



Chatham County Democratic Party Weekly News Digest February 19, 2024

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Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Get Ready to VOTE in the Primary Election!

The 2024 Democratic Primary Election is upon us! Mail-in ballots are available now. Early voting began February 15, and Primary Election Day is March 5.

Want to vote by mail? Request an absentee ballot by 5 p.m. Tuesday, February 27, at <https://votebymail.ncsbe.gov> . The Chatham County Board of Elections began mailing out absentee ballots on January 19.

The Early Voting Period runs from February 15 to March 2. Early Voting Polling places are listed on page 4 of this digest. During Early Voting, polls are open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday February 25 (only) from Noon to 3 p.m.

On Election Day, March 5, polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. On Election Day, you should vote in your precinct. To find out where you can vote on Election Day, visit: <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/reglkup/> , visit <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-and-elections/precincts-and-polling-places>, or call the Chatham County Board of Elections at 919-545-8500.

As a reminder, the previously announced Early Voting Polling Site at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Cary has been replaced by Holland Chapel AME Zion Church in Apex.

For more information on Early Voting Polling sites, checking your voter registration, and photo ID requirements, visit: [Primary Election Calendar | CCDP-NC \(ccdpnc.org\)](#)

You can view a sample Primary ballot at: <https://www.ccdpnc.org/2024-sample-primary-ballot> .

For information on your 2024 Democratic candidates, visit:

<https://www.ccdpnc.org/candidate-profiles> .

Call for Poll Observers

It is that time of year again! Early voting for the 2024 NC Primary begins on February 15th and runs through March 2nd. We are recruiting volunteers to serve as POLL OBSERVERS.

This year more than ever CCDP Poll Observers watch for any missteps in the election processes inside each polling place. They've been in use for at least a hundred years as a way to promote election integrity, with the idea that if both parties are watching, it's much harder for either to tamper with the votes. If someone goes amiss, poll observers contact a central incident reporting operation.

You must be a resident of Chatham County to be a poll observer in Chatham County.

Poll Observers typically sign up for a 4-hour shift at a specific polling location. In addition to these shifts, we would like to have a list of at-large Poll Observers and a small team of Hot Line volunteers. In general, at-large observers are allowed to observe at any polling site in the county for any length of time. Hot Line volunteers can work from anywhere and enter issues reported by observers into a central easy-to-use system.

If you would like to learn more about these opportunities or Poll Observing in general, please join one of a no obligation informal info session. The hope is that we can start to build these teams during the primaries and have this early experience carry over into this year's all important general election in the fall. Sign up at: [Poll Observer info session](#).

If you already know that you would like to serve as a Poll Observer, you can sign up for a shift (or several) at: [Volunteer Opportunities, Events, and Petitions Near Me](#)

Thank you for helping us protect democracy in 2024!

Sign Up To Be a Primary Election Poll Greeter!

Sign up at the links below to be a Primary Election poll greeter at one of the five early voting sites in Chatham County!

[CCCC Health Science Building, 75 Ballentrae Court, Pittsboro 27312](#)

[Chatham County Agricultural Center, 1192 US Highway 64, Pittsboro 27312](#)

[Goldston Town Hall, Goldston Town Hall, 40 Coral Avenue, Goldston 27252](#)

[National Guard Armory, 801 Alston Bridge Rd, Siler City 27344](#)

[Holland Chapel AME Zion Church, 360 Burgess Rd., Apex, NC 27523](#)

Please [download CCDP's Poll Greeting Guidelines](#) and read them before your first poll greeting shift.

CCDP is also offering optional (but highly recommended) [Poll Greeting Training](#). There are seven sessions to choose from, at times intended to accommodate different schedules.

Thank you for volunteering!

Join Our Texting Team!

2024 is here, and we are gearing up for the elections ahead. Early voting for the March primary began on February 15th. Help us spread the word.

We are launching a very targeted texting program aimed at making sure our supporters have all the information they need to vote in 2024. We plan to begin texting shortly before early voting begins on February 15th and we will wrap up on March 5th, Primary Election Day. Then, we will gear up to do it again next fall for the November election.

If you are shy around people, but not around computers.....this is the volunteer opportunity you have been looking for!

Volunteer [here](#).

Join Us for a Siler City Canvass, Saturday, February 24, 1 p.m.

There will be a door-to-door canvass in the Siler City area, designed to increase voter turnout in the upcoming primary election. (Early voting started on February 15th.) We will also be inviting folks to join our volunteer team.

We will meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 24th, at the Arts Incubator in Siler City. We will go out in teams of 2 or 3 and canvass for a couple of hours. Each team will be assigned around 30 doors to canvass.

[Sign up here on Mobilize to join us.](#)

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

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

February 27, 1:30 - 3 p.m. [Training - Staffing Tent Events](#), CCDP Community Engagement Center (CEC), 628 East Street, Pittsboro

February 22, [Canvassing Orientation & Training](#) @Zoom.

Please tell us a little about your previous canvassing experience and training by completing our [Canvasser Intake Form](#). Your responses will help us tailor the training to the needs of those attending each training session.

February 23 and March 1, 8, 15 & 22, [Volunteer Orientation](#) @Zoom

February 20, 1:30 - 3:30, [Training - Join Our Office Crew](#) @Zoom

February 23 and March 8 & 22, [Events Team Orientation](#) @Zoom

February 24, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., [Training - Introduction to Voter Registration & Voter Education](#), CCDP Community Engagement Center (CEC), 628 East Street, Pittsboro

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

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Other Upcoming Events

Board of Elections Regular and Absentee Board Meeting, February 20, 5 – 7 p.m., (Virtual Meeting)

The Chatham County Board of Elections will hold its regular and absentee meeting on February 20, 2024, at 5 p.m.

The public may view the meeting online at <https://meet.goto.com/606584437>.

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.

Democracy NC Statewide Advocates Call, February 20, 6 - 7 p.m.

We are calling all advocates to the table to discuss recent changes that are impacting voters in North Carolina and ways we can prepare for the primary election. You'll meet advocates from across the state and hear from panelists who previously held office. We'll also discuss local and state races that are on the ballot and important dates to remember.

Sign up at: [Statewide Advocates Call 02.20.24](#)

Every Child NC Day of Action for Education Rights, February 22, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join Every Child NC advocates in Raleigh as they condemn the NC Supreme Court's rehearing of Leandro and demand that the state honor the November, 2022 ruling by immediately funding the full Leandro Plan.

For more information and to sign up, go to: [Day of Action for Education Rights](#).

Ballots y Belleza, February 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., ReCity, 12 Broadway St, Ste B, Durham (Sponsored by Poder NC)

Join us at this event, where pampering intersects with civic education. Be in community as we learn, in depth, who is on your ballot 2024 and what each position does while getting a FREE pampering service from an aesthetician, nail tech, tarot reader, or make-up artist. Bring a friend with you and enjoy the experience together! By participating, you'll not only enjoy a day of relaxation but also gain the knowledge needed to vote confidently in the upcoming elections.

Sign up for a one-hour slot at: [Ballots y Belleza Sign-up](#)

“Public Education and Public Money,” February 27, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Sponsored by Ferrington Democratic Club (Virtual Event)

Vouchers? Charter schools? Teacher Pay? Parents' Bill of Rights? The Ferrington Democratic Club's February topic will be “Public Education and Public Money.” Our speaker will be Dr. Charles Coble, an experienced and powerful advocate for public schools and their teachers.

Dr. Coble, a former science teacher, was the Dean of the School of Education at East Carolina University, then served as liaison with the fifteen Schools of Education in the UNC system. He led the development of the University School Teacher Education Partnerships and organized the UNC Center for School Leadership Development.

The meeting will be live-streamed on **Tuesday, February 27 from 7 - 8:15 p.m.** and recorded for later viewing on the Club website (FerringtonDems.org). Click [here](#) for the link to register for Zoom (by 5 p.m. of the day of the event, please, and sooner is better).

CORE Racial Equity Fundamentals Workshop, March 9, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, Pittsboro

CORE's Racial Equity Fundamentals workshop builds a foundational knowledge of equity concepts and terminology. This workshop initiates conversations about race and racism while exploring methods to drive systemic change, shift power, and promote community healing as we move towards our collective liberation.

Cost to attend:

Standard rate - \$125/person

Equity-based - \$75/person

Pay-It-Forward - \$200/person (provides scholarship)

Registration cost includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Register [here](#).

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Events Sponsored by Red, Wine & Blue

Sweep Salon -- Sex Ed in Elementary School: Fact Vs. Myth!, February 20, 7:30 p.m. (Virtual Event)

Extremists all over the country have been saying some pretty wild — and untrue — things about what is being taught in our elementary schools, especially when it comes to sex ed. They are intentionally spreading this disinformation to scare and confuse us. But we won't be fooled.

We can help you figure out what's true and what's not in our upcoming virtual event, "Sex Ed in Elementary School: Fact vs. Myth!" on Tuesday, February 20 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ET.

We'll be joined by Nora Gelperin, M.Ed., from Advocates for Youth, to discuss what is actually taught, and when, in elementary schools. We'll also talk about why it's important for students to have this age-appropriate curriculum and how it keeps them safe from harm.

We can't let extremists continue to spread lies about this important topic, and we are the best ones to educate our friends and family with the truth. Bring any questions you have and be ready to learn everything you need to know to help set the record straight.

[Register today!](#)

Troublemaven Academy, February 21, 7 p.m. (Virtual Event)

Learn 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](#).

Troublemaker Training, How We Prevent Extremists From Destroying Public Education, February 22, 7:30 p.m. (Virtual Event)

Our public schools are under attack. There's just no question about that. Extremist groups and legislators are working overtime to manipulate and scare parents, and passing policies and laws to dismantle public education as we know it.

We need to be able to stop the chaos being sown in our school districts before we lose our public schools for good!

Join us on Thursday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. ET to hear from Penny Blue, a former Virginia school board member who was able to push for more inclusive policies and create a better environment for students. She'll teach us about the history of efforts to limit access to public education and what we can learn from it to stop the current extremists. **You won't want to miss this!**

It's not just that extremist legislators are underfunding our schools by a horrifying \$150 *billion* a year.¹

A record number of anti-LGBTQ education bills were introduced last year.² Efforts to ban teaching about racism and equity are in 49 states.³ Book bans have reached record highs.⁴

And private school voucher programs are spreading like wildfire, defunding our schools even further to subsidize education for the privileged.⁵

Public schooling is one of the most important services we provide our kids – it helps close equity gaps, give students from all backgrounds a pathway to success, and exposes kids to all kinds of cultures and opinions. We need to understand how all of these attacks work together to dismantle this essential service, so we can fight back! **Join us on Thursday for this critical conversation.**

[RSVP today!](#)

Banned Book Club: Caste, March 6, 7:30 p.m. (Virtual Event)

Join us for our March Banned Book Club as we read and explore *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. Wilkerson draws parallels between caste systems in America, India, and Nazi Germany, identifying eight pillars that underlie such systems. Wilkerson also delves into the health and cultural implications of caste, ultimately suggesting ways for America to move beyond divisive human divisions towards a more hopeful shared humanity.

Sign up [here](#).

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

ICYMI: Mark Robinson Calls for Transgender Women To Be “Arrested” Over Bathroom Use, Suggests Reviving HB2

Reports are highlighting Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson’s recent comments at a campaign rally arguing that [“people who previously identified as male should be ‘arrested’ if they go in a women’s bathroom”](#) and [“suggests they should ‘find a corner outside somewhere’ to relieve themselves.”](#) According to a video obtained by Vice News, Robinson even suggested reviving legislation similar to HB2, a law [“that led to national headlines and economic boycotts,”](#) saying: [“We’re not going to talk about it here in North Carolina. We already passed the law. If we need to pass another one, we will.”](#)

“Mark Robinson’s pattern of using his platform to demean and attack North Carolinians is dangerous for our state,” **said NCDP Spokesperson Tommy Mattocks.** “We’ve seen this type of divisive and hateful vision plummet our state’s economy and reputation – and voters rejected it. Mark Robinson is using that same losing playbook and in 2024, voters are ready to remind him that hate does not belong in our state.”

The comments drew ire from Robinson’s GOP primary opponents, slamming him for [“trying to rise to power through hate”](#) and [“wreck\[ing\] GOP chances for regaining the White House and the governorship here in North Carolina.”](#)

Read More:

WUNC: Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson talks bathrooms, suggests transgender people should go 'outside'

- Nearly seven years after North Carolina repealed the “bathroom bill” that led to national headlines and economic boycotts, Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson is bringing back the issue of bathroom requirements for transgender people.
- In campaign speeches in recent weeks, Robinson suggested that people who previously identified as male should be “arrested” if they go in a women’s bathroom. Instead, he suggests they should “find a corner outside somewhere” to relieve themselves.
- “HB2 was ultimately a losing issue for the Republican Party,” said Cooper, the political scientist. “The best thing for the Democrats would be if it becomes a campaign issue again.”

Washington Post: Trans women should be arrested over bathroom use, N.C. gubernatorial candidate says

- Robinson’s comments on the campaign trail this month are the most recent in a controversial record that stretches back years. He called the Holocaust “hogwash” in a past Facebook post that he later said was “poorly worded,” [WRAL](#) reported. In June 2021, Robinson [called](#) the LGBTQ community “filth.”
- Robinson entered the political arena in the aftermath of the demise of [House Bill 2, the so-called bathroom bill](#). After a year of fierce blowback that included economic boycotts, job losses and public criticism, lawmakers repealed the law in a deal that prohibited local governments from passing measures to protect LGBTQ people.
- “His comments about the Holocaust being hogwash along with his demeaning comments about women will wreck GOP chances for regaining the White House and the governorship here in North Carolina,” said Alex Baltzegar, a spokesman for Bill Graham, one of the candidates competing against Robinson for the GOP nomination, told The Post.
- “Mark Robinson is history’s latest example of someone trying to rise to power through hate,” [Folwell] said.

Early voting: Early voting starts tomorrow, February 15th, and continues through March 2nd. When you’re talking to folks about voting early, one of the easiest resources to remember, share, and use is [IWILLVOTE.COM](#). You can find your early voting location with two clicks!

Internet access: Did you know that over 850,000 North Carolinians use the Affordable Connectivity Program for help with internet and device expenses? Funding for the program will soon run out, so let’s make sure every Republican representing North Carolina knows that our state needs the ACP extended. Sign the petition at [ncdp.org/ACP](#).

On Tuesdays we vote blue: Y’all asked and we delivered. You can now order your very own “On Wednesdays we wear pink but on Tuesdays we vote blue” shirt from the [NCDP store](#). Wear it when you tell Republicans to stop trying to make Mark Robinson happen. It’s never going to happen!

New Report: Under Unaccountable GOP Voucher Program, North Carolina Taxpayers Paid Almost \$483,000 to Private School that Appears to Not Exist

- WFAE published an [article](#) highlighting how under the disastrous Republican voucher program, North Carolina taxpayers have sent almost \$483,000 to a private school that is impossible to locate and might not exist at all in the Charlotte area.
- Six months after investigating the Teaching Students Achieving Academy that receives scholarship money under the voucher program and failing to locate the physical school, a WFAE reporter attempted again to find the institution and learn more about the education being offered at the school. Two registered addresses with the school were visited with no success and several phone calls to school officials were shut down or ended without answers.
- While the General Assembly continues to chronically underfund North Carolina's public schools, Teaching Achieving Students Academy has received \$42,000 in money under the voucher program during the current school year, bringing the total over the last 10 years to almost \$483,000.
- The General Assembly's most recent budget will expand this disastrous voucher program by \$250 million over the next two years to a total of \$4 billion over the next ten years. Some school districts will lose up to 8% of their revenue to private schools and several rural schools may be forced to combine with other schools or to close due to lack of funding.

> Statement from NCDP Spokesperson Tommy Mattocks

“This report proves just how unaccountable the Republican private school voucher program is – North Carolina taxpayers have sent a phantom private school over \$480,000 while our public schools struggle to stay afloat. Republicans are siphoning away money from public schools to funnel billions into their dangerous private school voucher program as part of their scheme to dismantle public education in North Carolina.”

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News from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson

At the start of the week, we were taken by surprise when every member of Congress got an email telling us there was a new “foreign military capability.”

We were all invited to schedule a time to go into a secure room and get a briefing, which I did.

I can't tell you anything about what I saw in that room. I also can't confirm any reporting based on anonymous sources discussing what we were shown in that room, because that would be an indirect way of telling you what I saw.

My sense is that I will be allowed to go into more detail with you in the coming weeks. As soon as I am allowed to do that, I certainly will. This is just a moment when I'm not allowed to be as transparent as I'd like, and I wanted to tell you that directly.

Internal Warfare

My hope was that this would be the week we finally saw some progress on the budget. We've punted three times so far, each time just before the clock ran out and we went into shutdown.

The clock is set to run out again in two weeks. We have a staggering amount of budget work to do between now and then if we want to avoid another punt... and yet, things aren't moving.

As far as I can tell, we didn't make any progress last week, or this week.

In fact, we were sent home a day early this week because of an internal fight within the majority party about whether to bring certain bills to a vote.

It's easy to say, "This is Congress being dysfunctional." And broadly speaking, that's true.

But we can be a little more specific. What's actually happening is there are about 30 folks in the House who have a veto on almost everything, and they are choosing to use it on *almost everything*.

"Well Jeff, that's because they are fighting for more conservative policies."

Well, not exactly. Having watched these folks up close for over a year, they're up to something else.

The way you can tell this isn't about policy is that these 30 folks don't have a strategy to actually achieve their goals. Their big push - which has been to shut down the government - would almost certainly backfire and make it *less* likely that they'd get the budget concessions they want, simply because of how massively unpopular a shutdown would be.

They absolutely know this. They are smart enough at politics to understand that the course they are recommending would most likely drag their agenda backwards.

But they believe that if they use a lot of tough-sounded language, their supporters won't notice.

So, if you were a brand-new member of Congress and I were one of these 30 people and I decided to pitch you on joining our effort - and I was willing to be super candid with you - it would sound like this:

“Ok, so here’s what we do. We use our numbers to block a ton of legislation. We don’t have enough numbers to actually pass our own. And here’s the important part: When they try to compromise with us and give us some of what we want, we say no. At that point, they have to try to go around us. That means we’re not going to get anything that we want. But it also means we get a huge amount of media attention, and we can tell our supporters that we’re the strong ones and everyone else is caving. So basically, what we do is trade policy wins for political wins, but we use a ton of super-heated rhetoric to cover that up. You’ll get less done with us, but you’ll get 10x more attention. *So whaddya say?*”

And... it’s basically working for them. No policy wins, but the vast majority of the attention. Crazy political strategy, but in their own way, highly successful.

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News from Neighbors on Call

Get to Know Neighbors on Call, February 22, 7 p.m. (Virtual Event)

Learn about NoC’s mission, strategy, and how we make it easy and fun to canvass (even if you’re nervous – we can relate!).

Spoiler alert: You can even sign up as a “silent canvasser”!

In 2024 we’re knocking doors in Wake and Granville Counties to help break the Republican supermajority in the NC General Assembly.

Come check us out!

Sign up [here](#).

Actions

Every Child NC Day of Action for Education Rights

Thursday, February 22, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Downtown Raleigh

Details and RSVP to Every Child NC [here](#).

Mass Poor People’s and Low Wage Workers’ State House Assembly and Moral March on Raleigh and to the Polls

Saturday, March 2 – gather at 10 a.m., March at 11 a.m.

NC State Capitol (1 E. Morgan Street, Raleigh)

Details and RSVP to the NC Poor People’s Campaign [here](#).

Policy Updates for February 19, 2024:

Voting Rights

- [NC Board of Elections endorses adjustments to voter ID rules for use after the primary](#) – Lynn Bonner, NC Newsline
- [Federal judges seem split on ordering new Senate districts Black voters are challenging](#) – Lynn Bonner, NC Newsline
- [North Carolina voter ID trial rescheduled again for spring in federal court](#): *The U.S. District Court in Winston-Salem announced on Monday that Judge Loretta Biggs will convene the nonjury trial starting May 6 over the contested law, which was implemented last fall.* – Gary D. Robertson, AP (WRAL News)
- [North Carolina lawmakers could tighten voting laws again in 2024](#): *House Speaker Tim Moore says the upcoming session will include "election integrity" legislation that could tighten the rules for voter photo ID and shorten the state's early voting period. It's unclear whether the Senate would take up those bills this year.* – Laura Leslie, WRAL News

Environmental Policy

- [Gov. Cooper calls for wetlands, forest restoration, rebuffs lawmakers' stripping protections](#): *Also: No more Bradford pear trees on most state lands* – Lisa Sorg, NC Newsline
- [Partial victory for NC lawmakers in lawsuit over state board appointment power](#): *Republican state lawmakers have been trying to give themselves more executive branch power for a decade, starting under Republican Gov. Pat McCrory and continuing under Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper. Republicans say new laws give state boards more balance. Cooper calls the law unconstitutional.* – Will Doran, WRAL News

Health Care Policy

- [NC House committee discusses ban on "gas station heroin."](#) – Lynn Bonner, NC Newsline

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News from Democracy North Carolina

We know you're getting out there this year, but some of your friends might need a nudge. Show off your love for voting by helping us spread the word that voters in North Carolina can cast a ballot in person starting tomorrow, **Thursday, February 15th through Saturday, March 2nd**. Want to look up early voting locations and hours for you or a friend?

[**Look up early voting sites**](#)

Not sure if you're registered? You can also register and vote on the same day during Early Voting (but not on Election Day).

Remember, **you will need a photo ID at the polls this year.** Not sure what IDs count and what exceptions there are? You can **call 888-OUR-VOTE** with all your voting questions or check out the button below.

Find out more about photo ID

Check out these helpful reminders to help you make your plan to vote:

- You can avoid lines, vote on weekends, AND vote at any location in your county by using Early Voting.
- You can also register or update your registration on-site during early voting — but NOT on Election Day.
- If the early voting schedule in your county doesn't work for you, find out everything you need to know to vote by mail [here](#).
- You can vote on Election Day as long as your voter registration is "active" and you can get to your specific polling place on Tuesday, March 5th. Check on that info [here](#).

No matter who you are or where you live, the elections this year will affect your life and every issue you care about.

See you at the polls!

Aleisha Harding
Democracy North Carolina

Statewide Advocates Call, February 20, 6 – 7 p.m.

We know your inbox is full of invites to events and requests for support during this busy election season and that your time is valuable.

We hope you'll join us for our statewide advocates call next Tuesday, February 20, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Pro-voter advocates are coming together to discuss recent law changes impacting voters across the state and ways we can prepare for the primary election.

You'll also hear about why local and state races are important from panelists who have previously held office. We'll be joined by Jim Martin, a former Wake County Board of Education member who represented District 5, and Linda Coleman, a former Wake County Commissioner and State Representative.

[RSVP now for our virtual statewide advocates call on February 20!](#) *Spanish interpretation services will be available.*

Throughout 2023, advocates like you have been tirelessly working to ensure all North Carolinians can safely and freely cast their ballots, and ensure every vote is counted.

Thank you for being part of this effort; we hope to see you next week!

Carol Moreno (*she/her/hers*)
Policy and Programs Manager

Virtual Elections Advocacy Training, February 28, 6 – 7 p.m.

We invite you to join us for a virtual elections advocacy training on Wednesday, February 28, from 6 - 7 p.m. This event will be held online via Zoom.

Common Cause NC is partnering with Democracy NC and Southern Coalition for Social Justice to bring you a canvass monitoring training where you'll learn how to monitor county canvass for the 2024 elections.

RSVP for the canvass monitoring training on Feb. 28!

The goal of this training is to empower you as an Elections Advocate and provide you with tools for year-round election advocacy. This training will ensure you are confident in canvass monitoring during the 2024 primary election and ready to join us in protecting North Carolina's democracy.

We hope you'll join us for this important training!

Onward,

Keith Chappelle
Program Associate

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News from County-to-County

Join us for a [C2C Candidate Forum](#) Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m., where you can meet and learn about some of our wonderful 2024 candidates. Former Rep. **Ricky Hurtado** is moderating! Join a discussion with the people who are going to help break the NC GOP supermajority in 2024! Have questions for these candidates? Submit them ahead of time [using this form](#).

Our [February Spotlight](#) continues to focus on TWO excellent candidates: [Bryan Cohn](#) (HD 32), a new arrival to state politics, and [Terence Everitt](#) (SD 18), who is

currently serving in the NC House. These two candidates are key to breaking the Republican supermajority in the NC Assembly. Their districts overlap beautifully, so we have a **joint phone bank** open all month, and we **knocked on lots of doors on Superbowl Sunday** in Creedmoor. Thank you to all the C2C Volunteers who have made calls or knocked on doors thus far this month!

[Bryan Cohn](#) (pronounced [KAAN]) currently serves as a City of Oxford Commissioner, and [Rep. Terence Everitt](#) has served in the NC House since 2018. Terence and Bryan are experienced and effective leaders who are dedicated to implementing positive change. Both are strong advocates for women's reproductive freedom, supporting small businesses, and fully funding our public schools.

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Selected News and Opinion Stories

Cardinal & Pine: [Climate Change and Abortion Rights Are Driving Record Engagement Among Young Voters](#)

Advocate: [North Carolina Republican Says Trans People Should 'Find a Corner Outside Somewhere' To Go To the Bathroom](#)

NC Newslines: [David Rice, Executive Director of Public Ed Works, Discusses Some of NC's Top Education Issues](#)

WUNC: [Incumbent NC House Democrats Face Primary Challengers for Voting With Republicans](#)

Washington Post (May Require Subscription): [How Justice Dept. Special Counsel Policies Let Hur Critique Biden's Memory](#)

Washington Post (May Require Subscription): [How a Liberal Billionaire Became America's Leading Anti-DEI Crusader](#)

NC Newslines: [Trump's Pick for RNC Chief Worked With Top Election Denier's Group](#)

Chapelboro: [Early Voting in 2024: What Do You Need to Know in Orange, Durham, or Chatham County?](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Let's Go Win NY-3 Together, Senate Ukraine Bill Advances, Annual CPI Drops, New Trippi Pod](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Polls Are Open Until 9 p.m. EST in NY-3, Can You Make Some Calls????](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Democrats Flip Santos's House Seat in Early Election-Year Test](#)

Carolina Public Press: [More Than Just Annoying, NC Voters Should Beware of Fake and Illegal Campaign Texts and Robocalls](#)

NC Newsline: [Crowded GOP Lt. Governor's Race Includes NC Newcomer Who's Never Voted in the State](#)

Chapelboro: [Chatham County Roundup: Pittsboro Mayor Kyle Shipp](#)

The Assembly NC: [The Hotly Contested Race to Be North Carolina's Least-Powerful Elected Official](#)

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