



**Chatham County Democratic Party Weekly News Digest
March 11, 2024**

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2024 Democratic Primary Election Unofficial Results

Winners:

Joe Biden, President

Josh Stein, NC Governor

Rachel Hunt, NC Lieutenant Governor

Jeff Jackson, NC Attorney General

Natasha Marcus, NC Commissioner of Insurance

Maurice (Mo) Green, NC Superintendent of Public Instruction

Wesley Harris, NC Treasurer

Allison Riggs, NC Supreme Court Associate Justice

Election Notes:

Statewide turnout: 24.02% (2020 Primary turnout was 31.2%; 2016 Primary turnout was 35.7%)

Chatham County turnout: 31.7% (2020 Primary turnout was 44.1%; 2016 Primary turnout was 47.6%)

Orange County turnout: 30.2%

Durham County turnout: 26.5%

Wake County turnout: 24.8%

You can find full statewide election results [here](#).

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Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events and Volunteer Opportunities

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

You're invited to sign up for any of these upcoming training sessions:

March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19 & 26, [Volunteer Orientation](#) @Zoom

March 22, April 5 & 19, [Events Team Orientation](#) @Zoom

March 27, April 3, April 17, [Canvassing Orientation and Training](#) @Zoom

March 12 & 26, [Staffing Tent Events](#), Community Engagement Center, 628 East St., Pittsboro

March 23; April 23 & 20, [Introduction to Voter Registration & Voter Education](#), Community Engagement Center, 628 East St., Pittsboro

March 19, [Join Our Office Crew](#), Community Engagement Center, 628 East St., Pittsboro

Event Hosts are needed for those trainings held at the CEC. To sign up, go to: [CEC Event Host](#) .

Volunteer for a Shift at [Pittsboro First Sunday](#), April 7, Downtown Pittsboro

Please Help at the 2024 CCDP Convention

The 2024 Chatham County Democratic Party Convention will be held on Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m. - Noon at the George Moses Horton Middle School in Pittsboro.

We need volunteers. If you'd like to help, please sign up to:

[Set Up from 8am to 10am](#)

[Check People In or Work at the Refreshments Table 9am - 11am](#)

[Work at the Refreshments Table 10am - Noon](#)

[Help Clean Up 11am - 1pm](#)

Attend the Chatham County Democratic Party County Convention, March 16!

Sign up to attend the CCDP County Convention on March 16 at George Moses Horton Middle School, 79 Horton Street, Pittsboro.

This will be our first in-person convention since 2019, so we are really looking forward to seeing everyone there. ***Note that there will be no virtual option to attend.***

While the Convention is open to all, only delegates who were previously elected by their precincts and attending the meeting in person can vote on behalf of their precincts.

NC House Minority Leader Robert Reives will be our keynote speaker.

Doors will open at 9 a.m. We will provide coffee and bagels before the convention is called to order at 10 a.m. **We ask that elected delegates arrive no later than 9:30 to facilitate an orderly check-in process.** To facilitate voting, each precinct will have designated seating for their delegates and each delegate will receive a set of ballots when they check in.

The business of the Convention generally is to elect delegates to the District Conventions for the two Congressional Districts that include our county; to elect certain NCDP committee members; to vote on proposed resolutions adopted by the precincts or through the Resolutions Committee; and to conduct any other business properly brought before the meeting. A link to a detailed agenda and a notice about open NCDP committee positions will be added to this announcement and circulated to registered attendees when it becomes available.

An important item of business at our convention is to elect our county party's representatives to three state district executive committees: one committee for each of the Senate, House and state prosecutors. In the event that the state senator or representative representing Chatham County becomes unable to serve, those committees would play a major role in designating his or her successor. In the case of state prosecutors, the role of that committee is less clear, but we assume that it would be consulted by a Democratic governor in choosing any interim successor. We are soliciting nominations (which may include self nominations) to those committees from all Chatham County Democrats. At our convention we will elect two members of each committee. In addition to the nominations that have already been received, we will take nominations from the floor at the convention.

The individuals currently holding these positions are:

Senate District Executive Committee: Rhesa Versola and Travis Patterson

House District Executive Committee: Del Turner and Randy Voller

Prosecutorial District Executive Committee: Steve Maynor and Esther Coleman

To sign up to attend: <https://www.mobilize.us/chathamcountydems/event/607348/>

On Saturday, March 9TH, we will post a draft Agenda for the meeting at ccdpnc.org.

Want to Be a Delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention?

Registered Democrats wishing to represent North Carolina as delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention, to be held in Chicago on August 19-22, [may apply here](#). The deadline for applications is March 14th.

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Other Upcoming Events

NC Counts Redistricting Roundtable - March Meeting / Reunión de marzo de redistribución de distritos, March 12, 2 p.m. (Virtual Event)

We hope you can join us as we continue to keep the light shining on redistricting. And for those who missed it - the notes and recording from our February Roundtable Meeting, (which includes great information from YouCanVote and VoteRiders) is at: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1c--orTb6fkHeeZZkJ6oj0ldZNmmtn7oR?usp=drive_link.

Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoduGrrj4oE9M0Bpnrls0_ofkiZnouT8XN.

CORE presents Community Conversation: Climate Justice and Chatham County, March 12, 6 - 8 p.m., Chatham Community Library, 197 NC-87, Pittsboro

Climate change is an environmental justice issue. Disadvantaged communities are often most affected by its many impacts (heat waves, droughts, flooding, etc.) while lacking the resources to recover from, adapt, and overcome these extreme conditions/events. The climate justice movement aims to address these disparities by creating climate solutions that also address racial, economic, and social inequities.

Please join us for a "Community Conversation on Climate Justice" to learn more about how we can promote climate justice in Chatham County. Denzel Burnside, Executive Director of Wake Up, Wake County, will share his experiences working on several climate justice projects. We will hear about local projects and perspectives from: Kevin Lindley (Environmental Quality Director of Chatham County), Emily Sutton (Haw Riverkeeper, Haw River Assembly), Vickie Atkinson (Vice-Chair of the Chatham Climate Advisory Council), and El Vinculo Hispano's OLP Youth (Shawn, Anthony and Aiden). There will be an opportunity for discussion about how to get more involved with projects in Chatham County.

Register at: [CORE presents Community Conversation: Climate Justice and Chatham County](#)

Women's Leadership Forum (WLF) hosts Heather Cox Richardson and A'Shanti Gholar, March 13, 5 p.m. (Virtual Event)

I am so excited to share this special event on **March 13th** with the historian **Heather Cox Richardson (HCR)**, whose *Letters From An American* have kept so many of us informed and inspired to continue to do all we can to #saveourdemocracy.

If you are already a follower, you know that her daily missive is an essential part of an informed news diet. The [letter today](#) is a case in point. Our democracy and the institutions we rely on to preserve it are under attack from within and Professor Cox, every day, helps us to understand the stakes to encourage us to action. She will be joined by **A'Shanti Gholar** the president of [EMERGE](#) in a moderated conversation. I hope to see you and please forward this invitation to your network.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Each day we are reminded about what is at stake in this election and having the thoughtful voice of HCR and the work of Emerge is critical to our success! #saveourdemocracy. There is no charge to attend but your support is essential and appreciated.

Diane Robertson, WLF Co-Chair. DNC Member | Biden Victory Fund Member

Board of Elections Provisional/Supplemental Absentee Board Meeting, March 14, 4 p.m., Virtual

The Chatham County Board of Elections will hold its provisional/supplemental absentee meeting on March 14, 2024, at 4 p.m.

The public may view the meeting online at <https://meet.goto.com/994497133>.

Information about the Chatham County Board of Elections can be found online at www.chathamcountync.gov/elections. Questions may be directed to the Board of Elections office at 919-545-8500.

Board of Elections Canvass, March 15, 11 a.m., Virtual

The Chatham County Board of Elections will hold its canvass on March 15, 2024, at 11 a.m.

The public may view the meeting online at <https://meet.goto.com/994644077>.

Information about the Chatham County Board of Elections can be found online at www.chathamcountync.gov/elections. Questions may be directed to the Board of Elections office at 919-545-8500.

CORE Restoration Village, March 19, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Chatham Community Library, 197 NC-87, Pittsboro

Monthly Restorative Village gathering that includes breakout space for personal and group work on race, identity, and healing. We share our stories, participate in reflection, and build trusting relationships. Restoration Villages are a part of our building blocks.

Sign up at: [Restoration Village](#)

C2C Candidate Panel, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m. (Virtual Event)

Get to know some of the candidates County-to-County will partner with in 2024! We are so pleased to feature Sen. Lisa Grafstein (SD 13, Wake County), Ms. Safiyah Jackson (HD 37, Wake County), Ms. Woodson Bradley (SD 42, Mecklenburg County), and perhaps an additional face or two!

Join C2C and moderator Senator Sydney Batch for this exciting hour. We'll find out why these candidates are running for office, where they stand on some important issues, how they hope to make NC better, and what is happening in their districts.

Sign up at: [C2C Candidate Panel, March 25](#)

Women's March – Bigger Than Roe, March 26, Washington, D.C.

The Supreme Court announced it will begin hearing oral arguments on the abortion pill (Mifepristone) on March 26th. This will be the Court's first serious return to the issue of abortion since overturning Roe v. Wade in 2022. If successful, this case can impact healthcare access for millions of women across the US — including in states where abortions are legal. Women's March is mobilizing a targeted action in Washington, DC to support women's rights to Mifepristone, reproductive choices, and healthcare.

If you are interested in participating, go to: [Will you take action on March 26th?](#)

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Events Sponsored by Red, Wine & Blue

March 11, 7 p.m., Emergency Troublemaker Training, How We Save IVF and Birth Control (Virtual Event)

Extremists already came for Roe, now they're after IVF and birth control! Governor Youngkin of Virginia is sitting on a bill to protect contraception, and Alabama's highest court has ruled that IVF embryos have legal rights. The Supreme Court has also hinted it may reconsider our right to contraception as well! Join Professor Dana Singiser, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, VA State Senator Ghazala Hashmi, Texas rights activist Amanda Zurawski, and others on March 11 at 7 p.m. ET as we talk about our new campaign to save IVF and birth control. We'll see you there!

[RSVP NOW](#)

March 12, 7:30 p.m., What's Up With the Anti-Vax Movement? (Virtual Event)

Did you that anti-vax candidates are stepping up to run for office nationwide? How do we combat disinformation about vaccines and defeat policies that threaten the health of our communities? Join us to hear from the Safe Communities Coalition and learn what we can all do to protect our family and friends.

Sign up at: [What's Up With The Anti-Vax Movement?](#)

March 13, 7 p.m., Troublemaven Academy (Virtual Event)

There's still time! By the end of the Academy, you will have the information and skills you need to be an effective, confident advocate around issues that are important to you; be able to share what you've learned with the women in your network and social groups; and be ready to mobilize “on a dime” with women across the state.

Sign up [here](#).

March 14, 7:30 p.m., Badass Women Can Change the World (Virtual Event)

We know that women can change the world – and Heather Booth is living proof! Heather has trained political leaders, led campaigns and fought for every issue from voting rights to healthcare to marriage equality. Join us to hear Heather’s amazing story, get inspired and learn how you can make a difference -- from someone who truly has!

Sign up at: [Badass Women Can Change The World](#)

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

NCDP Chair on Attorney General Josh Stein Winning the Democratic Primary for Governor

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

“Congratulations to Attorney General Josh Stein, our Democratic nominee for Governor. North Carolina has been lucky to have Josh Stein fighting and delivering for them these past seven years as Attorney General, whether fighting the opioid crisis, protecting consumers from fraud, or defending voting and reproductive rights.

“As Governor, he will continue delivering for North Carolinians to build a North Carolina with strong public schools, safe communities, and economic opportunity for every person. Over the next eight months, North Carolina Democrats are committed to doing everything we can to keep the Governorship blue.”

NCDP Chair on President Biden's State of the Union Address

Following President Biden's State of the Union address during which he highlighted historic investments in North Carolina and his vision for the future, North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Anderson Clayton released the following statement:

"President Biden's State of the Union address was a strong testament to the historic progress he has delivered for the American people. The president has fought every day to make life better for North Carolinians by cutting costs for hardworking families, making major investments to strengthen our infrastructure, fighting to protect women's reproductive health and standing strong to save our democracy. The stakes have never been higher and the choice is clear – President Biden has delivered on his promises and tonight was a call to action to re-elect this president so he can continue carrying out his agenda for the American people. North Carolina is ready to deliver a victory for him this November."

Mark Robinson: We knew it was going to happen, but it's finally official. Mark Robinson is the Republican nominee for Governor of North Carolina. Mark Robinson's plan for North Carolina is dangerous and extreme, so we need to make sure we show voters who he really is. If people in your community are curious about where Mark Robinson stands, send them to realmarkrobinson.com.

AG Stein becomes Democratic Nominee for Governor, America realizes the dangers of Robinson now that he's the GOP nominee for Governor NEW

- Attorney General Josh Stein became the Democratic Nominee for Governor on Tuesday night.
- With Mark Robinson now the official Republican Nominee for Governor, there could not be a clearer choice for Governor
- AG Stein has delivered results for our state and fought for North Carolinians. Robinson has spent his time in public service trying to divide us and spread hate.
- Stein won twice on the same ballot as Trump in North Carolina.
- After Tuesday night's results, the rest of America seems to now realize who Robinson is and how dangerous it would be to have him anywhere near the Governor's Mansion
- Since Tuesday:
 - Robinson's unearthed clip of him saying he wants to ['Go Back to the America Where Women Couldn't Vote'](#)
 - Robinson was the feature of a segment called "**Meet Mark Robinson: The GOP's Next Top Lunatic**" on [The Daily Show](#).

- Jon Favreau/ Pod Save America had a segment on the podcast warning the audience that [“We’ve got to keep this guy from getting into office.”](#)

Biden set for last State of the Union (SOTU) before election **NEW**

- President Biden will lay out the historic achievements he has delivered on for the American people and his vision for the future.
- The president’s State of the Union address will make it clear: this year’s election will be a choice between two very different futures for America.
- Donald Trump is running a campaign of revenge and retribution for himself and his ultra-wealthy friends. He wants to take us backwards: attacking the freedom to choose, to vote, to love who you love, to grow our economy, to save lives from gun violence, to protect our planet, to strengthen our alliances around the world.
- We already saw how damaging a first Trump term was: He was “the one” to overturn Roe, he rigged the economy for the ultra-wealthy at the expense of the middle class, and he tried to overturn the will of the people, encouraging thousands of his supporters to march to the Capitol on January 6.
- Now, he wants to go even further. And he has the plans to do so – just look at his [Project 2025 Agenda](#):
 - Slashing [Social Security](#) and [Medicare](#) to fund even more tax cuts for the rich.
 - Ripping away access to [reproductive health care](#), including banning abortion and restricting access to contraception – with or without the help of Congress – and restricting [IVF](#).
 - Increasing [tax cuts](#) for Trump’s rich and powerful donors so they pay less than working families.
 - [Gutting](#) the Affordable Care Act, ripping away health care from millions, jeopardizing coverage protections for more than 100 million Americans with preexisting conditions, and sending costs skyrocketing.
 - [Increasing](#) insulin and prescription drug costs for tens of millions of seniors.
 - Plotting to cut federal assistance which will increase housing costs for millions.
 - More [family separation](#) and ineffective and racist immigration policies.
 - Threatening our [allies abroad](#) and [emboldening](#) our adversaries, all while making America [weaker and less safe](#).
- Trump’s Project 2025 plans for a second term are not hypothetical: they are a blueprint for what he would do if elected.
- The stakes for 2024 have never been higher.

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News from NC Congresswoman Valerie Foushee

February was a busy and productive month. I was grateful to spend time in the Fourth District and Washington, D.C. meeting with local leaders and community members, while also working to avoid a reckless and unnecessary government shutdown. As we enter a new month, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the work I have been doing on behalf of the Fourth District.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a time to celebrate the invaluable sacrifices and rich contributions of Black Americans. This month and every month, let us use our voices and our actions to fight against the injustices that continue to plague our society today.

[Click here](#) to view my video celebrating Black History Month

I was delighted to recognize and reflect on the life and legacy of Dr. Rose Butler Browne at Mount Vernon Baptist Church's Black History Month program. I was also honored to join the Orange County Community Remembrance Coalition, Equal Justice Initiative, and the Town of Carrboro for a historical marker unveiling commemorating Manly McCauley, who was a victim of racial hate and violence, and was tragically lynched in 1898. Racial violence and hate still exists today. Historical markers serve as a way to confront the darkest parts of our past, in order to build a more inclusive future.

This month, I also joined my Congressional Black Caucus colleagues in introducing the [Protect Black Women and Girls Act](#), legislation that addresses critical issues impacting Black women and girls. For far too long, Black women and girls have faced disparities throughout our society regarding housing, health care, criminal justice and more – and I’m proud to support this legislation to ensure they have equal opportunities to succeed.

Artificial Intelligence

In February, I hosted a roundtable discussion alongside Congresswoman Deborah Ross (NC-02) centered around Artificial Intelligence with White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Director Arati Prabhakar, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) U.S. AI Safety Institute Director Elizabeth Kelly, and local AI industry leaders at North Carolina Central University.

The Triangle Region is home to top community colleges and universities educating future researchers and innovators. This roundtable was a great opportunity to discuss necessary federal guardrails and public-private partnerships needed to support innovation and growth within the industry while ensuring safe, secure, and trustworthy development of AI technologies.

In Washington, I had the opportunity to ask experts during a House Science, Space, and Technology Committee hearing about how companies in the AI space are promoting DEI and equitable access. As we consider investments into AI education, it is imperative that we include our nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Minority Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities.

[Click here](#) to view a video clip from the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee hearing on equitable access in AI

With the rapid rise of AI systems, Democratic and Republican Leadership came together to establish the Bipartisan Artificial Intelligence Taskforce, which I am proud to be a part of. Addressing this quickly moving technology requires careful regulation and oversight. This taskforce will be essential to fostering innovation, while addressing the legitimate risks of AI. You can read more about the announcement [here](#).

Does Congress Need to Act Now to Pass AI Oversight?

Yes

No

Taking this survey will sign you up for future news and updates from my office.

Fourth District Focus

I had the privilege of spending time back in the Fourth District connecting with community members and local leaders. I was proud to join a roundtable at North Carolina Central University to highlight the importance of making your voice heard in our elections and protecting our right to vote.

It was a pleasure to join the Town of Carrboro for their legislative breakfast where we had important discussions on local priorities and the needs of Carrboro residents. I look forward to our continued work together to make our local communities stronger.

Last month, I had the opportunity to speak at the 26th Annual Orange County Agricultural Summit, where I discussed local farming priorities for the Fourth District.

North Carolina's farmers are the backbone of our state. I will continue to fight for policies that support our farmers and agricultural businesses.

SAVE Student Relief Program

My Congressional Progressive Caucus colleagues and I have made student debt cancellation a priority in Congress. That is why I am excited to share that the President announced a major new initiative.

If you took out less than \$12,000 in loans and have been in repayment for 10 years, ALL of your debt will be canceled. That's right — your loan balance could go down to zero.

To get that relief and other options for major monthly reductions to your loan payments, you need to be enrolled in the [Saving on A Valuable Education \(SAVE\) Plan](#). This is the same plan that ensures no borrower who makes less than \$15 an hour will have to make any student loan payments. It will also make sure that interest does not pile up and increase your debt amount, and that your spouse's income cannot be used to drive up your payment amount.

[Sign up](#) for the SAVE Plan today, so you get this relief before your next payment is due.

Internship Openings

I am pleased to announce that I am accepting applications for my Summer 2024 Internship Program in my Durham District office and my Washington, D.C. office. If you know an undergraduate or graduate student interested in government or the legislative process, please encourage them to apply.

The program will allow students to learn first-hand about the workings of the House of Representatives and constituent services. Interns will have the opportunity to

experience the legislative process, develop research skills, interact with constituents, and assist with administrative responsibilities.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and applicants are encouraged to apply early. For more information on the internship program, including responsibilities and application requirements, visit foushee.house.gov/internships.

Constituent Services

In February, my office assisted over 103 constituents in resolving issues with federal agencies. From passports and immigration to Social Security, Medicare, and veterans benefits, my office is here to help if you are having trouble navigating federal agencies. If you need assistance, please reach out by clicking the button below or by calling my Durham District Office at 919-967-7924 to speak with one of my Constituent Services Liaisons.

Get Help with a Federal Agency

As always, it is an honor to serve and represent you in the United States House of Representatives. I look forward to continuing to advocate for you and our community every day. Please [subscribe](#) to my newsletter and follow along on my official social media pages on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) to stay up to date with the work I'm doing on behalf of North Carolina's Fourth District.

Sincerely,



Valerie Foushee

Member of Congress

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News from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson

As you may have seen, last night was the State of the Union.

My wife, Marisa, sat in the balcony. I was on the House floor with the entire House, the Senate, the Supreme Court, the Cabinet, and the Joint Chiefs.

This was my second SOTU, and honestly one of the best parts is milling around before it starts.

The Senators came in pretty early, so it gave us a chance to say hello. I really don't see Senators too often. They work on the other side of the Capitol and we don't normally cross paths. So, over the last few weeks I had been making a mental note of the Senators I wanted to speak briefly with, knowing this would be a decent chance to do it.

By the time the Cabinet and the Supreme Court walks in, the ceremony is really underway and there's not really a chance to say hello. I'm not sure I would try to have a word with a member of our Supreme Court even if I could - would feel inappropriate to me - but in any event there's not really a moment for that.

And by the way, all of this takes place under the brightest possible lights. Literally. For nationally televised ceremonies, they turn on the spotlights that hang in each corner of the ceiling. What you're seeing on TV is about 3x brighter than it normally is on the House floor. There's a lot of squinting and shielding your eyes when you first step onto the House floor as your eyes adjust.

A few observations from inside the room during the speech:

- There was less heckling than I expected. A group of us made a bet before the speech and we figured there would be four or five clear heckles from members of Congress. I only counted two.
- When support for Ukraine was mentioned, about 75% of the members stood and clapped. I think that's roughly indicative of the level of support from Congress.
- There weren't too many topics that brought everyone to their feet. Two exceptions were the mention that Sweden joined NATO this week and the recognition of the Swedish Prime Minister in the balcony. Another was the mention of the late Rep. John Lewis, with whom most members here served for their entire time in Congress.

- When the President mentioned support for IVF, I looked up at Marisa. She had IVF twice, and now we have Owen (age 8) and Avery (age 5). She was standing and clapping about as hard as you can imagine. I thought it was beautiful and I was really glad she was there for that moment.

Since I'm leaving Congress at the end of the year, this will be my last State of the Union. I tried to glance around and commit as much of it to my long-term memory as possible. Being able to be part of such a singular moment for our democracy - all three branches, under one roof, while the President stands and addresses them - is an honor so great as to be a little disorienting. It's part of my past now, but it's a part I will remember well.

Best,

Jeff

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News from Neighbors on Call

Next Stop Granville

Wed., March 27 @ 7:30-8:30

"Doors" open for optional social time at 7 p.m. **via Zoom**

The path to breaking the supermajority runs through Granville, a diverse, growing, vibrant county next door to the Triangle -- with TWO must-win state legislative districts.

Neighbors on Call and the Granville County Democratic Party invite you to learn more about Granville (and the best hot sauce contest in NC!) with:

- Ricky Hurtado, moderator
- Oxford City Commissioner Bryan Cohn, candidate for NC House District 32
- Dr. Linda Jordon, Mayor of Butner
- Liz Purvis, Chair of the Granville County Democratic Party
- with introductions by NC Rep. Terence Everitt, candidate for NC Senate District 18

See you there!

Sign up [here](#).

Policy Update for March 11, 2024

2024 Primary Elections

- [On a busy Super Tuesday, most NC races went as expected: Upsets in GOP superintendent's race, handful of legislative races are the exceptions](#) –Staff, NC Newsline

Policy Update for March 4, 2024

Voting Rights

[A panel of three Superior Court Judges heard arguments Wednesday about the constitutionality of a new law that transfers election board appointment power from the governor to the state legislature.](#) The law would change the format of the state elections board from five seats appointed by the governor, three of which are allotted to members of the governor's party, to eight seats with four each appointed by opposing party leaders in the NCGA. The same three-judge panel previously issued a preliminary injunction preventing the law from going into effect, and this week they considered Cooper's attorney's arguments in favor of a summary (without trial) judgment alongside arguments from attorneys for Republican legislative leadership that the law is constitutional. The presiding judge on the panel, Superior Court Judge Edwin Wilson, said that the court would likely issue a decision by the end of next week.

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News from Democracy North Carolina

We're hiring our next pool of passionate and determined young people for the 25th year of our youth leadership program, Democracy Summer!

Do you know any impressive community college or university students who would be interested in this hands-on, paid summer internship in policy, organizing, communications, development, or operations?

If so, please forward them the message below! Or just text them the link to the program description and application: demnc.co/demsummer. **Applications close Friday, March 15.**

Best,

Aleisha Harding
Democracy North Carolina

Looking for a way to make social change? [Apply to be part of the 2024 Democracy Summer internship class!](#)

Now in its 25th year, the Democracy Summer internship program is an innovative experience that inspires advocacy, community activism, and social change in the face of injustice. It's a life-changing, hands-on internship experience for college students from across the state.

You could be part of a legacy of hundreds of young people who spend their summer making North Carolina's government work for all.

All interns earn a **\$6,000 stipend** (taxable) while building relationships, receiving training, and working alongside us as if you were one of our staff. We prepare all of our interns to gain skills that could get them a job in movement work after graduation.

Our interns focus on:

- empowering local volunteers
- amplifying community leaders
- advocating for local and national policies that improve our democracy
- cultivating relationships with decision-makers in North Carolina's power structure
- moving the needle toward the future we all deserve

Don't delay! [Get more details and apply here.](#) Applications are due by 7pm on Friday, March 15th.

We look forward to working with you!

North Carolina deserves an election system built to serve its people, ALL of its people. To anyone listening. Keep trying to make your votes heard, keep voting, keep engaging your community, keep showing up, because your vote does matter, your voice matters, your voice is heard, and they wouldn't have to work this hard to suppress it if it wasn't making a difference.

- Ariana Griffin, Democracy Summer Class of 2023

In Solidarity,

Rev. Stefan Weathers
Program Manager - Young Adult Engagement

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Selected News and Opinion Stories

Associated Press: [Trump Endorses Mark Robinson for North Carolina Governor and Compares Him to Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [NC Republicans in Congress Ask Supreme Court to Restrict Medication Abortion](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [NC's Primary Election Results Show the Far-Right's Power in the Republican Party](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Blowouts in Top NC Primary Races, Some Other Results Closer](#)

Carolina Public Press: ['Ferocity of Politics' Driving NC Primary Voters](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Smooth Voting Process on Primary Day in NC](#)

Chapelboro: [2024 Primary Election Results for Local Races](#)

Chapelboro: [On Air Today: FLIP NC on the Battle for the Courts in North Carolina](#)

Chapelboro: [Chatham County Roundup: County Commissioner Karen Howard](#)

Chapelboro: [UNC Political Scientist Talks Polarization Reflected in 2024 Elections](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Biden Leads in 2 New Polls, Raise the Flag, Super Tuesday Tonight, SOTU Thursday](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [The President is Clearly Fighting for Us. Now We Need to Go Fight for Him.](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [The President is Kicking Ass!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [The General Election Begins, Backing Gallego, Hopium's 1st Birthday!](#)

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