



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

Meet Ed Eldred, NC Appeals Court Judicial Candidate, September 25, 5 - 6:30 p.m., Sponsored by West Williams, Farrington Village (Location To Be Provided)

Over the past decade, Democrat Ed Eldred has been one of the most well-respected appellate attorneys in North Carolina. He has stood up for people from all over our state. His commitment to justice is rock-solid, as evidenced by his passionate advocacy for his clients who had no one else to fight for them. Ed's successful and extensive work

in front of both the North Carolina Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals ensures he is ready to serve on the bench as a judge on day one!

Electing Ed is pivotal to restoring balance to the Court of Appeals. With his strong and thoughtful dedication to fair, equitable rulings and extensive legal experience, Ed stands as a beacon for safeguarding the rights and liberties of all North Carolinians.

Meet Ed in a relaxed and informal setting where you can listen to his plans for the office and ask your questions. Wine and refreshments as well!

Sign up at: [Meet Ed Eldred, Candidate for NC Court of Appeals](#)

Young Voter Conversation With Representative Robert Reives, September 29, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Location Pittsboro TBA

Join other young voters (18-40) for a conversation with NC House Minority Leader Robert Reives and Chatham County Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores.

Location: Pittsboro (details provided to attendees)

Snacks provided; children welcome; bring a lawn chair if you have one!

Sign up [here](#).

Volunteer at PEPPERFEST at the Plant, September 29, 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., 192 Lorax Lane, Pittsboro

We need volunteers to staff the Chatham County Democratic Party's Tent at the 17th Annual Pepperfest at the Plant in Pittsboro This fun event features music, food and beverages, a pop-up market, and of course peppers! There will be a pepper condiment competition, a pepper patch and a chili cook off!

Volunteer at: [PEPPERFEST at the Plant](#)

Meet Justice Allison Riggs, NC Supreme Court and NC Representative Robert Reives, Democratic Leader, October 7, 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 North Carolina 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 the constituents and has championed specific legislation to help Chatham County 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](#)

Join Our Phone Banking Team

Now is the time to ramp up enthusiasm and engagement! Early voting for the November election begins on October 17th. The Chatham County Democratic Party has set a goal of delivering 28,000 votes for all of the 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. As Larry Sabato has said: "Every election is determined by the people who show up."

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](#)

Upcoming Canvasses

Four more canvasses are currently planned throughout Chatham County through the end of September! For more information and to sign up, go to: [Volunteer Opportunities, Events, and Petitions Near Me](#).

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

[Canvassing Orientation and Training](#), September 18 and 24, @Zoom

[Volunteer Orientation](#), September 18, 20, 27 @Zoom

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Other Upcoming Events

Board of Elections Regular Meeting, September 17, 5:30 p.m., Board of Elections Office, 984 Thompson St, Suite D, Pittsboro

The Chatham County Board of Elections will hold its regular meeting on September 17, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

The public may view the meeting online at <https://meet.goto.com/231439349>.

Televised NC Candidate Debates

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

Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m.: Lieutenant Governor
Rachel Hunt (D), Hal Weatherman (R)

Tuesday, September 24 at 7 p.m.: State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Mo Green (D), Michele Morrow (R)

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)

Hear from Natasha Marcus, Candidate for NC Commissioner of Insurance at Fearington Democratic Club Meeting, September 24, 7 - 8:15 p.m., (Virtual Event).

NC Senator Marcus is an experienced, passionate public servant and an engaging speaker. She will explain how the decisions by the Commissioner of Insurance affect everyone in NC with a house, a car, or a home in a Continuing Care Retirement Community. Senator Marcus believes the people of North Carolina deserve a commissioner who will restore transparency and accountability to this important office.

The meeting will be live streamed on Zoom and also recorded for later viewing on the Club's website. To request the Zoom link, please use the contact form on the Club's website [Contact Us \(fearingtondems.org\)](https://www.fearingtondems.org) by 5:00 pm on the day of the event — and earlier is better.

Meet and Greet with Attorney General Josh Stein and Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, September 18th, 5 p.m. (Doors Open at 4:30), Forest Hall at Chatham Mills, 480 Hillsboro St, Suite 530, Pittsboro

Come to hear how together, we can build a stronger, safer, more equitable North Carolina. Please [submit an RSVP here today](#) to secure your spot to hear from the next Governor of North Carolina! Please also feel free to share with your own personal networks!

Western Chatham NAACP Candidate Forum, September 26, 6 p.m., Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, 1192 US Hwy 64 West Business, Pittsboro

Meet candidates from all political parties for these contested races: U.S. Congressional Districts 4 and 9; six Council of State offices; three NC Supreme Court and Court of Appeals judges; our NC House District 54 and NC Senate District 20 representatives; and one Chatham Board of Education seat, District 2. Light refreshments will be provided.

The Western Chatham NAACP is sponsoring this event with the Hispanic Liaison to reach all Chatham voters. Spanish translators will be available.

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

Join us for our highly requested Racial Equity Fundamentals workshop. Our trainers and consulting team have offered this workshop countless times in various settings across the state!

Visit <https://www.corenc.org/education> for more details.

Register [here](#).

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

VP Harris Overwhelmingly Wins Debate

Last night, Vice President Harris commanded the stage on every single issue that matters to the American people. Americans saw exactly what kind of president Kamala Harris will be: one who offers a New Way Forward for the country, who will be a president for all Americans, and who will turn the page once and for all on the darkness and division of Donald Trump. - She reminded the American people that she is the only candidate in this race ready to serve as our next Commander-in-Chief.

Donald Trump was totally incoherent. He was angry and rattled, and it all began when Vice President Harris held him accountable for his record overturning Roe v. Wade and harming women nationwide. Trump refused to say he would veto a national abortion ban. He again said he had no regrets over January 6th. He called America “a failing nation.” And in case you missed it through the countless lies he rattled off on stage tonight, Trump offered zero plan for the everyday needs of Americans, saying only he had “concepts” of a plan. That’s because the only actual plan Trump has is Project 2025, which would raise costs for the middle class and take America backwards.

Under the bright lights, the American people got to see the choice they will face this fall at the ballot box: between moving forward with Kamala Harris, or going backward with Trump. That’s what they saw tonight and what they should see at a second debate in October. As Chair Jen O’Malley Dillon said last night, Vice President Harris is ready for a second debate. Is Donald Trump?

Mark Robinson Caught Behind Closed Doors Saying Goal is Still to Get Abortion Ban Down to “Zero Weeks”

This week, new reporting completely undermined Mark Robinson’s attempts to cover up his support for total abortion bans as he desperately lies about his record to appear more palatable to voters. In private, Robinson remains just as extreme, reassuring his base that he hasn’t changed his position and that the goal is still to get it down to “zero weeks”.

“It’s clear that Mark Robinson has been lying when he’s said he wouldn’t push for an even more extreme and dangerous abortion ban than the one currently on the books. No matter what he says in ads, behind closed doors Robinson remains just as committed as ever to doing everything in his power to ban abortion in North Carolina with no exceptions, including for rape or incest, which is why North Carolina women will not give him the opportunity to push any more dangerous attacks on their most

fundamental rights,” **said Dawson McNamara-Bloom, a spokesperson for the Robinson War Room.**

NBC “Robinson replied, “That 12 weeks, exceptions for rape and incest ... I’m not going to say it’s reasonable. But my faith allows me to live with that, because that’s where the consensus is. Do I want to continue to lower it? You better know it. I would love to get down to six weeks. And I’d like to get down to zero. I would like to push it back as far as we can and eliminate as many abortions as we can.”

Notus: In the governor’s race, it is Robinson’s controversies that have colored the election thus far, repeatedly drawing a national audience to North Carolina. There’s a video and audio of him supporting a no-exceptions total abortion ban, despite his public stances supporting the state’s current restrictions after 12-week.

WRAL: “A group of Democrats has released new audio featuring Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson discussing his stance on abortion, recorded just days ago. In the recording, the Republican candidate for governor says that while his political position on abortion has recently shifted, his personal beliefs remain unchanged. He also suggests he would welcome the opportunity to enact stricter abortion laws.”

Teagan Goddard’s Political Wire: New audio was released of North Carolina Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson (R), who is running for governor, says that he wants to get abortion restrictions down to “zero” weeks, NBC News reports.

NC Newslines: Robinson, who has long been a vocal and provocative opponent of abortion rights, seemed to try and moderate his stance last month in a television ad in which he said he backs the 12-week ban and alluded to an abortion that his wife obtained prior to their marriage. NBC News reported last Friday, however, that Robinson said he wants to get abortion restrictions down to “zero” weeks during a September 3 campaign appearance in Troy.

NCDP Chair Statement on Republican Justices Delaying Ballot Distribution to Allow Removal of RFK Jr., September 12, 2024

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

“Republicans and the partisan courts are doing what they’ve always done: mess with the voting systems to try to make it harder for North Carolinians to vote. They don’t care that this change will cost local boards of elections thousands of dollars. They don’t care that underpaid and hardworking staff are going to have to work overtime to get this done. And they don’t care about the voters who have already requested their ballots, including our North Carolina-voting service members abroad.

We know that their attempts to reduce voters’ opportunities won’t work. Local election staff will work hard to get this job done on time. Candidates will work hard to connect

with voters and get to the polls. Voters are motivated to overcome these challenges to cast their votes for Kamala Harris, Josh Stein, and Democrats all the way down the ballot. Republicans' reliance on an old playbook is tired and deserves to be called out. They don't deserve the power they have, and it's time to elect judges and leaders who will put the interests of North Carolinians first.”

NCDP Chair Statement on Republicans Funneling Millions More in Taxpayer Money from Public Schools to Private School Vouchers for the Wealthy, September 12, 2024

Following the passage of HB10, North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Anderson Clayton released the following statement:

“Republicans just voted to rob public schools of hundreds of millions more in taxpayer dollars and funnel it into private school vouchers for billionaires to send their children to private schools. Instead of giving our teachers an overdue pay raise or finally passing a budget, Republicans prioritized lining the pockets of the private school industry. This is a slap in the face for our teachers, rural communities, and the children of North Carolina who have a constitutional right to a sound, basic education.”

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Update from NC House Minority Leader Robert Reives

[Reives Report | Taxpayer-Funded Voucher Scheme](#)

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Update from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson

[The Attack Ads Begin Tomorrow](#)

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Update from Natalie Murdock, NC State Senator

This week on Monday, the Senate Majority voted to override Governor Cooper's vetoes of the following Bills:

- H155 - Titles for Off Road Vehicles/Low Speed Veh Insp
- H556 - Tenance in Com. E-Notary/Small Claims Changes
- H690 - No Central Bank Digital Currency Pmts to State
- S166 - 2024 Bldg Code Regulatory Reform
- S445 - Recording of Court Filed Documents

The senate also voted on the following conference report.

- H10 - Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments

Governor Cooper shared these statements when vetoing the bills back in July:

Governor Cooper issued the following statement on his veto of SB 166: "By limiting options for energy efficiency and electric vehicles, this legislation prevents North Carolina's building code from adopting innovations in construction and mobility that save consumers money. This bill also removes subject matter experts from the building code council, including architects, active fire service, a coastal expert, local government officials, and public at large membership, and limits the knowledge and practical experience of the body tasked with ensuring all buildings are safely designed."

Governor Cooper issued the following statement on his veto of HB 690: "Efforts are being made at the federal level to ensure standards and safeguards are in place to protect consumers, investors and businesses that may want to make monetary transactions in digital assets and North Carolina should wait to see how they work before taking action. This legislation is premature, vague and reactionary and proposes an end result on important monetary decisions that haven't even been made yet. Instead of this bill, the legislature should have passed a budget to provide more funding for cybersecurity threats that actually exist now."

Governor Cooper issued the following statement on his veto of HB 155: "This new law would allow certain off-road vehicles to operate on four lane highways at speeds of up to 55 miles per hour. These vehicles lack many of the safety features found in traditional vehicles which creates an increased risk of serious injury or death for people on our highways."

Governor Cooper issued the following statement on his veto of HB 556: "This bill would make it harder for low-income families, the elderly and people with disabilities to find affordable rental housing by preventing local governments from protecting against rent discrimination based on lawful income. It also creates legal ambiguity regarding when eviction orders become effective and the potential for increased legal expenses for renters in disputes with landlords."

Governor Cooper made the following statement on his veto of SB 445:

"This bill creates legal ambiguity regarding when eviction orders become effective and may harm low-income individuals by making it harder for them to appeal as indigent in small claims court."

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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

ABC News: [Harris seen as debate winner while maintaining slight lead over Trump: POLL](#)

Axios: [Kamala Harris rides debate momentum to North Carolina rallies](#)

Axios: [What NC's absentee ballot delay after RFK Jr. ruling will mean for voters, including how much it'll cost](#)

Ballotpedia: [Ballotpedia's 2024 Voter Toolkit](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Kamala Harris kicks off New Way Forward tour in North Carolina](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Trump says voters will decide on abortion. Not in North Carolina, they won't.](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [A 'partisan' decision at the NC Supreme Court will delay voters' ability to vote by mail](#)

Carolina Forward: [Changes since 2020 – and what they mean](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Lawsuits on NC elections may be mostly about misdirection](#)

FWIW: [A very online presidential debate recap](#)

Indy Week: [Raleigh millionaire launches AI attack targeting Mark Robinson](#)

Heather Cox Richardson: Letters from an American: [September 7](#), [September 9](#), [September 10](#), [September 11](#), [September 12](#), [September 13](#), [September 14](#)

Hopium Chronicles: (1) [Another Very Good Week For VP Harris](#) (2) [Kamala Won, Polling Is Good, Trump Is Melting Down, Hard Work Is Good Work](#) (3) [The Debate And What It Means For The Election](#) (4) [Tonight, 7pm ET - The VP's Great Debate Performance And The 2024 Election](#) (5) [Kamala Harris Is Doing Her Part. Now We Need To Do Ours](#) (6) [The Vice President Kicked All Sorts Of Ass Tonight!](#) (7) [Good New Polling!](#) (8) [Powerful New Harris Ad](#) (9) [We Haven't Won This Election Yet](#) (10) [Early In-Person Voting Starts Friday, We Just Had a Very Good Week of Polling, The VP and Oprah This Thursday](#) (11) [Most Encouraging Post-Debate Polls, National Voter Reg Day, New Hopium Endorsements in Senate and House Races](#)

Lucid: [When the "Strongman" is Challenged By a Strong Woman](#)

MSNBC: [Mark Robinson's scandals in North Carolina could hurt Trump](#)

NC Health News: [Legislature approves Medicaid money but less than DHHS request](#)

NC Health News: [ICE Cooperation Bill Could Have Impact on Immigrant Health](#)

NC Health News: [NC Hospitals Set for Massive Payday After Agreeing to Medical Debt Relief Plan](#)

New Branchhead: [Mark Robinson's Attacks on Josh Stein are Failing Miserably](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [In Narrowly Divided North Carolina, a Light Blue County is Key for Harris](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: Biden fades into the background](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: The first votes will soon be cast](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: Is Donald Trump too emotional for this?](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: Harris put Trump on defense over abortion — and kept him there](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Trump Safe After What F.B.I. Describes as an Assassination Attempt](#)

PoliticsNC: [Not going back - by Thomas Mills - PoliticsNC](#)

PoliticsNC: [Harris delivers Trump his McCarthy moment](#)

PoliticsNC: [Harris, Stein lead in NC and other stories](#)

PoliticsNC: [Seven weeks in, seven weeks to go](#)

Scientific American: [Opinion: Vote for Kamala Harris to Support Science, Health and the Environment](#)

The Assembly NC: [The Labor Commissioner's Daunting Task](#)

The Bulwark: [Laura Loomer Looms Over Trump Land](#)

The Bulwark: [A Second Trump Presidency Would be Terrible for the Economy](#)

The Guardian: ['It's Such a Dramatic Contrast': Harris Turns North Carolina Into a Toss-up](#)

The Hill: [Republicans sue NC election board over UNC digital student voter ID](#)

The Hill: [Harris struggles to win over male voters in key states](#)

Time: [Kamala Harris Dominates Donald Trump In Debate](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [Opinion: If Trump Loses North Carolina, It Could Be an Early Night – and Curtains for GOP](#)

Washington Post: [The Campaign Moment](#)

WRAL: [Stein, boosted by conservatives, carries wider lead against Robinson in race for NC governor, WRAL News Poll shows](#)

WRAL: [NC lawmakers approve voucher expansion, target sheriffs who won't work with ICE](#)

WRAL: [NC Republicans Have Little Confidence in Election Accuracy. Election Officials Say They Should.](#)

WTVD: [New dates announced for NC absentee ballot](#)

WUNC: [National Survey Shows a Slight Decline in North Carolina for Uninsured People](#)

WUNC: [CORRECTED: NC Republicans' budget priorities](#)