



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

Meet NC Court of Appeals Judge Carolyn Thompson! July 13, 3 - 4:30 p.m., Fearington Village, 32 McDowell, Pittsboro; and 5 - 6:30 p.m., 307 Old Piedmont, Chapel Hill

Summertime hospitality, Chatham County Democrats (and friendly Unaffiliateds), and the opportunity to meet Judge Carolyn Thompson, incumbent and candidate for the NC Court of Appeals - what an enticing package! It is very important to elect Democratic judges this year. Come meet Judge Thompson, learn about her extensive legal and judicial experience and have the opportunity to ask her your questions in an informal setting. Space is limited so sign up early!

For 3 p.m. event, sign up [here](#). For 5 p.m. event, sign up [here](#).

Meet Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs, July 15, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Chapel Hill. Introductions from NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives and Rep. Wesley Harris, Candidate for NC State Treasurer

You are invited to meet Justice Allison Riggs, who is running to keep her seat on the NC Supreme Court and win back our courts for justice. Justice Riggs is an experienced judge, appointed to the NC Supreme Court by Gov. Cooper in 2023. Prior to this, she served on the NC Court of Appeals and, prior to that, she was Co-Executive Director for Programs and Chief Counsel for Voting Rights at the Southern Coalition for Justice in Durham. She is an accomplished attorney who has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in several landmark redistricting cases. She's spent her entire career "fighting for equal justice under the law for every person, regardless of wealth or skin color."

Join us at the home of Lily Brabble, 352 Rolling Meadows Lane, Chapel Hill, to hear from Justice Riggs and ask your questions in a relaxed, informal setting. Wine and refreshments, too! Bring your friends. Please RSVP as soon as possible at:

<https://www.mobilize.us/chathamcountydems/event/640419/>

Chatham Dems Are Fired Up! An Evening With Jeff Jackson, Mo Green, and Robert Reives, Benefitting CCDP, August 6, 6:30 p.m., Chapel Hill

Join Chatham County Democratic Party and Rep. Robert Reives for Chatham Dems Are Fired Up!, an evening with Rep. Jeff Jackson, candidate for NC Attorney General; and Mo Green, candidate for NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, August 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m. (remarks at 7 p.m.), Governors Club, 11000 Governors Club Drive, Chapel Hill.

Enjoy elegant nibbles, dessert, and wine and hear the candidates seeking to lead North Carolina into a bright, fair, safe, and prosperous future. All proceeds fuel dynamic voter education and vital get-out-the-vote efforts. [Tickets](#) start at \$125.

Upcoming Canvasses

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

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

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

[Volunteer Orientation](#), July 12, July 19, more dates @Zoom

[Join Our Office Crew](#), July 13, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

[Introduction to Voter Registration and Voter Education](#), July 27, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

[Staffing Tent Events](#), July 27, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

Donate to the CCDP School Supply and Book Drive!

We're sparking some love for our children in Siler City with a school supply and book give-away on August 10. Click a link to go to one of the gift list registries: [Book Drive Registry](#) or [School Supply Registry](#), or [Self-Shopper](#). Sign up here to [Volunteer](#).

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Other Upcoming Events

North Carolina Democratic Party Unity Dinner, July 20, VIP Reception 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 7 p.m., Raleigh Convention Center

Join Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Governor Roy Cooper, Attorney General Josh Stein, and NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton for our main event! Sign up [here](#).

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

Post Debate TPs from President Biden Reelect Chair Jen O'Malley Dillon

It's a familiar story: Following Thursday night's debate, the beltway class is counting Joe Biden out. The data in the battleground states, though, tells a different story. On every metric that matters, data shows it did nothing to change the American people's perception, our supporters are more fired up than ever, and Donald Trump only reminded voters of why they fired him four years ago and failed to expand his appeal beyond his MAGA base.

Here's what else the voters saw immediately following the debate: President Biden met with grassroots supporters in Atlanta, [dipped into Waffle House](#) for some late night food and some selfies, then touched down in North Carolina where he shook every hand on the tarmac before a rally the next day with fired-up voters that highlighted the stark contrast at the center of this race. At the same time, Vice President Harris was campaigning in battleground Nevada. And our surrogates and tens of thousands of volunteers spent the week organizing and mobilizing Americans – because that is the work winning campaigns do. Every single day matters in reaching the voters who will decide this election. But for all the hand-wringing coming out of Thursday, here's the truth: this election was incredibly close before Thursday, and by every metric we've

seen since, it remains just as close.

Flash polls from [CNN, 538](#), [SurveyUSA](#), [Morning Consult](#), and [Data for Progress](#) show what we expected: The debate did not change the horse race. This mirrors what the campaign's internal post-debate polling showed: The president maintained his support among his 2020 voters and voters' opinions were not changed.

- CNN: "An 81% majority of registered voters who watched the debate say it had no effect on their choice for president, with another 14% saying that it made them reconsider but didn't change their mind. Just 5% say it changed their minds about whom to vote for."
- 538: "The face-off doesn't seem to have caused many people to reconsider their vote."
- SurveyUSA: Continues to show a tight race between President Biden and Donald Trump, consistent with public polling averages pre-debate.
- Morning Consult: A new large-sample, independent poll has President Biden gaining 1 point post-debate, now leading 45-44.
- Data for Progress: Vote choice between Trump and Biden remains largely unchanged, and Biden continues to run ahead of other Democrats in a Trump matchup.
- Geoff Garin of Hart Research: "I am finishing my second battleground state poll post-debate and both surveys show the same thing: the debate had no effect on the vote choice. The election was extremely close and competitive before the debate, and it is still extremely close and competitive today."

Following the debate, our internal dials showed President Biden led Trump on key measures of being presidential, speaking to the issues that matter, and being likable by more than 20 points. Dials showed that independent voters were turned off by Trump's personal attacks, and had deep negative feelings when Trump talked about January 6, his support for Putin, and refusing to lay out his vision for America. Our internal poll confirmed the dials: Trump's performance left independent voters feeling less confident about his position on reproductive rights and abortion, respect for the Constitution and rule of law, and truthfulness.

Debate dials conducted by outside groups in Phoenix, Arizona largely confirm what we saw from internal dials. A few key takeaways:

- "Overall, voters say that the debate for the most part didn't change their overall outlook of either candidate."
- "Trump's refusal to answer questions in a straightforward manner and his exaggerated boasting fed into perceptions that he cares more about himself than solving peoples' issues."
- "Biden's strongest moments were on matters of policy substance, and voters thought he better addressed their concerns on the issues than did Trump."

In focus groups of voters who watched the debate, President Biden won on substance:

- As one undecided voter in Warren, Michigan told [CNN](#): "When it comes to a strong leader and what we're looking for in a leader, I'm looking for somebody

that I trust to be able to uphold policies that will protect me, and are more concerned for the general wellbeing of everybody in the United States, which I got more from Biden considering he did a lot more talking about policies, and what he's done and what he plans to do. Whereas on the other side from Trump, all I really heard was 'I've done this and it was the best ever,' but I never heard what it was..."

- This was reinforced in a focus group too from [Univision](#) in Arizona showing undecided Latino voters that moved toward Biden following the debate

Across the battlegrounds, our state campaigns have received an influx of volunteer enthusiasm and support, which we are channeling into voter outreach:

- More than three times as many people applied to work on the campaign in the 24 hours following the debate than applied on an average day.
- Post-debate, across the battlegrounds, our rate of volunteer signups was more than three times as much as an average day.
- In North Carolina, we had our largest event of the campaign on Friday, with thousands of people turning out to hear the president give strong and forceful remarks.

This weekend, Team Biden-Harris launched a [massive mobilization blitz](#) to engage thousands of volunteers and supporters at over 1,500 events across battleground states. That same enthusiasm is showing up in the campaign's fundraising: In the wake of the debate, Team Biden-Harris raised more than \$27 million between debate day and Friday evening. Debate night saw three record-breaking hours for grassroots fundraising – including the hour following the debate which was the best one hour of grassroots fundraising since launch.

If we do see changes in polling in the coming weeks, it will not be the first time that overblown media narratives have driven temporary dips in the polls. In 2012, we saw media coverage of President Obama's first debate performance drive a large, but temporary, drop in his polling – [driven almost entirely](#) by fewer Democrats answering polls in the days after the debate, rather than true changes in support. This drop in polling led to highly reactionary headlines that didn't reflect swing voters' true opinions:

- [Romney romps in debate snap polls](#), Politico
- [Not debatable: Obama Stumbles](#), Politico
- [How Obama's debate plan bombed](#), Politico
- [Why was President Obama so bad?](#), The Washington Post
- [Romney Narrows Vote Gap After Historic Debate Win](#), Gallup
- [When Romney Trounced Obama](#), CNN

Bottom line: Our team knows a thing or two about putting our heads down and doing the work to win hard races. This will be a very close election. It was always going to be. It will be won by breaking through and talking to voters every single day, making our case to them about just how high the stakes are and who is fighting for them. That's what our campaign has been planning for. It's the relentless work we're doing on the ground to

get our winning message out that makes us confident President Biden will win this race and beat Donald Trump.

Minutes from the North Carolina Democratic Party 2024 State Convention

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District 20 Updates from NC State Senator Natalie Murdock (Highlights), July 3

Today, Governor Roy Cooper signed the following bills into law:

- Senate Bill 319: Insurance Rev/Online Auctions/Firefighters
- Senate Bill 355: North Carolina Farm Act of 2024.
- House Bill 199: DMV Proposed Legislative Changes.-AB
- House Bill 900: Certain CIHS Partners/Regulate Tobacco Prod.

Governor Cooper issued the following statement on his signing of SB 355:

"The conservation tax credit I proposed in my budget and passed into law with this bill will help us reach the goal I set of permanently conserving one million new acres of natural lands by 2040. Protecting forests, wetlands, and farmlands makes us more resilient to climate hazards, reduces carbon in our atmosphere, promotes military readiness, and supports local economies."

Governor Cooper also vetoed the following bills:

- House Bill 155: Titles for Off-Road Veh./Low Speed Veh. Insp.
- House Bill 556: Tenancy in Com./E-Notary/Small Claims Changes.

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."

On Monday July 1st Governor Cooper signed the following bills into law:

- House Bill 228: Rev. Laws Tech., Clarifying, & Admin. Chngs.
- House Bill 942: SHALOM Act.

Governor Cooper issued the following statement on his signing of HB 942:
 "Defining antisemitism is important to stopping it, and this new law helps do that as anti-Semitic incidents are on the rise. While we protect the right to free speech, this legislation helps to make our state a more welcoming, inclusive and safe place for everyone."

On Friday June 28th Governor Cooper signed the five following bills into law:

- House Bill 223: OSHR/Various SHRA Changes.
- House Bill 495: Revise Money Laundering/Retail Crime.
- Senate Bill 790: State Bar Review Committee Recommendations.
- House Bill 912: 2024 UNC Self-Liquidating Capital Projects.
- House Bill 971: Human Trafficking Changes.

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Updates from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson, July 3

[About that debate...](#)

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Links to Events, Trainings, and Actions Sponsored by Affiliate Organizations

[Common Cause North Carolina](#)

[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 (Steven Beschloss): [When Will There Be a Real Interview of Donald Trump?](#)

America, America (Steven Beschloss): ["With Fear for Our Democracy, I Dissent"](#)

American Freakshow: [Heavy Lies the Crown - by Nina Burleigh](#)

Axios Raleigh: [NC governor moves to wipe \\$4 billion in medical debt](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [NC attorney general's race: Where Jeff Jackson and Dan Bishop stand on the key issues](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Supreme Court gives Trump nearly unlimited power](#)

Carolina Forward: [Are North Carolina's public schools "failing?"](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Gambling dollars flow to NC campaign coffers](#)

Carolina Public Press: [PFA's fight in SE NC drinking water reaches pivotal point](#)

Chapelboro: [Bill Defining Antisemitism in North Carolina Signed by Governor](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Joe Biden Is A Successful President, Labour's Big Win, With Democrats Things Get Better \(video\)](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [New Biden Ad, Happy Fourth, and A Big, Big Thank You](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Our July Plans, Voting On Day 1, Dems Need A Big Reform and Renewal Agenda](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [We Are Fighting for Democracy, Freedom And Our Future - And Cannot Let Up](#)

Indy Week: [In Raleigh, Biden blasts Trump, tries to quell age concerns](#)

Letters from an American (Heather Cox Richardson): [June 30, 2024](#) , [July 1, 2024](#) , [July 4, 2024](#) , [July 5, 2024](#)

Lucid (Ruth Ben-Ghiat): [Patriotism as Defense of America's Multiracial Democracy](#)

Lucid (Ruth Ben-Ghiat): [The Joys of Immunity; Think Like an Autocrat and Predict Trump's Behavior](#)

NC Health News: [One year into NC's new abortion law, patients and providers feel impact](#)

NC Newslines: [NC legislators take a break as some major GOP initiatives stall](#)

News & Observer: [Mark Robinson's issues include a troubled NC child care center](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: Six days shook Biden's candidacy. Can he turn it around?](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: The historical echo Biden has tried to suppress](#)

NY Times (Gift article): [On Politics alert: Biden told ally that he is weighing whether to continue in the race](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: The problem in plain sight](#)

NY Times (Gift article): [Trump on Trial alert: Supreme Court says Trump has some immunity from prosecution](#)

Politico: [This Wouldn't Be the First Time an Incumbent Stepped Aside. Here's What Happened Last Time.](#)

Politico: [Post-debate polls show Biden even further behind Trump](#)

Politico: ['We've all enabled the situation': Dems turn on Biden's inner sanctum post debate](#)

Politico: ['Everybody's in panic mode' as House Democrats scramble after debate](#)

Politico: ['In denial': Democrats livid that Biden is digging in](#)

Politico: [The Supreme Court's Stunning Gift to Trump](#)

Politico: [Now what? Here are the next moves for all the key players after the Trump immunity ruling.](#)

Politico: [Playbook: Biden's Lesson in Political First Aid](#)

Politics NC: [The most consequential week - by Thomas Mills](#)

Politics NC: [Risk versus reward - by Thomas Mills](#)

Public Notice: [The pundit class needs to get a grip - by Noah Berlatsky](#)

Public Notice: [SCOTUS completes the biggest power grab in modern US history](#)

Salon: [A eulogy for the United States on its birthday](#)

The Bulwark: [President Kamala Harris - by Jonathan V. Last](#)

The Bulwark: [Democrats Begin to Make Moves for Life After Biden](#)

The Bulwark: [How to Think Clearly About \(Maybe\) Replacing Biden](#)

The Bulwark: [How SCOTUS Just Blew Up Jack Smith's Prosecution](#)

The Liberal Patriot: [Would Kamala Harris Do Better Than Biden? - by Nate Moore](#)

Time: [Politics](#)

Time: [Sixth Day After Disastrous Debate Was One of Biden's Worst](#)

Washington Post: [The Campaign Moment](#)

WRAL: [Cooper signs vaping registry, farm bills; vetoes two others](#)

WRAL: [NC plan could forgive medical debt for some families](#)

WUNC Politics Newsletter: [Booze, gambling, and football: The NC legislature's unfinished business](#)