

CCDP Weekly News Digest January 9, 2023

News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

2023 NCDP Meeting Dates

2023 Winter SEC Meeting: Saturday, Feb 11th
2023 Precinct Meetings: Saturday Feb. 25th – March 11
2023 County Conventions: Saturday, April 15th
2023 County Conventions (Make Up Date): Saturday, April 22nd
2023 Congressional District Conventions: Saturday, May 20th

This week's news release:

North Carolina Democratic Party Highlights Achievements of President Biden's Historic Year

In 2022, President Biden and North Carolina Democrats built the economy from the bottom up and middle out, while North Carolina GOP pushed their extreme MAGA agenda.

2022 has been a historic year of Democrats delivering for the American people. In addition to strengthening the economy and overseeing historic job creation, President Biden and Democrats delivered big legislative wins, including the Inflation Reduction Act, CHIPS and Science Act, PACT Act, Emmett Till Antilynching Act, Postal Service Reform Act, Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization, and the Respect for Marriage Act – all landmark achievements that deliver for working families and protect fundamental freedoms.

“As we close out 2022, North Carolinians and Americans across the country are feeling the effects of President Biden and Democrats’ economic plan, which has helped generate historic job growth, lower everyday costs, and bring manufacturing back home. While Republicans focused their energy on pushing an extreme MAGA agenda, President Biden and Democrats actually governed, and working people are better off because of it,” said NCDP Chair Bobbie Richardson.

Here's are just a few highlights of what President Biden and Democrats delivered in 2022:

- Signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law
- First major gun safety legislation in decades
- Historic job growth
- Historically low unemployment
- Signed CHIPS and Science Act into law
- Confirmation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson
- Expanded NATO alliance
- Rallied our allies in support for Ukraine
- Signed PACT Act into law for veterans
- Issued executive orders to safeguard access to reproductive health care
- Record enrollment in the Affordable Care Act
- Historic funding for HBCUs
- Reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act
- Signed the Respect for Marriage Act into law

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News from Former NC Congressman David Price's Office

Dec. 21, 2022

As the 117th Congress and my 34 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives come to a close, I want to express my profound gratitude to colleagues, staff, community partners, constituents, and friends for your support and encouragement over the years and for all we have been able to accomplish together.

It is unsurprising, unfortunately, that we find ourselves once again facing a possible government shutdown, scrambling to stitch together twelve appropriations bills to see us through the fiscal year. But despite the many twists and turns along the road, we are concluding a Congress that has produced major pandemic relief, infrastructure investments, high-tech manufacturing support, overdue veterans' health benefits, health care cost reduction, and clean energy legislation – all with a 50-50 Senate and a margin of only four Democratic votes in the House!

As Chairman of the Transportation–HUD Appropriations Subcommittee, I am particularly proud of the progress we've made in funding passenger rail, public transit, housing for the elderly and for people with disabilities, and housing for the homeless – and in bringing home major grants like \$58 million for the Raleigh-to-Richmond rail corridor and \$40 million for a Choice Neighborhoods grant in downtown Durham!

As Chairman of the House Democracy Partnership – the bipartisan commission I initiated 17 years ago to help strengthen representative institutions in emerging democracies – I was particularly pleased to add Moldova, North Carolina's sister state, as a full partner during a visit to eastern Europe in October. I take great satisfaction in the legislative–strengthening program we have built from Kenya to Ukraine to Mongolia, but I leave office with acute concerns about the state of democracy in our own country and worldwide.

I have kept on my office wall a picture of my high school senior class from Erwin, Tennessee, in front of the U.S. Capitol. It would have never occurred to me in that moment that I would one day serve in that building. During this time of reflection, my main emotion has been immense gratitude for those who believed in me and supported me – beginning with my wife Lisa, whom we lost this June, and our family, my wonderful staff, and thousands of citizens who have rightly seen representing the Fourth District as a joint venture, of which I was only the most visible partner.

I am deeply grateful for your steadfast engagement and support over the years, and wish you a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

David Price
Member of Congress

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News from NC Attorney General Josh Stein

Consumer Alert

Sextortion Schemes are on the Rise

The FBI is [warning the public](#) to beware of an increase in financial sextortion schemes targeting children under 18. Sextortion occurs when a person contacts a minor online, often on gaming systems, apps, or social media where children spend a lot of time. Law enforcement has received more than 7,000 reports about young people being victims of financial sextortion.

These sextortion schemes have primarily been targeting boys aged 14 to 17 years old. The criminals, who pose as a friend or someone the same age as the person they are targeting, will pressure the victim into sending them explicit content or images of themselves and then blackmail the victim into paying them money or threatening to release the images.

During the holiday season's longer school breaks, kids might find themselves spending more time on the internet. It is important to take steps to protect your loved ones.

- **Continue a conversation with your children.** Talk to your children about safe internet use and guidelines for healthy behavior. You can download our office's family tech safety agreement as a guide [here](#).
- **Monitor your child's social media use** and make sure they know not to communicate with people whose identities you have not verified. Consider enabling parental controls on social media apps or installing third-party apps that allow greater control and monitoring for dangerous content.
- **Never send explicit photos, videos, or other content** via text or through the internet.
- **Be mindful of what you post.** Sextortion scammers may gather personal information from public posts and use that information to target victims.
- **Keep an eye on your children's behavior.** Look out for changes in behavior that indicate your child is increasingly anxious or under stress. Ask for help from law enforcement or medical professionals if you need it.
- **Speak up.** If someone contacts you or your child and demands money in exchange for not releasing your photos or videos, contact your local FBI field office at 1-800-CALL-FBI or report it online at [tips.fbi.gov](#).

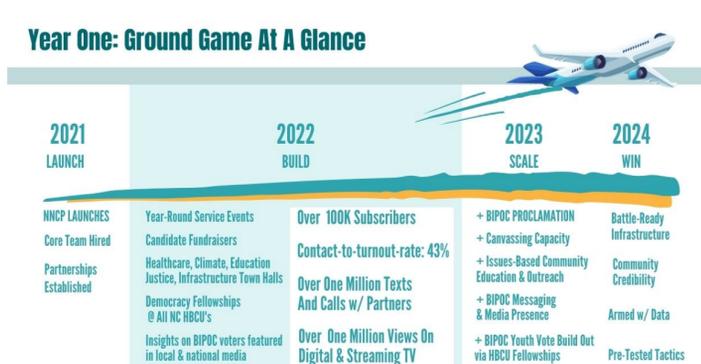
If you believe that you have been the victim of a financial scam, contact our office's Consumer Protection Division at [ncdoj.gov/file-a-complaint](#) or 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

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News from the New North Carolina Project

2022 was just the beginning for us here at the New North Carolina Project. We've said many times that we are here for the long-game. When we modeled our organization after Stacey Abrams' New Georgia Project, we knew that their work took a decade to get the success they achieved in 2020. Progress in North Carolina is going to take *time*.

Here's a quick overview at what we accomplished in 2022 and what we're looking to do in 2023 and 2024.



In 11 months, we contacted and mobilized thousands of voters through knocking doors, phone calls, text messages, community events and postcards.

From a subsequent email:

Elections are about turnout, and in order to ensure that key voters make it to the polls, we have a "[7 touch plan](#)". We will reach voters through community events, canvassing, phone calls, texts, digital ads, organic social media content and postcards.

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Selected News and Opinion Stories of Note

[Chatham News + Record](#): Former Commissioner Diana Hales Reflects on Her Eight Years Serving Chatham

[Washington Post](#): N.C. Court Strikes Down Voter ID Law as Intentional Race Discrimination

[Chapelboro.com](#): N. Carolina Justices: State Senate Map Must Be Drawn Again

[Chapelboro.com](#): "That's Where Things Get Really Interesting": UNC Political Scientist on the Future of Congress

[WFAE.org](#): Falling Short: Why Democrats Keep Losing Most Statewide Races

[Chatham News + Record](#): What's with Pittsboro's Sewer?

[Chapelboro.com](#): Local Community Project Funds Included in Congressional Spending Bill

[Chapelboro.com](#): The Road Ahead: Updates to NCDOT's Plans for the VinFast Facility

[Chapelboro.com](#): Managing Moncure: Commissioners Hear First Draft of Small Area Plan

[Chapelboro.com](#): Top Stories of 2022: New Faces, New Districts and Busted Trends in Midterm Elections

[Energy News Network](#): How Big a Role Will Wind Power Play in Duke Energy's Carbon Plan for North Carolina?

[Chapelboro.com](#): N. Carolina Doesn't Pick Electric Mix to Lower Carbon Levels

[Chatham News + Record](#): 22 Stories That Defined Chatham

[Chatham News + Record](#): The People Who Made Chatham Exceptional

[Chatham News + Record](#): Jeff Nieman Sworn in as New District Attorney for Orange, Chatham

[Raleigh News & Observer](#) (subscription required): NC Latino Voter Turnout Fell, Reversing Upward Climb. These Are Some Possible Reasons