

CCDP Weekly News Digest October 17, 2022

Key Upcoming Voting Dates

Early Voting Starts Thursday!

Thursday, October 20 – Saturday, November 5: One-stop Early Voting and Registration at five locations in Chatham County (including Sunday voting on October 23 and 30). You may vote (and register to vote if you have not already) at any early voting site in the county.

Tuesday, November 1, 5 p.m.: Last day to request an absentee ballot (request an absentee ballot online [here](#) or in person with this form in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)). As of last week, the top three precincts in NC for absentee voting were Chatham's East Williams, Manns Chapel, and North Williams!

Tuesday, November 8: ELECTION DAY!

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Events

This Week's Featured Event

Saturday, October 22, 3:30 p.m.
NCDP #Vote4NC Tour with NCDP Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson and Special Guests!
CCDP Community Engagement Center
628-A East Street
Pittsboro

Join NCDP Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson, the NCDP staff, and **surprise guests** at our Community Engagement Center for a rally on Saturday, October 22, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Let's get a HUGE crowd to cheer them on! Their mission: rally North Carolinians to vote early and to vote the entire ticket.

RSVP: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncdems/event/527150/>

Please arrive 15 minutes early as the event will begin promptly at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18, 5 to 8 p.m.
Board of Elections Business/Absentee Meeting
Board of Elections Office
984 Thompson Street, Suite D
Pittsboro

The Board of Elections will meet each Tuesday, beginning October 4th, prior to the Election on November 8th, to review all absentee ballots that were submitted to the Board of Elections since the previous meeting. During the Absentee Meeting the board will review the ballots and approve for final submission. The board meeting will be open to the public at the Board of Elections office; 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro, NC 27312 and online via GoToMeeting.

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

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

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/122816669>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (669) 224-3412

Access Code: 122-816-669

Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://meet.goto.com/install>

Agenda: [Agenda October 18 2022](#)

November 8
Election Night Celebration
CCDP Community Engagement Center
628-A East Street
Pittsboro

We're having a par-tay!!! Our Community Engagement Center will be THE place to be on Election Day and especially election night. For us to plan, we need to know how many we can expect, so please sign up here: <https://mobilize.us/s/0D5SgS>

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Get Involved! Election Volunteers Needed NOW!

There's only a few days left to save democracy. Election volunteers are needed NOW! Experience is NOT required, and it's fun! Below are links to sign up to canvass, phone bank, be a poll greeter or poll observer, do office work, or staff an event.

Canvassing
Please send an email with your name, address, phone number, and email address to our [Canvassing Coordinator](#)

Phone Banking
Please send an email with your name, address, phone number, and email address to our [Phone Banking Coordinator](#)

Poll Greeters and Poll Observers
There are five early voting polling sites around the county (here's a [map of the early voting sites](#)), and you can be an observer at any of them.

Sign up to be a poll greeter below.

[Poll Greeter - CCC Health Science Building, 75 Ballentrae Court, Pittsboro](#)
[Poll Greeter - Chatham County Agricultural Center, 1192 US Highway 64, Pittsboro](#)
[Poll Greeter - Goldston Town Hall, 40 Coral Avenue, Goldston](#)
[Poll Greeter - Paul Braxton Gym, 115 S 3rd Avenue, Siler City](#)
[Poll Greeter - New Hope Baptist Church, 581 New Hope Church Road, Apex](#)

Please sign up for a poll observer shift here:

[Poll Observer - CCC Health Science Center - North Chatham County](#)
[Poll Observer - Chatham County Agriculture Center, 1192 US Highway 64, Pittsboro](#)
[Poll Observer - Goldston Town Hall, 40 Coral Avenue, Goldston](#)
[Poll Observer - Paul Braxton Gym, 115 S 3rd Avenue, Siler City](#)
[Poll Observer - New Hope Baptist Church, 581 New Hope Road, Apex](#)

Office Crew

To work at the all-new CCDP Community Engagement Center (formerly known as "the Democratic office"), sign up here:

<https://www.mobilize.us/chathamcountydems/event/503617/>

Events

There are several upcoming events for you to choose from! People who sign up for these shifts will NOT be asked to set up or take down the tent. Just show up, schmooze with voters, and have fun!

[Saturday, October 29: CCDP Tent at Pittsboro Street Fair](#)

[Sunday, November 6: CCDP Tent at Pittsboro First Sunday](#)

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

This week's news releases:

- [What To Expect From Congressman Budd Ahead Of #NCSEN Debate](#)
- [NCDP Statement Congratulating Cheri Beasley On Debate Victory](#)
- [ICYMI: POLITICO: Congressman Budd "Challenges N.C.'s Purple Tradition" With Ultra-Conservative Record](#)
- [Dr. Jenna Beckham, OB/GYN, Nurse Practitioner & State Representative Adcock & NCDP Chair Richardson Call Out Congressman Budd's Dangerous Abortion Stance](#)
- [NCDP Continues "This Budd's Not For You" Tour in Lumberton with Press Conference on Congressman Budd's Record Voting Against Lowering Health Care Costs](#)
- [What To Know About John Locke Lackey Terry Stoops As He Joins NCDP!](#)
- [ICYMI: Cosmopolitan: North Carolina's Legislative Races Could "Gravely Impact Abortion Access Across the Entire South"](#)
- [BUDD'S BUDDIES: Congressman Budd Campaigns With Donald Trump Jr.](#)

Reminder: Congressman Budd Is an Election Denier

As the January 6th hearings conclude today, highlighting the grave danger former President Trump and his allies like Congressman Budd put our democracy in, here are the facts about how Congressman Budd has embraced The Big Lie — then and now.

The News & Observer reported how ["Budd voted against certifying the 2020 presidential election in Congress, hours after the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol."](#)

Congressman Budd even downplayed the insurrection on January 6th, where a violent mob beat police officers with the American flag, saying ["it was just patriots standing up."](#)

Congressman Budd [fundraised with a former Trump advisor](#) who conspired to overturn the election, and said they were ["thrilled"](#) about it.

Even now, Congressman Budd has declined to say whether he would accept the results of the election to the [New York Times](#), [Washington Post](#), and [News & Observer](#). When asked again, he [refused to give a yes-or-no answer](#) and said, ["why wouldn't I?"](#) while also baselessly claiming ["this is a false narrative from the left."](#)

Last month, Congressman Budd [voted against important legislation "with intent to stop another attempt to overturn a presidential election."](#)

NCDP Continues "This Budd's Not for You" Tour in Lumberton with Press Conference on Congressman Budd's Record Voting Against Lowering Health Care Costs

Today in Lumberton, NCDP Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson hosted a press conference alongside NC-7 candidate Rep. Charles Graham, NC HD-47 candidate Charles Townsend, SD-24 candidate Darrel BJ Gibson, Jr., and Dr. Gracie Galloway to hold U.S. Senate candidate Congressman Ted Budd accountable for his record opposing lowering health care costs for working families.

"Congressman Budd doesn't care about making health care more affordable and North Carolinians certainly can't count on a Senator that consistently goes to bat for big drug companies. Despite six years in Congress, Congressman Budd has only fought for his own interests at the expense of our families," said North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson.

[Watch the full press conference here.](#)

"We need folks to go to Washington that want to find solutions. But Republicans like Congressman Budd would rather be a part of the problem. And he has a voting record to prove it. He voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act and seeks to limit regulations on health care, all the while he has received donations from Big Pharma. He repeatedly voted against protections for those with pre-existing conditions. And just this year, he voted against reducing the cost of insulin, which would have capped the cost of insulin at \$35. This Budd is not for North Carolina," said NC-7 candidate Rep. Charles Graham.

"We need leaders in Raleigh and Washington who will fight for the future of our community, including expanding access to affordable health care and lowering the costs of prescription drugs. While Congressman Budd has been all talk, no action, Cheri Beasley will fight for the people. She knows that all too often people are splitting pills or rationing their insulin because they can't afford not to," said SD-24 candidate Darrel BJ Gibson, Jr.

"Health care is a fundamental right and Congressman Budd has done everything he can to make it more expensive and less accessible. We need someone in the Senate who will fight to lower drug costs — not vote to keep padding the pockets of pharmaceutical companies. We need someone in the Senate who will protect people with pre-existing conditions — not make it easier for insurance companies to charge them more. We need Cheri Beasley in the U.S. Senate who will work to lower costs and do what's right for North Carolinians young and old to get the medical care they need," said NC HD-47 candidate Charles Townsend.

"I am a healthcare provider in North Carolina and my patient population is primarily the underserved and the uninsured. The Republicans would put Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security on the chopping block. They've already said that they will. If you like your Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, vote for Charles Graham and Cheri Beasley," said Dr. Gracie Galloway.

ICYMI: Charlotte Post: "Believe US Senate candidate Ted Budd on federal abortion rights rollback"

This morning, the Charlotte Post released an [op-ed penned by North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson](#) in response to Congressman Ted Budd's campaign event with Senator Lindsey Graham, champion of the Senate's national abortion ban.

The op-ed urges voters to be aware of U.S. Senate candidate Congressman Ted Budd's extreme record on abortion restrictions and to believe him when he says that he will advocate for even more extreme, nationwide abortion restrictions should he be elected to the Senate.

Key Point: *"Congressman Budd is attending an event today with Senator Lindsey Graham who is leading the charge to take away women's freedoms and access to health care. Just weeks after claiming he thinks it should be "up to the states" to determine abortion laws, Congressman Budd signed onto a bill that would ban abortion nationwide and is proudly standing beside those who want to do the same."*

Read more:

Charlotte Post: [Believe US Senate candidate Ted Budd on federal abortion rights rollback](#)

When people show you who they are, believe them the first time.

Those are the wise words of Maya Angelou and an important reminder for North Carolinians as early voting begins this week for the 2022 midterm elections. In the critical U.S. Senate race, reproductive freedoms are on the ballot, and Congressman Budd has shown voters exactly who he is — repeatedly. North Carolina must believe him.

Congressman Budd has made it clear when it comes to protecting abortion access and expanding healthcare, he will do everything they can to strip away our rights. He insists on interfering with women's abilities to make their own medical decisions, but there is no room in the doctor's office for Congressman Budd.

He supports a total ban on abortion, even in the case of rape, incest or threat to a woman's health. He is an original co-sponsor of a bill that would ban abortion nationwide, despite the fact that the majority of North Carolinians support access to abortion. He has said that he will do everything to "push it all the way back to the point of conception" and even characterized abortion in the cases of rape, incest, and where the mother's life could be at risk, as a "second tragedy" that should not be added to the situation.

And today, he is unabashedly campaigning with Senator Lindsey Graham — the primary sponsor of a national abortion ban.

The bottom line is that safe and essential health care should be available to those who need it and medical decisions should be made by patients and their providers — not politicians like Congressman Budd or Senator Graham.

Someone with such a distrust of women to have autonomy over their own bodies and future cannot be trusted in the U.S. Senate. Congressman Budd does not deserve to represent the women of North Carolina.

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News from Congressman David Price's Office

The last few weeks have been transformative for student loan borrowers across the country. I am particularly pleased to share that the bipartisan, bicameral Joint Consolidation Loan Separation Act (JCLS), which I first introduced in 2017, passed the House and Senate in bipartisan fashion and was signed into law by President Biden yesterday.

From 1993 to 2006, married couples were able to combine their individual student loans into one joint consolidation loan, making both individuals jointly liable for repayment. However, when Congress eliminated the joint consolidation loan program in 2006, they did not provide a means to severing the existing joint loans. Borrowers were required to continue paying their joint consolidation loan with their partner, even in the event of domestic violence, economic abuse, or an unresponsive ex-partner, with no legal options available for relief. The Joint Consolidation Loan Separation Act allows borrowers to finally split their consolidated loan into two separate direct loans, freeing many from the fiscal responsibility of the repayment of an ex-partners student loan debt. Congressional action to fix this oversight was long overdue, and I'm proud to help devise a solution and give any affected borrowers the ability to regain their financial freedom.

Under President Biden's leadership, we are now seeing significant relief to federal student loan borrowers. Last month, President Biden announced the historic, targeted Student Loan Debt Relief plan. The three-part plan will forgive up to \$20,000 of student loans for Pell Grant recipients, and up to \$10,000 of student loan debt for non-Pell Grant recipients. Single household borrowers earning less than \$125,000 annually and couples making under \$250,000 per year are eligible to receive forgiveness. Under this plan, 90 percent of the borrowers that are eligible for forgiveness earn less than \$75,000 per year and this forgiveness will provide needed financial relief to primarily middle- and lower-class families. Furthermore, the Biden Administration has extended the pause on federal student loan repayments for the final time until December 31, 2022. For more information regarding the Student Loan Debt Relief plan, please visit studentaid.gov/debtrelief.

Also, for a limited time, the Biden Administration has expanded the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program, allowing eligible borrowers to receive credit for past periods of repayment. The Public Service Loan Forgiveness program forgives federal student loans for Americans employed by government agencies or non-profits, providing additional student loan relief to teachers, first responders, nurses, and public services workers. To qualify for the program, borrowers will need to have at least one federal direct student loan and at least one approved PSLF form. To check your eligibility or to apply for the limited waiver, please visit <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/pslf-limited-waiver>.

With the cost of college skyrocketing, many borrowers are saddled with burdensome, debilitating debt, that are preventing families from buying homes, starting businesses, or saving for retirement. I am pleased to support these comprehensive actions taken by the Biden Administration to make higher education more affordable for the American people.

As always, please [stay in touch](#) on issues of concern.

Sincerely,

David Price
Member of Congress

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News from Neighbors on Call

Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 p.m.
"What Just Happened?" A Post-Election Debrief with Rob Schofield, Editor and Director of NC Policy Watch
Zoom Event

What will have just happened on November 8, and how will we feel about it? We don't know!

But no matter what, we'll definitely want these two things: your company and a discussion with Rob Schofield, director of NC Policy Watch. Please join us for an evening of...whatever awaits us.

Register at <https://neighborsoncall.org>.

Fair Representation

- [On Tuesday North Carolina's Supreme Court heard arguments from parties in a recent gerrymandering suit](#) who are unhappy with the way a trial judge panel handled redrawn maps for state legislative and congressional districts based on NC Supreme Court guidelines. The NC Supreme Court had previously decided on behalf of the plaintiffs, including Common Cause, striking down maps on the basis of unconstitutional partisan gerrymandering. The plaintiffs are arguing that the new state legislative maps that were approved by the trial court for use in this year's election don't meet the standards set in the NC Supreme Court ruling. Republicans in the NCGA are arguing that the trial court erred in rejecting their redrawn U.S. House map and replacing it with their own temporary map for this year's election. They [argue that redistricting power lies with the state legislature rather than the courts](#), mirroring arguments for the "independent state legislature" theory currently before the U.S. Supreme Court. Any decision the court makes will not affect this year's elections but may require NC General Assembly maps to be redrawn again for future elections.

Voting Rights

- [On Monday the North Carolina Supreme Court heard arguments in a case about the voter ID law passed in North Carolina in 2018.](#) The law was struck down last year in a 2-1 decision by a panel of Superior Court judges, who said the law was intended to constitutionally target African-American voters. The NC Supreme Court heard the case on appeal.

Criminal Justice

- [On Friday Governor Cooper announced that next month he will sign an executive order extending the work of the Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice.](#) He recomended the work of the group thus far, which has focused on making significant recommendations for ways to improve racial equity in the criminal justice system in North Carolina, including some that legislators have passed into law (such as raising the minimum age of juvenile jurisdiction and banning the shackling of pregnant women). NC Policy Watch reported that "The task force's next phase of its work will focus on four areas: violence prevention including youth crime reduction and restorative justice; local law enforcement practices and accountability; judicial system policies and practices that result in equitable outcomes; and collection, analysis and dissemination of criminal justice system data."

Selected News and Opinion Stories of Note

[Chatham News + Record:](#) Del Turner Is an Advocate for All Students; Her Opponent Is Not

[Chatham News + Record:](#) Del Turner, Candidate for Chatham County Board of Education – Dist. 3

[New York Times:](#) The Uncomfortable Truths That Could Yet Defeat Facism

[New York Times:](#) Republicans Gain Edge as Voters Worry About Economy, Times/Siena Poll Finds

[Carolina Public Press:](#) Are You an Unaffiliated Voter in NC? We'd Like to Get to Know You

[Chapelboro.com:](#) Pittsboro Releases Water Quality Test Results From New Filter System

[Chapelboro.com:](#) Meyer: 'Closest We've Been to Medicaid Expansion Ever'

[The Assembly NC:](#) Inside the 'Election Integrity' Efforts Targeting North Carolina

[Washington Post:](#) As Supreme Court Test Looms, UNC Defends Use of Race in Admissions

[Cardinal & Pine:](#) Trump-Aligned Legislators in NC Pose Danger to Democracy, Report Says

[NC Policy Watch:](#) Election Deniers Are Primed to Challenge Votes in NC. Voting Rights Groups Are on Alert.

[Chatham News + Record:](#) MIKE: Roberson Wants to Build on Successes

[Chatham News + Record:](#) MARCUS: He Wants Office to Be 'Jewel' of N.C.

[Chatham News + Record:](#) Staley Resident Voices Concern With Wolfspood Development

[Chatham News + Record:](#) Incumbent Gomez Flores Faces Moody for Dist. 5 Seat

[Chatham News + Record:](#) Murdock, Reed Vie to Become Chatham's State Senator

[Chatham News + Record:](#) Inside the 'Election Integrity' Efforts Undermining Elections

[Chatham News + Record:](#) DENIERS: Where Chatham Candidates Stand on the 'Rigged and Stolen' 2020 Election

[Chatham News + Record:](#) Chatham's Health Voices on Monkeypox, Long COVID and More

[Raleigh News & Observer:](#) Video Clip With Rep. Robert Reives

[Chatham News + Record:](#) Planning Department's Split Will Provide More Service to Residents

[The New Yorker:](#) North Carolina's Overlooked Senate Race