



**Chatham County Democratic Party
News You Can Use
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Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Meet NC Court of Appeals Candidate Martin Moore, October 2, 7 p.m. (Zoom)

Come hear NC Court of Appeals candidate Martin Moore. Moore is running because he believes North Carolinians deserve judges who are committed to integrity, fairness, and equal justice for all, and who reflects the people and values of North Carolina.

Martin graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and the UNC School of Law and began his career as a public defender. He now runs a mediation and appellate law practice.

In the 2022 election, Moore was the only NC Democrat to flip a Republican-held county commissioner seat. His endorsements include Justice Allison Riggs, Buncombe Co Sheriff Quentin Miller and Buncombe County Commissioner Jasmine Beach-Ferrara.

Join us to hear from Martin about his ideas about the Court of Appeals and how important this position is to taking back the Courts! Your questions are welcome.

Sign up [here](#).

Volunteer to Staff CCDP's Tent at Pittsboro First Sunday, October 6, 12 – 4 p.m., Downtown Pittsboro

Have fun meeting and interacting with voters at the First Sunday in Pittsboro!

Sign up [here](#).

Meet Justice Allison Riggs, NC Supreme Court and NC Representative Robert Reives, Democratic Leader, October 9, 6 - 7:30 p.m., CORA Food Pantry

Join us for this exciting event to meet NC Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs and NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives, two of NC finest, running to keep their seats.

Justice Riggs was appointed to the NC Supreme Court in 2023 by Governor Roy Cooper. She has spent her entire career fighting for equal justice under the law for every person, regardless of wealth or skin color. Justice Riggs is an accomplished litigator, having argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in several landmark redistricting cases. Prior to her current position on the NC Supreme Court, she served on the NC Court of Appeals, and beforehand, served as Co-Executive Director for Programs and Chief Counsel for Voting Rights at the Southern Coalition for Social Justice in Durham. She's a strong advocate for our constitutional and voting rights.

Minority Leader Reives has served in the NC House of Representatives since 2014. He represents House District 54, which includes all of Chatham County and portions of Randolph County. Rep. Reives is known for his skills working across party lines and has sponsored legislation to strengthen public schools and to help protect children, the disabled, the environment, and property rights. He listens to the needs of constituents and has championed specific legislation to help Chatham meet its vision of tomorrow.

At this event you can hear more from both of them (they are great speakers!) and ask questions in a relaxed informal setting. There will be refreshments too!

Sign up at: [Meet NC Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs and Rep. Robert Reives](#)

Goldston Old Fashion Day, October 12, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., 374 Bellevue Street, Goldston

Staff a shift at our booth at Goldston Old Fashion Day on October 12. The event, in its 37th year, features local arts, crafts, pottery, jewelry and live music. Food vendors serve funnel cakes, shaved ice, polish sausage, lemonade, kettle corn, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken on a stick, ice cream, and more. Don't miss classic car and tractor display.

Sign up at: [2024 Goldston Old Fashion Day CCDP Tent](#)

Join Our Phone Banking Team

Now is the time to ramp up enthusiasm and engagement! Early voting begins October 17th. CCDP has a goal of delivering 28,000 votes for all 28 Democratic candidates on the ballot in November. To reach that goal, we are calling registered Democrats and left-leaning Unaffiliated Voters to make sure they know that their vote matters. Please volunteer TODAY - By talking to voters on our call lists, you will help make sure that our side shows up in November.

Sign up at: [Join Our Phone Banking Team](#)

Become an Election Influencer

We all influence the results of elections when we vote.

Our Election Influencers kick it up a notch. They make a commitment to educate themselves about the upcoming election (for example, when Early Voting starts and where folks can vote) and the candidates running for office. They also make a commitment to help spread the word -- making sure other people they know:

- Are registered to vote (if eligible),
- Know how to vote,
- Are able to either get to the polls or vote by mail, and
- Have accurate information about all the candidates on the ballot so that they can make informed choices too.

We make it easy for Chatham County residents to become Election Influencers. We will send you information about: important election rules (for example, Photo ID); days, times, and places people can vote; and candidates we endorse. Your job is to share the info with family and friends, and encourage them to become Election Influencers too!

Sign up at: [Become an Election Influencer](#)

Join Our Texting Team! October 16, 24 and 31; November 4, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sign up to be a text banker. You need not use your phone, but you can use your computer to text! When you sign up for a date, you'll need to be available to reply to texts for the next day or two. You will text from the comfort of your own home. It's a great way for introverts to help reach voters! Training is provided prior to the text dates.

Sign up [here](#).

Upcoming Canvasses

Seven canvasses are planned in Chatham County through October! For information and to sign up, go to: [Volunteer Opportunities, Events, and Petitions Near Me](#) .

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

[Canvassing Orientation and Training](#), October 8, 7 p.m. @Zoom

[Volunteer Orientation](#), October 9 and 20 @Zoom

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Other Upcoming Events

Board of Elections Business/Absentee Meeting, October 1, 5 - 6 p.m., 984 Thompson St, Suite D, Pittsboro

The public may view the meeting online at: <https://meet.goto.com/679475917>.

Televised NC Candidate Debates

Spectrum News 1 and the NC Institute of Political Leadership are hosting televised debates in several key statewide contests. Here's the schedule:

Tuesday, October 1 at 7 p.m.: Labor Commissioner
Braxton Winston (D), Luke Farley (R)

Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.: State Treasurer
Wesley Harris (D), Brad Briner (R)

VP Debate Watch Party, Harris Carrboro Field Office, October 1, 8:15 p.m., Luna Rotisserie and Taproom, 307 E. Main St, Carrboro

There will be free empanadas!

Sign up at: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncvictory2024/event/699176/>

Project 2025 Explained, With NC House Democratic Minority Leader Robert Reives, October 6, 3:30 p.m., The Mann Center, 507 N. Steele Street, Sanford

Do you really understand what Project 2025 is and what it will do to you, your family, your community, and your country if we don't choose wisely on November 5? Get the facts and vote! NC House Minority Leader Robert Reives breaks it all down for you at a free community meeting at The Mann Center in Sanford on October 6. For more information, contact Del Turner, 919-352-6144 or ibura63@gmail.com .

CORE Racial Equity Fundamentals Workshop, October 19, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Holy Trinity United Holy Church, Siler City

Attend our highly requested Racial Equity Fundamentals workshop. Our trainers and consulting team have offered this workshop frequently in various settings across NC. Visit <https://www.corenc.org/education> for more details.

Register [here](#).

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

State of the Race

- Mark Robinson's senior adviser, campaign manager, finance director, and deputy campaign manager all resigned over the weekend from his campaign leaving only 2-3 staff left.
- The Republican Council of State candidates still haven't said anything to disavow Mark Robinson.
- With Senator Tillis telling his party to forget Mark Robinson and focus on the races "they can win" there hasn't been a statewide Republican candidate even willing to do the morally and politically obvious thing to denounce Mark Robinson and distance themselves from him.
- In the competitive NC-01 congressional district, Congressman Don Davis' opponent Laurie Buckhout still hasn't disavowed Mark Robinson and she also deleted every picture she had with him on her social media platforms (**just like Luke Farley**).
- **NBC** is reporting that Trump has "no plan to pull his endorsement of Mark Robinson".
- Their silence is deafening. They are complicit in enabling Mark Robinson and they are in lockstep with his dangerous policies.
- Since the CNN report, new comments from Robinson's past have resurfaced and made headlines, including him praising Adolf Hitler's book "Mein Kampf" and saying Black Americans were 'at their highest' under Jim Crow.

Statement from Senator Rachel Hunt, Democratic Nominee for Lieutenant Governor:

"With Mark Robinson & Hal Weatherman running proudly as a ticket, voters are already seeing my opponent in lockstep with Robinson's anti-abortion agenda. Hal Weatherman

even says himself that Mark Robinson's heart is in the right place. Every one of our Council of State races is crucial for the future of our state. We must send a message that this is not who we are and we are not going back."

Statement from Braxton Winston, Democratic Nominee for Labor Commissioner:

"Mark Robinson is too extreme for North Carolina. He is the highest elected Republican in our state and the culture of extremism he fosters runs through the entire slate of the Republican candidates this year. My opponent can delete his photos with Robinson, but he can't delete the contribution to his campaign or endorsement of his extreme agenda."

Statement from Chair Anderson Clayton:

"Mark Robinson and every Republican running for our Council of State are too extreme for North Carolina. Their silence speaks volumes to voters across our state, who know that not only are they sticking with Robinson, but that they will fully support and help implement his agenda if elected. As we move quickly towards the first votes being cast, folks across our state will remember this moment and they will see that the choice is clear — our candidates are bringing experience to the ballot while Republicans are bringing extremism."

NCDP Weekly Phone Bank for Our Courts

NCDP is starting up a weekly phone bank for our courts on Mondays at 6pm, with a special guest each week. Please join us, starting this Monday, September 30! This week's special guest is Commissioner Martin Moore, candidate for the Court of Appeals (our youngest statewide candidate, and he's running to flip a seat). [Sign up here](#).

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Update from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson

[Mark Robinson, man of destiny](#)

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Links to Events, Trainings, and Actions by Affiliate Organizations

[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](#) ; [2024 Voter Education Resource Order Form \(Free\)](#)

[MegaphoneNC](#)

[NC Counts Coalition](#)

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

[New North Carolina Project](#)

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

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

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Selected News and Opinion Stories

America, America: [Kamala Harris Is Breaking Through on the Economy , Shame, Madness and a Fascist GOP](#)

American Freakshow: [Meet the Real Red Hats - by Nina Burleigh](#)

Axios: [New Harris campaign ad ties Trump to Robinson on contraception](#)

Axios: [Asian American voters play a growing role in N.C. politics](#)

Axios: [North Carolina: Trump's emerging Achilles' heel](#)

Carolina Forward: [Record-Setting Investments in North Carolina](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Absentee by-mail voting in NC, a 2024 FAQ](#)

Heather Cox Richardson: Letters from An American: [September 23](#), [September 24](#), [September 25](#), [September 26](#),

Hopium Chronicles: (1) [VP Harris Goes on Offense On The Border](#), (2) [I Would Much Rather Be Us Than Them \(Video\)](#), (3) [Harris's Economic Speech and Ruhle Interview](#), (4) [Closing Strong, Reasons for Optimism](#), (5) [Harris Hovering Around Biden 2020](#), (6) [Winning It In October, NC GOP Keeps Melting Down](#) (7) [Winning the House With Derek Tran \(CA-45\), Q3 Filing Period Ends Tomorrow, Whine and Waffle, More on Red Wave Polling](#)

Indy Week: [AI Mark Robinson Is Coming to a Television Near You](#)

Lucid: [The Fascist Roots of the Far Right's Obsession with Childlessness and Population Management](#)

NC Newslines: [Mo Green's first TV ad -- "Dangerous" -- highlights controversies surrounding Michele Morrow](#)

New Branchhead: [Phil Berger, Mark Robinson, and the Moral Disintegration of the Establishment GOP](#)

News & Observer: [2024 NC Voter Guide: Candidates on your ballot, on the issues](#)

New Yorker: [How Kamala Harris Hopes to Take North Carolina Back for the Democrats](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Republicans' Electoral College edge might be fading](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [The crucial context for Kamala Harris's "context"](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Opinion | To Win in North Carolina, Democrats Need to Get Out of Town](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Opinion | 'I Cannot Have That Man Be My Governor': Inside Josh Stein's Bid to Beat Mark Robinson in North Carolina](#)

NY Times: On Politics: (1) [How JD Vance turns taking questions into the show](#), (2) [Four swing states that could matter most](#), (3) [Can Jon Tester defy the odds again?](#), (4) [A church where Mark Robinson still has defenders](#), (5) [Why debunked falsehoods about Haitian migrants gained traction](#)

PoliticsNC: [In North Carolina, you can stop watching the polls now](#)

Public Notice: (1) [Vance keeps gaffing by actually detailing Trump's policies](#), (2) [Mark Robinson may deliver North Carolina for Kamala Harris](#)

Red, Wine & Blue: [North Carolina Voting Guide](#)

The Assembly NC: [Three N.C. Court of Appeals Races, Explained](#)

The Bulwark: (1) [Yet Another Mark Robinson Eye-Popper](#), (2) [The Problem Isn't Mark Robinson. It's GOP Voters.](#)

The Hill: [North Carolina removes 747K from voter rolls, citing ineligibility](#)

The Message Box: [How to Convince Your Friends to Vote for Kamala Harris](#)

Time: [Why Harris' New Polling Edge Is Such a Big Deal](#)

Washington Post: [The Campaign Moment](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [JD Vance messages in 2020 show him criticizing Trump's record as president](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [How Kamala Harris remade Joe Biden's campaign and revived Democratic chances](#)

WRAL: [Top members of Robinson's state office to resign in wake of porn-site report](#)

WRAL: ['We are not going to be intimidated': NC's top elections official says FBI is investigating threats](#)

WRAL: ['A ticking time bomb': How North Carolina's Mark Robinson became Donald Trump's problem](#)