to soar and the cost of living continues to increase.
- It includes language that could [raise](#) energy costs and boost Duke Energy's profits, making North Carolinians pay for projects that are never completed.

Schools Once Again Fail To Get the Investments They Need

- After adjusting for inflation, teachers and school employees won't [actually](#) see any real raise this year. North Carolina's teacher pay [currently](#) ranks in the bottom half of the country and this budget doesn't change that.
- Starting teacher stays at the bottom of the Southeast rankings.
- Higher education suffers deep [cuts](#) with roughly \$50 million being cut from the Community College System and more than \$33 million in cuts from the UNC system.
- It also lacks the [requested](#) funding to get students out of temporary classrooms and trailers providing just 1% of the Governor's ask.

NC Democrats Claim a Victory for Voters as Bipartisan Federal Judges Issue a Stay in Riggs Supreme Court Battle

Tonight, a Federal Appeals Court panel issued a stay requested by Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs and the North Carolina Democratic Party to prevent voters who legally cast their ballot from having to re-prove themselves or have voices silenced. In response to tonight's win, the Party released this statement:

Voters who followed all the rules and legally cast their ballot in the 2024 election shouldn't be forced to re-prove themselves in order to have their vote counted. Bipartisan federal judges reaffirmed that today by issuing a stay in a bogus and unconstitutional 'cure' process - meaning that it won't move forward until the courts can hear and adjudicate the merits (or lack thereof) of Jefferson Griffin's challenge to voters' rights.

"I am glad that federal judges recognized the harmful precedent this would have set,"

said Chair Anderson Clayton. "I fully expect that, as this case continues to move through federal court, the voters will get a victory and their ballots will be allowed to stand. Democracy depends on it."

Thom Tillis Owns the Pete Hegseth Failure

If Thom Tillis had a backbone, Pete Hegseth never would have been confirmed

As more [details continue](#) to spill out on the many ways that Pete Hegseth is failing as Secretary of Defense, the North Carolina Democratic Party issued the following statement.

*"The Pentagon wouldn't be in a **"full-blown meltdown"** if Thom Tillis had a backbone. He knew Hegseth was woefully unqualified to lead the Department of Defense. He knew that he was incompetent. He knew that he was an abuser. He **even** told Republican Senators that he would oppose Hegseth's nomination. Unfortunately for our country, Thom Tillis once again desperately folded, hoping to cling to political power instead of doing what he knew to be the right thing for our Country. Next year North Carolinians will show Senator Tillis what they think of his cowardice when they replace him with a real leader in November."*

Breaking: Governor Stein Maintains Control Over State Board of Elections

In a 2-1 ruling by judges appointed by Republican Supreme Court Justice, Paul Newby, the NC Superior Court ruled today that a recent Republican bill giving power over the State Board of Elections to the NC Auditor, IS unconstitutional.

Senate Bill 382 which passed in December was part of a series of sweeping legislation to curve Democratic power in the Great North State. Their entire agenda is to continue their power grabs against our Governor to appoint members to the Board of Elections and give it to the Republican Auditor, Dave Boliek.

In today's decision, ***"the court cited previous North Carolina Supreme Court decisions establishing that the governor must have sufficient control over executive boards that carry out primarily administrative functions, including the state and county election boards."***

While Governor Stein's power has been maintained by the court of law, we still expect further attacks on the Governor's office and Attorney General by the corrupt NC GOP.

[That is why we need your support.](#)

[We already overturned the NC GOP's supermajority in the House. Now we must continue the battle against their unconstitutional legislation, by not only winning more seats in 2026, but taking back the majority by 2030.](#)

Change cannot occur overnight, but if we continue to fight and stand up together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

Thank you for standing with us,

NC House Dems

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Updates From NC Representative Robert Reives

[Town Halls + Budget Season](#)

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Links to Events, Trainings, and Actions by Affiliate Organizations

[ACLU of North Carolina](#)

[Chatham Voices for Justice](#)

[Common Cause North Carolina](#) and **[Common Cause](#)**

[Community Organizing for Racial Equity \(CORE\)](#)

[County-to-County; Volunteer Opportunities, Events, and Petitions Near Me](#)

[Democracy North Carolina](#)

[Democracy Out Loud](#)

[Indivisible](#)

[MegaphoneNC](#)

[NC Counts Coalition](#)

[Neighbors on Call; Upcoming Events, Canvasses, NC Policy Update.](#)

[New North Carolina Project](#)

[North Carolina Poor Peoples Campaign](#)

[Poder NC](#)

[Red, Wine, and Blue; <https://redwine.blue/events/>](#)

[Swing Left Durham/Chapel Hill/Chatham](#)

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North Carolina

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Cardinal & Pine: (1) [A US Supreme Court case could end birthright citizenship. This NC mom is fighting back.](#), (2) [North Carolina's Lumbee Tribe Hoping for a Long-Awaited Federal Recognition](#)

Carolina Forward: [The Bathroom Bill is Back](#)

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Democracy Docket: [Federal Appeals Court Halts Ballot Curing in North Carolina Supreme Court Election](#)

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NC Newslane: (1) [US Appeals Court Pauses Elections Board Action in the Supreme Court Election Case](#), (2) [Commentary: Federal Appeals Court Should Put an End to Judge Griffin's Election Challenge](#), (3) [As NC Lawmakers Debate Gun Restrictions, Schools Stress Safe Storage](#)

New Branchhead: [NC's Election-Stealing Tradition](#)

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The Carolina Journal: [NC Supreme Court Election Dispute Now in Myers' Hands](#)

WGHP: [North Carolina judges rule governor has power over election board appointments, not GOP state auditor, Governor Josh Stein says](#)

WRAL: [Republican NC Lawmakers Violated Constitution in Effort To Strip Election Powers From Democratic Governor, Court Rules](#)

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Eos: [Tracking Science Policy Across the U.S. Administration](#)

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Lucid: [Trump Shows His Hand as a Putin Partner](#)

MSNBC: [New Estimates Indicate That Elon Musk's DOGE Might Not Achieve Any Savings](#)

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NPR: [The White House is Looking To Replace Pete Hegseth as Defense Secretary](#)

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