



**Chatham County Democratic Party
News You Can Use
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List of Chatham Voters Challenged by Judge Jefferson Griffin

As you are likely aware, Republican Judge Jefferson Griffin has challenged the validity of more than 60,000 votes cast in the 2024 General Election race for the seat on the NC Supreme Court on the grounds that their voter registration information was incomplete. To find out if you or any of your friends or family are among the nearly 800 Chatham voters being challenged, click [here](#) and then download and open the pdf file. You can use Ctrl+F to search the pdf for a specific name.

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

Thank You Governor Cooper - Whew! What a ride it has been! We want to extend a huge thank you to Governor Roy Cooper for his two terms leading our great state. His

steadfast leadership and stability proved to be one of the most necessary acts throughout the pandemic and against the Republican tyranny in our General Assembly. Through all the chaos, Governor Cooper has always been a steady hand for our state, and for that, we are so grateful. We are confident Governor Cooper is passing the torch to someone who will follow in his footsteps, and continue to fight for all North Carolinians.

Happy Holidays - We want to wish everyone a joyous holiday season. Remember to rest, take time with friends and family, and be renewed for our fight in 2025. We hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday.

Happy New Year - Happy New Year, NC Democrats! We put up a great fight in the 2024 election cycle, and though we didn't get every outcome we wanted, we broke the Republican veto-proof supermajority and won five incredibly important seats at the State level while keeping Justice Allison Riggs on the NC Supreme Court! These are major victories that will make a huge difference over the next four years. We have a fight ahead of us in 2025, and we hope that you are as renewed and energized as we are. Happy New Year, y'all!

Fight - Governor Cooper and Governor-elect Josh Stein are going after the crooked republicans in the NC General Assembly for their absurd last ditch power grab, SB 382. North Carolinians elected Josh Stein, Rachel Hunt, Jeff Jackson, Elaine Marshall, and Mo Green to have the full authority vested in them, not to have republicans start stripping their powers away and moving their responsibilities to other republicans. This is extremely anti-democratic and deceitful, especially considering this was all done under the guise of hurricane disaster relief. Roy Cooper and Josh Stein are taking this battle to the courtroom by filing a lawsuit against the NCGOP for SB382. We aren't backing down.

NCDP Chair Statement on Jefferson Griffin's Attempt to Overturn the Results in Supreme Court Race

Raleigh, NC—*Following Judge Jefferson Griffin's Petition for Writ of Prohibition in front of the North Carolina Supreme Court, North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Anderson Clayton released the following statement:*

"There is a five-alarm fire happening in North Carolina right now, and the rest of the country should pay close attention. For the past month, Judge Jefferson Griffin has refused to face reality and admit that he lost the Supreme Court race to Justice Allison Riggs. Instead, he has wasted taxpayer dollars, tried to toss out the ballots of over 60,000 North Carolinians, and attempted to find any way to overturn the will of the people. In a truly outlandish move, he has now taken his attack on voters one step further. Jefferson Griffin is hiding behind Chief Justice Paul Newby and he is now trying to achieve what's been aiming for all along: getting the Republican-controlled state Supreme Court to toss out legitimate ballots and hand this seat to him. There have been

multiple recounts that all confirmed that Justice Riggs won this seat by 734 votes. His conduct continues to demonstrate that he is not fit to serve on the Court. Concede now.”

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Governor Josh Stein Signs Five Helene Recovery Executive Orders in First Action as Governor

Press Release, January 2, 2025

Today, Governor Josh Stein signed five executive orders to bring much-needed relief to people in western North Carolina, including accelerating temporary housing and the repair of private roads and bridges. Right now, with tens of thousands of houses damaged or destroyed, more than 12,000 western North Carolinians are without safe housing, and an estimated 8,000 private roads and bridges need to be repaired or replaced to reinstate access to emergency services, school buses, and other transportation.

“Winter is here in western North Carolina, and we must act quickly to get people in temporary housing, repair private roads and bridges, and keep people safe,” said Governor Josh Stein. “I will do everything in my power to make sure we are both thinking creatively and acting swiftly to help our neighbors recover.”

Governor Stein’s first two executive orders received concurrence by the Council of State and will temporarily waive procurement regulations: to increase the supply of temporary housing in western North Carolina; and to enable the state to accelerate repair of private roads and bridges necessary to access homes.

Three additional executive orders will:

Reorganize the Executive Branch to create the Governor’s Recovery Office for Western North Carolina (GROW NC), a dedicated recovery office for western North Carolina within the office of the Governor, and to establish a Division of Community Revitalization within the Department of Commerce to address housing needs and community resilience.

Establish a Governor’s Advisory Committee on Western North Carolina Recovery to advise GROW NC to meet the community’s needs quickly and cost-effectively, and

Direct the North Carolina Office of State Human Resources to authorize an additional 16 hours of Community Service Leave for state employees to volunteer for organized storm-related efforts.

Access Governor Josh Stein’s first executive orders below:

- [Executive Order No. 1 Increasing Temporary Housing Supply in Western NC](#)
- [Executive Order No. 2 Repairing Roads and Bridges](#)
- [Executive Order No. 3 Reorganizing Executive Branch to Meet Needs of Western NC](#)
- [Executive Order No. 4 Establishing Advisory Committee on Western NC Recovery](#)
- [Executive Order No. 5 OSHR Exceptions - Helene Relief](#)

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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](#)

[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: [Snapshot: Lying About New Orleans](#)

Associated Press: [North Carolina's Medicaid Expansion Hits Enrollment Goal About a Year Ahead of Projections](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Duke Energy's Plan to Delay Vital Carbon Emissions Goal is Accepted](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [OPINION: Roy Cooper Will Be Remembered as One of North Carolina's Most Beloved Governors](#)

Cardinal & Pine: ['We Shouldn't Be Here': Effort to Throw Out Votes in NC Supreme Court Race Threatens Election Integrity, Riggs Says](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Could NC Enact More Abortion Restrictions in 2025?](#)

Carolina Forward: [Why "Work Requirements" Don't Work](#)

Carolina Forward: [The Convention of States Scam](#)

Carolina Public Press: ['Uncomfortable Things' Necessary To Fix NC Health Plan, New Treasurer Says](#)

Carolina Public Press: [How Much of Helene's Rainfall Was Due to Climate Change?](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Courting Elections. Lawsuits Address Key Topics of Protest.](#)

Carolina Public Press: [NC Settlement With Robinson Campaign Over Errors Revealed](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Scathing Audit for NC Oversight of Nursing Homes](#)

Carolina Public Press: [NC Election Board Dismisses Protests Along Party Lines; Appeals Possible](#)

Chapelboro: [After Fighting Virus, Storms and Republicans, Departing North Carolina Gov. Cooper Focuses on Wins](#)

Chapelboro: [Current, Future North Carolina Governors' Challenge of Power-Shifting Law Could Be the First of Many](#)

Chapelboro: ['Make It Clear That You're Human': UNC's Kurt Gray on Why We're 'Outraged,' and How To Overcome It](#)

Heather Cox Richardson: Letters from an American: [December 18](#); [December 20](#); [December 21](#); [December 23](#); [December 26](#); [December 27](#); [December 29](#); [December 30](#); [January 1](#); [January 2](#); [January 3](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Nebraska Dem Chair Jane Kleeb on Winning the Blue Dot and the Need To Invest in Democratic Party Infrastructure \(Video\)](#) ; [In a Time of Turmoil and Transformation There is Opportunity](#); [The Trump Wrecking Ball is Already Here, More Notes on the Path Forward Trump is Having a Very Bad Week,](#)

[Trump's Very Bad Week, Part II; With Lurid Gaetz Report Trump's Bad Run Stays Bad ; Honoring President Carter ; Happy New Year All! In 2025 Let's Take And Celebrate The Wins When They Come; The 119th Congress Starts Tomorrow; A New Congress Begins; The New York Times On The Undeniable Success Of The Biden Presidency ; Jan. 6th – Another Day That Will Live in Infamy, Trump the Felon, Incoherent GOP Economic Plans Already Falling Apart](#)

[Lucid: Republicans Have Crashed a National Economy Before to Set the Stage for Right-Wing Rule ; Capitulating to Trump, American Elites Follow a History of Autocratic Enabling That Doesn't End Well ; Elon Musk: A New and Sinister Force in Government; Weakness of the Predators, and a Baltic View on the Russian Threat; Stay and Resist, or Go into Exile? ; Jan. 6, Seen in Comparative Perspective, Shows How Far Democracy Has Declined in America](#)

NC Health News: [What's coming in NC health policy in 2025?](#)

NC Health News: [Kody Kinsley reflects on milestones before stepping down](#)

NC Newsline: [NC Democrats Rally for Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs](#)

NC Newsline: [NC's new governor signs five executive orders to expedite Helene recovery](#)

NC Newsline: [Josh Stein Has Built His Cabinet. Here's Who Will Lead NC Government in His Administration.](#)

NC Newsline: [Riggs responds to Griffin's request to delay certification of the NC Supreme Court election](#)

NC Newsline: [Mark Robinson Asks To Move CNN Lawsuit Back to State Court](#)

NC Newsline: [Republican Appeals Court Judge Jefferson Griffin Asks the NC Supreme Court to Throw Out Votes](#)

NY Times: [The Evening: Trump set to be sentenced next week](#)

NY Times: [Trump on Trial Alert: Fani Willis is Disqualified from Prosecuting Georgia Case](#)

NY Times: [The Evening: Trump's Winding News Conference](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: Trump Meets the Press](#)

NY Times: [The Morning: Electoral Wishcasting](#)

NY Times: [The Evening: Signs of Trouble for Trump's Spending Cuts](#)

Politico: [Trailing North Carolina Supreme Court Candidate Asks That Court To Get Involved in His Race](#)

PoliticsNC: [State Auditor: GOP leaves disaster victims out in the cold](#); [Passing the torch](#); [The two party mess](#)

Public Notice: [Trump begins his lame duck term pre-hobbled](#)

The Assembly NC: [What Roy Cooper Leaves Behind](#)

The Assembly NC: [Roy Cooper's Last Stand on the Death Penalty](#)

The Assembly NC: ['The Best Job in Politics'](#)

Time: [Johnson Wins Speaker on First Ballot After Flipping 2 Votes](#)

U.S. Rep. Jeff Jackson: [My Last Email from D.C.](#)

U.S. Rep. Valerie Foushee: [Rep. Foushee End of Congress Report \(118th\)](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [Trump's Claims of a Mandate Run Into Reality of Narrow Majorities](#)

WFAE: [Photo ID Undermines Republican Challenge in NC Supreme Court Race](#)

WUNC: [New North Carolina Governor Josh Stein sworn in as another Democrat succeeds Roy Cooper](#)

WUNC: [Roy Cooper commutes 15 death row sentences on his final day in office](#)

WUNC: [Homelessness increased across North Carolina, new federal data show](#)

WUNC: [Federal Judge Denies Request for Temporary Restraining Order in Disputed NC Supreme Court Race](#)