

## CCDP Weekly News Digest January 16, 2023

### Upcoming CCDP Events

**Saturday, January 21, 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**2022 Election Review**

**CCDP Community Engagement Center**  
**Pittsboro**

CCDP precinct and volunteer team leadership will gather to review the 2022 Election, identify what we did well as an organization, and how we can work together better for 2024. Individuals interested in precinct or county leadership roles are also invited to attend. Contact your precinct chair to receive the Mobilize sign-up link.

**Saturday, February 11**

**NCDP State Executive Committee Meeting**

Chatham County has three members on the state party's Executive Committee. Members are elected every two years. The Committee meets quarterly to review and vote on things like the NCDP annual budget, party policy changes, support on district and county parties, etc.

**February 25 to March 11**  
**Annual CCDP Precinct Meetings**

Details coming soon. As a reminder, 2023 is an election year, and all precinct and county party leadership positions will be up for election.

**April 15**  
**CCDP County Party Convention**

Details coming soon.

For more events, visit the [CCDP website Calendar](#).

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### General Events

**Tuesday, January 17, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Board of Elections Regular Meeting**

**Board of Elections Office**  
**984 Thompson Street, Suite D**  
**Pittsboro**

The board meeting will be open to the public at the Board of Elections office; 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro, NC 27312 and online via GoToMeeting.

Meeting access information will be available to citizens prior to each meeting and available at the meeting.

To sign up to receive meeting notices click this link: <https://www.chathamnc.org/about-us/sign-up-for-e-notifier>.

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**  
<https://meet.goto.com/854889557>

**You can also dial in using your phone.**

Access Code: 854-889-557

United States: +1 (872) 240-3212

**Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:**

<https://meet.goto.com/install>

Agenda: [Agenda January 17 2023](#)

**Wednesday, January 18, 8 – 9 p.m.**

**“Connecting With Community: Relational Organizing Wins and Losses”**

**Hosted by Progressive Turnout Project**  
**Zoom Event**

Progressive Turnout Project rallied Democrats across the United States to power 2022 wins. A key element of our efforts involved funding other grassroots organizations through Turnout Grants. Many organizations led innovative relational organizing programs with key communities, resulting in historic voter turnout across the country.

Join us for a celebratory recap of the Turnout Grants program and a chance to hear our greatest take-aways from the relational organizers. You'll hear from Melissa Gallahan, PTP's Relational Organizing Director, and three of the Turnout Grantees: Northeast Arizona Native Democrats (AZ), Focus Action Network and Unity in the Community (PA), and Voces de la Frontera Action (WI).

Register today to be inspired by these organizations' innovations and hear how we're getting energized for 2024!

Sign up [here](#).

**Tuesday, January 24, 7 p.m.**

**“Elections Have Consequences: Outlook for the NC General Assembly in 2023”**

**Sponsored by Fearington Democratic Club**  
**Zoom Event**

The Fearington Democratic Club will meet on Tuesday, January 24 at 7 p.m. and hear from Rob Schofield, always a popular speaker to the Club, on the topic “Elections Have Consequences: Outlook for the NC General Assembly in 2023.” Rob is the longtime Editor and Director of *NC Policy Watch* and has more than three decades of experience as a journalist, commentator, and lawyer. To request the link to register for the Zoom, please use the contact form on the Club's website <https://www.fearingtondems.org/our-club/contact-us> by 5 p.m. on the day of the event (and sooner is better).

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### News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

[Make sure you're subscribed to our email list](#) to keep up-to-date about all that the NCDP is doing to elect Democrats!

[Sign up for texts](#) from NC Democrats

This week's news releases:

**Tim Moore's Latest Attempt To Consolidate Power, Sow Chaos, & Undermine Democracy**

New [reporting](#) has uncovered the North Carolina House Republicans' proposed rule change that hoards power for Speaker Tim Moore and “[allows representatives to vote to override Cooper's vetoes with no notice](#).” Since 2018, Republicans have resorted to gotcha tactics to steamroll their agenda and catch representatives out of their seats, but this change marks an unprecedented attempt to undermine democracy.

“The public deserves a transparent and accountable government – a hastily called vote while a representative is in the bathroom does everyone a disservice and erodes the democratic process,” said NCDP Chair Bobbie Richardson. “Despite Speaker Moore's bad faith attempts to bend the rules to consolidate his own power, North Carolina Democrats are prepared to stand up to bad Republican bills and uphold Governor Cooper's veto.”

Additionally, as a citizen legislature, oftentimes members' responsibilities in their day job they work to support themselves can overlap with duties in the General Assembly.

Read more:

**WRAL: NC House Republicans may scrap rule on veto override votes**

- On Wednesday, state House Republicans are expected to consider rules for their chamber that would allow representatives to vote to override Cooper's vetoes with no notice.
- Under House [rules approved for the previous legislative session](#), members couldn't vote to override a gubernatorial veto “until the second legislative day following notice of its placement on the calendar.” The rule has been in place for at least a decade.
- The proposed rules would also give the House Speaker more power to change the order of business while the House is in session.
- If approved, the proposed House rules would make attendance imperative for any Democrat hoping to support a veto from Cooper. Democratic members would have to carefully monitor when they could step out of the chamber — even for practical matters, such as taking a phone call or using the bathroom — so they don't leave an imbalance of legislators on the House floor.
- In 2019, House Republicans were able to override Cooper's veto of their budget plan one morning when Democrats were missing from the chamber. [Many Democrats were absent](#) because they said a GOP leader told them the morning would feature a non-voting session.
- Ultimately, Cooper's veto stood. Republicans were not able to override him in the state senate.

**ICYMI: NC's attorney general is coming for TikTok, spam texts and opioids in 2023**

Attorney General Josh Stein is kicking off 2023 with protecting North Carolinians as his top priority as reporting declares: “[he looks out for what's harming the lives of North Carolinians. Then he goes after it](#).”

Today, [Axios Charlotte](#) highlights five issues Stein plans to continue tackling this year, including combating the opioid epidemic, cracking down on spam calls, and seeking justice for victims of sexual assault.

Read more:

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- Attorney general Josh Stein says he looks out for what's harming the lives of North Carolinians. Then he goes after it.
- That could be the headaches of the day-to-day, from [canceled flights](#) to the difficulty of getting Taylor Swift [tickets](#), that expose deeper-rooted issues in society.
- It also includes more serious problems, like opioid abuse, which kills thousands of residents each year.
- As the state's top legal officer, the attorney general has an influential job. Axios sat down with Stein to reflect on 2022 and look forward to what to expect in 2023. In the new year, he's going after TikTok for its risks to young people, and is [proceeding with legal action](#) against polluters who dumped harmful contaminants into the state's environment.

**WHAT THEY'RE SAYING: Republican “No Notice” & “Sneaky” Veto Override Rules “BUILT ON Secrecy & Deception”**

Recent media reports, editorials, and op-eds are holding House Republicans accountable for passing new rules that provide no notice for a veto override vote, calling it “[sneaky](#)” and accusing them of “[deception and trickery](#).”

Read more:

**[News & Observer: NC House Republicans find a sneaky way to override the governor's veto](#)**

“Never mind that voters denied House Republicans a supermajority last November. They'll find a way to get one anyway, no matter how much deception and trickery it requires. They say democracy dies in darkness. But in North Carolina, it might also be threatened if you go to take a pee break.”

**WUNC: As NC General Assembly session begins, Republicans take aim at Gov. Cooper's vetoes**

“House Democratic Leader Robert Reives told reporters that if Moore was so confident, he had a ‘governing majority’ the rule change wouldn't be necessary. ‘We got 10.8 million people that we're representing,’ Reives said. ‘They deserve proper representation; they deserve not to have laws made that end up being gamesmanship.’”

**WGHP: North Carolina GOP pursues path to overriding vetoes, opening door to abortion law changes**

“North Carolina Democratic Chair Bobbie Richardson appeared unconvinced about Moore's position. ‘The public deserves a transparent and accountable government – a hastily called vote while a representative is in the bathroom does everyone a disservice and erodes the democratic process,’ she said in a statement released by the party.”

**News & Observer: Nothing good will come out of Republican rules built around secrecy and deception**

“Our body is capable of doing great things for North Carolinians. I can promise you, though, that nothing good will come out of a process built around secrecy and deception. It will lead to more partisan rancor and fighting among legislators. It will lead to more suspicion and mistrust from the people of North Carolina. Those are the last things we need as we confront problems like how to improve our public schools, how to address health care costs, and how to make our communities more safe and prosperous.”

**News & Observer: ‘Attendance matters.’ How NC House rules change may make it easier to bypass Cooper**

“‘Critical issues like women's health, gun safety and voting rights are on the line, and Republican House leaders need to keep things above board and offer at least 24 hours' notice before veto override votes as Senator Berger has done in the Senate,’ Cooper said. ‘It's a shame that House Republican leaders believe they can only override a veto through deception, surprise and trickery.’”

**CBS17: NC Legislative Session begins**

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### News from Indivisible Chatham

Please join us next Tuesday, January 17th for our NC Wins Coalition Call at 7:30 p.m.

Please send any agenda items to Rachele Salo ([rachele@indivisible.org](mailto:rachele@indivisible.org)). Bri Brough will be joining us to discuss next steps in the redistricting fight!

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApfuGhpzwuHTBZXci2Wd0B9uWwjOjTMvuZ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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### Selected News and Opinion Stories of Note

**[The Assembly: A Big Gap in This Year's Legislature](#)**

**[WRAL: VinFast, NCDOT Seek Federal Approval for Impacts to Streams and Wetlands at Chatham County Site](#)**

**[Chatham News + Record: Leaders Point to '23 As a Year of Transformation](#)**

**[Chatham News + Record: Digging into Plan Moncure – And What it Means for Chatham Residents](#)**

**[Chapelboro.com: ‘The Most Serious Legal Threat Our Democracy Has Ever Faced’: Advocates Await Moore v. Harper Ruling](#)**

**[Carolina Public Press: In North Carolina, More People are Training to Support Patients Through an Abortion](#)**