2018 Guide to Voting
For ALAMANCE COUNTY

✔ Who are these people on your ballot?

✔ Where & when can you vote?

✔ What’s the truth about Constitutional Amendments on the ballot? (see page 15)

Vote Early: Oct. 17 - Nov. 3  or  Election Day: Nov. 6

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About This Guide

This Guide features candidates for federal, state and local elections in Alamance County. It is sponsored by two non-profit groups that are not affiliated with any political party or candidate: Democracy North Carolina and Common Cause NC. The Guide provides vital information about the rules for voting and answers to questions sent to candidates.

For questions about this Guide, call 919-286-6000. A PDF copy is at www.NCVoter.org. Learn more about the candidates at NCVoterGuide.org and vote411.org.

Have Your Say

The ballot box is the one place where we are all equal, regardless of race, income or geography: one person, one vote. People acting together have changed government policies to improve their lives and stop threats to their community. Use your power!

The candidates who win will make crucial decisions affecting every aspect of your life – but YOU help decide who wins! Proposed Amendments to the NC Constitution will also impact your future (see p. 15).

Preview Your Ballot

You can go online to see your ballot before you vote; go to demnc.co/distr and follow the instructions. You can also see your Election Day polling place at this link. And you can use it to see if you are registered at your current address. If not, use “same-day registration” during Early Voting to update or register anew. See the box on page 6.

Do I Need an ID to Vote?

Because of a court ruling, you do not need to show an ID to vote except in 2 situations:

(1) If you use Same-Day Registration, you’ll need to show a document listed in the box on page 6.

(2) If there was a problem with verifying the information on your registration form, you’ll need to show either a document listed in the box on page 6 or any current photo ID.

Why I’m voting . . .

. . . because a judge will be elected to the NC Supreme Court this year and I want someone who cares about equal rights for all!
- Becky Carver

. . . because too many of my ancestors died for me not to be using my right to vote!
- Kristen Marion

. . . because the ID law blocked me from voting in the 2016 primary, and now there’s an amendment on the ballot to bring it back. No!
- Janice Franklin

. . . because I see voting isn’t just about who goes to the White House. Who goes to Raleigh affects my college tuition!
- Austin Padilla

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NC SUPREME COURT - Vote for 1 of 3 Candidates

Judges are powerful! They’re first in this Guide to make that point! They decide everything from the cost of electricity to who gets the death penalty. One of the 7 seats on the State’s top court is up for election in 2018.

BARBARA JACKSON

Party: Republican

Experience: Justice, NC Supreme Court; Judge, NC Court of Appeals; General Counsel, NC Labor Department; Associate, Private Practice; Associate General Counsel, Governor’s Advocacy Council (GACPD); Associate General Counsel, Governor Jim Martin; Research Assistant, Justice Burley Mitchell

Occupation: Associate Justice, Supreme Court of North Carolina

Favorite endorsements: Chief Justice (ret.) Burley Mitchell; Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry; NCGOP

Personal statement: Fairness, impartiality, integrity, and a commitment to the rule of law all are essential characteristics of a good judge. I’ve worked hard to live up to each of these principles, gaining invaluable first-hand experience, which is why I’m seeking re-election. As the only candidate in this race with judicial experience, I understand that this is not an entry level job.

More info: JusticeJackson.com

CHRISTOPHER (CHRIS) ANGLIN

Party: Republican

Experience: Graduate of Wake Forest University and Elon University Law School. A small business owner in solo practice at all levels of civil, criminal and family trial courts in both state and federal courts for 7 years.

Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: North Carolina AFL-CIO; Equality NC; North Carolina Advocates for Justice

Personal statement: I have been a civil rights attorney for thirty years, fighting for equal justice and fair representation. As a mother and grandmother, I understand challenges families face and have worked to protect the rights of hard-working people. We must have a fair court that protects everyone no matter their race, gender or how much money they have in their pockets.

More info: Earls4Justice.com

ANITA EARLS

Party: Democrat


Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: North Carolina AFL-CIO; Equality NC; North Carolina Advocates for Justice

Personal statement: I have been a civil rights attorney for thirty years, fighting for equal justice and fair representation. As a mother and grandmother, I understand challenges families face and have worked to protect the rights of hard-working people. We must have a fair court that protects everyone no matter their race, gender or how much money they have in their pockets.
ANDREW T. HEATH

Party: Republican

Experience: Husband, father, and public servant; Superior Court Judge; Served as Chair of the NC Industrial Commission; As State Budget Director, led the Office of State Budget and Management.

Occupation: Superior Court Judge

Favorite endorsements: Former Supreme Court Justice and Chairman of North Carolina State Ethics Commission George L. Wainwright, Jr.; Former North Carolina Lt. Governor Jim Gardner, NC Republican Party

Personal statement: I am a fair and impartial judge who respects the Constitution and the law, and who values access to justice and equality under the law. It has been an honor to serve North Carolina as a Superior Court Judge, and I look forward to serving on the Court of Appeals.

More info: HeathForJustice.com

JOHN S. ARROWOOD

Party: Democrat


Occupation: NC Court of Appeals Judge

Favorite endorsements: NC Advocates for Justice; Equality NC; Sierra Club

Personal statement: I pledge to administer justice equally and without favoritism to any litigant or to the State. My experience on the Court of Appeals, as a Superior Court Judge, together with my over 26 years in private practice and prior work as a research assistant and staff attorney at the Court of Appeals, makes me uniquely qualified to remain on the Court.

More info: KeepJudgeArrowood.org

How to Vote by Mail (Absentee Voting)

Any registered voter may vote by mail; no excuse or special reason is needed. Use the official request form at demnc.co/absform or ncsbe.gov. (Visit demnc.co/mail or call toll-free 866-522-4723 for help.)

The request form must be signed by the voter or the voter’s “near relative” (see definition of near relative on back of form). It must be received (not just sent) at the County Board of Elections by 5 pm on Oct. 30.

A ballot and return envelope will then be mailed to the voter. Follow all the directions carefully, including having two witnesses (or one notary) sign in the appropriate place on the envelope. Include their addresses.

To be counted, the voter (or near relative) must send or deliver the ballot in one of these ways: (1) to the Elections Board’s office by 5 pm, Nov. 6; (2) to an Early Voting location during Early Voting; or (3) by mail so it is postmarked by Nov. 6 and received at the County Board of Elections by Nov. 9. Mailing takes two first-class stamps. Take it inside the post office and request a postmark if it is near the deadline.
JEFFERSON G. GRIFFIN

Party: Republican

Experience: District Court Judge, Wake County; JAG Officer (CPT), NC Army National Guard; Assistant District Attorney, Wake County District Attorney’s Office; Private Practice, Criminal defense and Civil litigation; NC Central University School of Law; UNC

Occupation: Wake County District Court Judge & JAG Officer (CPT), North Carolina Army National Guard


Personal statement: North Carolina deserves a Judge who is dedicated to upholding the Rule of Law and our Constitution. My diverse experiences as a Judge, Soldier, prosecutor, and practicing attorney provide a perspective that will benefit all North Carolina citizens when I am on the Court of Appeals.

More info: JeffersonGriffin.com

SANDRA ALICE RAY

Party: Republican

Experience: I’ve got 27 years legal experience including 14 years judicial experience. I have more judicial experience than every NC Court of Appeals candidate combined. I’m a former Assistant District Attorney and attorney in private practice.

Occupation: District Court Judge

Favorite endorsements: NC Troopers Association; NC Fraternal Order of Police

Personal statement: When any Judge talks to you, they should tell you of their love and trust in our United States and North Carolina Constitutions. I believe, as our Constitution says, in the Sovereignty of the People – not the politicians and bureaucrats. I want to serve on your Court of Appeals to preserve the self-evident rights our Constitution guarantees.

More info: SandraAliceRay.com

TOBIAS (TOBY) HAMPSON

Party: Democrat


Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: North Carolina Democratic Party, NC AFL-CIO; Former Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson

Personal statement: The Court of Appeals needs a judge with the right experience — an appellate specialist. I have 16 years of experience in our appellate courts, starting as a law clerk at the Court of Appeals then strengthening my experience by handling hundreds of appeals in private practice. I will bring a strong work ethic, integrity and appellate expertise to the Court.

More Info: TobyHampsonForJudge.com

VOTER ASSISTANCE

➤ Anyone may receive help to vote from a “family member,” defined as parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, spouse or in-laws (parent, sister or brother).

➤ A voter with a physical or reading disability (including language difficulty) may receive help from anyone except their employer’s or union’s agent.

➤ A voter who attests that they’d need “physical assistance” to reach the voting room may vote at the polling site in a vehicle (curbside voting).
**CHUCK KITCHEN**

**Party:** Republican

**Experience:** Licensed as attorney in North Carolina for 38 years, including 30 years as a county attorney. I am currently in private practice representing parties in State and Federal trial and appellate courts.

**Occupation:** Private Attorney

**Favorite endorsements:** NC Republican Party; Alamance Sheriff Terry Johnson; NC Federation of Republican Men

**Personal statement:** In order to make a good appellate judge, you must have extensive experience both trying cases and handling appeals. I am the only candidate who has both, including successfully defending Sheriff Terry Johnson against the US Department of Justice. I have also filed more than 100 briefs and petitions in the appellate courts.

**More info:** KitchenForCourtOfAppeals.com

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**MICHAEL MONACO, SR.**

**Party:** Libertarian

**Experience:** 2000-15 Monaco & Roberts, PLLC: A general service law practice that handled a wide spectrum of legal issues for clients.

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Favorite Endorsement:** None submitted

**Personal statement:** The purpose of the court is to be objective and independent, especially in disputes between the branches of government. These good governance cases can present conflicts to the other candidates who are associated with the dominant parties in NC politics. These dominant parties have engaged in partisanship in recent years, and we need to be vigilant to keep judiciary independent.

**More info:** nc-monaco-2018.com

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**ALLEGRA KATHERINE COLLINS**

**Party:** Democrat

**Experience:**
- Campbell Law Professor of Judicial Writing and Appellate Advocacy;
- Appellate advocate in NC Court of Appeals & Supreme Court;
- Appellate Reporter at NC Supreme Court;
- Clerk on the Court of Appeals to Judge Linda Stephens

**Occupation:** Law Professor and Appellate Attorney

**Favorite endorsements:** NC Advocates for Justice; NC AFL-CIO

**Personal statement:** I have focused my career on appellate law and judicial process in our appellate courts. With my experience, expertise, and dedication to the law, I will be a judge who renders fair and accurate decisions. My experience and expertise mean I will do this job well; my passion for this work means I will continuously strive to do it better.

**More info:** AllegraCollins.com

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**Last-Minute Rescue: Same-Day Registration**

If you miss the October 12 deadline to register, you may use “same-day registration” during Early Voting at an Early Voting location. See sites/hours in the box on page 14. Ask the election official for a registration form, show an identifying document listed below, and vote – all on the same day.

You cannot use this procedure on Election Day.

The identifying document you show must be one of these with your name and current address:
- a NC driver’s license;
- any other government photo ID;
- student photo ID along with a school document showing the student’s address (e.g., a campus housing list, invoice, or letter);
- a utility bill (cell phone, electric, cable, etc.);
- bank statement; or payroll stub; or
- a document from any government agency (a bill, permit, letter, etc.)
JEFF B. ALLEN

Party: Democrat

Experience: Born/Raised Alamance County; Experience with State Audits; Responsible for maintaining employee records and keeping physical inventory; Held role as Hiring Manager overseeing promotions, demotions, and dismissals; Completed in-service training & oversaw staff compliance.

Occupation: Retired <35 years of service from NC Department of Public Safety

Favorite endorsements: Former Alamance County Clerk of Superior Court J. Hunt Johnson; Alamance County Chief District Court Judge Brad Allen

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action in this office? *Ensure a properly trained and crossed trained staff *Maintain proper staffing of the Clerk's office during working hours ensuring the citizens receive professional service *Provide leadership to staff promoting professionalism and timely resolution of issues.

More info: facebook.com/Jeff-B-Allen-for-Clerk-of-Court -358176171368137

MEREDITH TUCK EDWARDS

Party: Republican

Experience: As a prosecutor for the last 10 years, the skills built by handling violent crimes cases, strengthening community partnerships, and providing leadership in my own office have prepared me for my next job as Clerk.

Occupation: Prosecutor

Favorite endorsements: Louise Wilson, Retired, Former Elected Alamance County Clerk of Court; Terry Johnson, Sheriff, Alamance County; Police Benevolent Association, Southern States Division

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action in this office? My goal is to create an Alamance County Clerk of Court’s office that puts “People First.” Such an office would provide better customer service for the public, strong leadership for its employees, and greater efficiency and accuracy for the office.

More info: facebook.com/EdwardsforClerk

NC SUPERIOR & DISTRICT COURTS

District Courts handle misdemeanors, juvenile and family disputes, and civil litigation involving less than $25,000. The judge decides cases. Superior Courts handle criminal cases and larger civil disputes; juries hear some cases.

DISTRICT COURT (District 15A, Seat 1)  
BRAD ALLEN - Candidate is unopposed

SUPERIOR COURT (District 15A, Seat 1)  
TOM LAMBETH - Candidate is unopposed

SUPERIOR COURT (District 15A, Seat 2)  
ANDY HANFORD Party: Democrat

versus

PAT NADOLSKI Party: Republican

Neither candidate responded to questions
The U.S. House adopts laws with the U.S. Senate and President. The 435 House members are elected by district across the U.S. Alamance County is entirely in Congressional District 6. Vote for 1 candidate.

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**U.S. House - District 6**

**B. MARK WALKER**

*Party:* Republican  
*No response from candidate*

**RYAN WATTS**

*Party:* Democrat

*Experience:* Has worked in over 30 states with businesses and nonprofits of all sizes to help employees prepare and retrain for changing economic times.

*Occupation:* Management Consultant

*Favorite endorsements:* Indivisible 435 (Indivisible National association); National Association of Social Workers (NASW); Phil Ford (NBA Player, basketball coach, father and leader)

**What are your top 2 priorities for action in Congress?**

To undo Gerrymandering (Partial and Racial). Restoring moral and ethical leadership to fight for the many and not the privileged few.

**What will you do to make college affordable?**

Lower student loan interest rates to the same rates the banks get when they borrow money and offer student loan debt forgiveness for critical educational tracks including education and nursing.

**What specific actions do you support to address school shootings?**

I support putting a resource officer in every school and changing the age to purchase to 21, as well as banning weapons of war, bump stocks and high capacity magazines.

**What top 2 or 3 changes are needed for federal immigration policy?**

1) We must approach immigration in a humane way and not support separating children from their families. 2) We should recognize contributions from taxpaying individuals (DACA) to permanently protect and provide an expedient path to citizenship.

**Should government take action to raise the minimum wage and promote pay equity across race and gender for the same job?**

The government should ensure a living wage, and verify that businesses are paying employees fairly.

**Should federal review under the Voting Rights Act be restored for changes to NC election law?**

Federal review must be restored to ensure equal access to the ballot for all people.

**More info:** WattsForCongress.com

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**BONDS ON YOUR BALLOT**

At the end of your ballot, you will be asked to authorize Alamance County to borrow money by selling bonds for schools, and also to approve a local sales tax of one-quarter percent for use in the county.

Here’s what the bonds are for:

**SCHOOL BONDS:** $150,000,000 to build, renovate, enlarge and equip the county’s public schools.

**COMM. COLLEGE BONDS:** $39,600,000 to expand and improve Alamance Community College facilities.
NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly 170 Senate and House members who adopt laws and the state budget, make or approve appointments, and oversee local governments. Each one represents a district for a 2-year term.

Alamance County has 1 NC Senate district and 2 NC House districts.

NC Senate - District 24

RICK GUNN

Party: Republican  No response from candidate

J. D. WOOTEN

Party: Democrat


Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: Equality NC; AFL-CIO; Triad CLC

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Healthcare expansion through Medicaid expansion & educational investment in public schools.

Should the NC legislature take action to raise the state minimum wage and also promote pay equity across race and gender for the same job – or should these be left to businesses? This should be a focus of the NCGA. Our minimum wage is not enough and should be raised. I believe in an added emphasis on ensuring pay equity for all North Carolinians.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process after the 2020 Census? We strongly believe in independent redistricting and actually have it as one of the key issues in our platform. After 2020 a special commission should be allowed to draw the districts in a nonpartisan way.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? 1. Attract and retain the top talent for teachers with respect for their profession and investment. 2. Rebuild schools across NC and ensure safety requirements and building codes are up to date.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? I would like to see more specifics, but I support this measure in theory.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for NC? I am firmly against off-shore drilling for NC.

More info: jdwooten.com

NC House - District 63

ERICA McADOO

Party: Democrat

Experience: I manage a law firm (Paynter Law), teach at Meredith College, and have previously owned and/or managed several small businesses. I am currently an MBA candidate and have a Master’s in music, a paralegal certificate, and a B.S. in pedagogy.

Occupation: Law Firm Manager

Favorite endorsements: Lillian’s List; NC League of Conservation Voters; Equality NC

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? We need legislative solutions that will change and improve the way our schools are graded and funded and the way testing is conducted. Another priority is child safety and decisions and legislation related to the foster care system.

Should the NC legislature take action to raise the state
minimum wage and also promote pay equity across race and gender for the same job – or should these be left to businesses? Yes, but this needs to be done strategically and in a way that is sustainable for everyone and plans for the future.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process after the 2020 Census? We need to utilize an independent redistricting commission.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Changes to school grading and EOGS including coordinating DPI offices to ensure that test elements reflect required educational standards; Adequate investment in schools including infrastructure, resources, teachers, & other staff.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? In general, we need to give local municipalities back some of the powers the NCGA has taken from them.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for NC? For economic, environmental, safety, and other reasons, I do not believe we should drill off of NC’s coast.

More info: EricaForNCHouse.com

STEPHEN ROSS

Party: Republican  No response from candidate

OTHERS ON YOUR BALLOT

SHERIFF:
TERRY S. JOHNSON - candidate is unopposed

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:
SEAN BOONE - candidate is unopposed

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
3 candidates are running for 2 seats on the non-partisan Soil & Water Conservation District board.
You may vote for up to 2:
DAVID MORROW  FRED BOWMAN  GENE BROOKS

NC House - District 64

ELLIOTT LYNCH

Party: Democrat

Experience: Owner-ValuSystems

Occupation: IT Consultant

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? 1) Accessible, affordable healthcare for all citizens. 2) A quality education for all the children of North Carolina.

Should the NC legislature take action to raise the state minimum wage and also promote pay equity across race and gender for the same job – or should these be left to businesses? The NC Legislature should take action to raise the minimum wage immediately.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process after the 2020 Census? I support the establishment of a nonpartisan or bipartisan redistricting committee in North Carolina to help avoid gerrymandering. More than twenty states already use this process.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? 1. Raising per pupil spending to at least the national average, textbooks/instructional supplies to at least pre-recession levels. 2. Raising teacher/support pay to at least the national average.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Yes.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for NC? Against off-shore drilling for North Carolina.

More info:
facebook.com/ElliotLynch4NCHouse64

DENNIS RIDDELL

Party: Republican  No response from candidate
The County Commission adopts the budget for schools and other agencies, and regulates land use, transportation, housing and many vital services.

4 candidates are running for 2 At-Large seats; you may vote for up to 2.

**AMY SCOTT GALEY**

**Party:** Republican  
*No response from candidate*

**KRISTEN POWERS**

**Party:** Democrat  
**Experience:** Kristen Powers currently works as an advocacy-coordinator at a local nonprofit. Before that, she was touring with her film, Twitch, which followed her decision to be genetically tested for Huntington’s Disease.

**Occupation:** Advocacy Coordinator  
**Favorite endorsements:** LaunchProgress; Replacements Ltd; Run for Something

**What are your top priorities for action on the Commission?** If elected, my first priority will be to fully fund our school building maintenance budget. Secondly, I want to make sure our county services are accessible to people with different neurocognitive and physical abilities.

**What policies should the county pursue to improve the affordability of housing?** We must invest in our local shelter and food pantry, Allied Churches of Alamance County. Their programs and efforts need greater investment from the county and local community. It won’t solve the affordable housing crisis, but it’s a start.

**What policies should be pursued to promote job development and equal employment opportunities?** Alamance Co. can improve its collaboration with the local Chamber & businesses to create a strong cross-county network. Small businesses & entrepreneurs should be able to find the resources they need right here.

**What is your stance on the county’s current or future collaboration with federal immigration enforcement?** I am strongly against the re-introduction of the 287(g) program. This program has a history of marginalizing our Latinx community and does nothing to make our communities safer.

**How will you ensure community transparency and accountability for the Sheriff’s Department?** I will work with our Sheriff to maintain high quality data reporting of stops, arrests, and detainment. I’d also encourage the Sheriff to require his staff to attend racial equity trainings like he did.

**More info:** KristenPowers.org

**ROBERT E. (BOB) BYRD**

**Party:** Democrat  
**Experience:** 40 years of leadership and service to Alamance County. Elected County Commissioner in 2014. 35 years of executive leadership at Alamance Regional Medical Center. Extensive community service/leadership with numerous local, regional, and state organizations.

**Occupation:** Retired Healthcare Executive; County Commissioner  
**Favorite endorsements:** Replacements Ltd PAC; Down Home NC Alamance Chapter

**What are your top priorities for action on the Commission?** Support public education. Support initiatives to reduce domestic violence and incarceration rates of persons with mental illness and co-occurring drug use disorders (work of the Justice Advisory Council, which I co-chair). Execute the County’s Strategic Plan.

**What policies should the county pursue to improve the affordability of housing?** Fund Allied Churches of Alamance County to support its programs, working with the Ala. Housing Comm., of creating affordable units for homeless clients. Require new apartment complexes to
designate affordable units.

**What policies should be pursued to promote job development and equal employment opportunities?** Support public education, including Ala. Comm. College. Include equity requirements with economic incentives for new employers. Work to eliminate system barriers to racial equity; expand racial equity trainings.

**What is your stance on the county’s current or future collaboration with federal immigration enforcement?** I oppose the 287(g) program. It would promote targeting and have a chilling effect on the economy, vibrancy, and safety of our community and expose us to costly legal challenges.

**How will you ensure community transparency and accountability for the Sheriff’s Department?** I will work with the Sheriff to make public the settlement agreement data reported to the Department of Justice and in other ways that will enhance transparency and accountability.

More info: BobByrd.us

STEVEN J. CARTER  
Party: Republican  
*No response from candidate*

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**ALAMANCE CO. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The “School Board” supervises the management, finances, pupil placement, and personnel of the Alamance County Schools.

7 candidates are running for 3 At-Large seats; you may vote for up to 3.

**YVETTE GABOURY**

**Experience:** Advocate, Community Leader, Designer & Pres. of Btown4PR. Bringing awareness, knowledge & solutions.

**Occupation:** Designer / Community Organizer

**Favorite endorsements:** Replacements Limited

**What are your top priorities for action on the Board of Education?** Ensuring the needs of all children are met with equal opportunity for educational services. Transparency and accountability for funds allocated to the improvement of schools.

**What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination from students, school personnel, or others?** Anything less than equal access for Students and Staff should not be tolerated. Policies for this should be adhered to. Educational facilities are a feel safe place where acceptability and inclusion is practiced.

**Should classroom teachers be armed?** Under no circumstances should any firearms be in classrooms.

More info: facebook.com/YvetteGabouryNC

**ALLISON GANT**

**Experience:** I have been advocating for public education for 24 years; Current Chair, ABSS Board of Education; Past Executive Director, Alamance Citizens for Education; PTO’s Hillcrest, Turrentine, Williams; ABSS Vision Plan; Chaired Teacher Retention/Recruitment

**Occupation:** Community Leader

**Favorite endorsements:** none submitted

**What are your top priorities for action on the Board of Education?** School Safety/Mental Health: Maintain vigilance to safety. Facilities: Supporting the local Bond, and create a long term plan. Career Ready Expansion/Equity: Seek ways to serve each student with opportunities to access and succeed in college, a career, or the military.

**What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination?** Public education is open to all. We must teach that everyone is important and support each student. Setting policies to support diversity and equity can be helpful.

**Should classroom teachers be armed?** I am not in
favor. Training for crisis is important; arming teachers raises the danger.

More info: VoteGant.com

LINDA KINNEY

Experience: The only experience I have is my many years of being a parent and substitute teacher. I worked with the community and know the needs.

Occupation: Retired Cosmetologist. Current Substitute Teacher with ABSS

Favorite endorsements: My family, friends and strangers who believe in me!

What are your top priorities for action on the Board of Education? I want to give all students an equal opportunity to gain skills and experience through implementing more 'hands on' courses and creating clubs beneficial for entering the business world such as 'The Academy of Finance.'

What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination? There should not be a requirement for students to have access to a computer or online work for those who may not have resources outside school. There are factors that limit certain students from accessing public learning facilities.

Should classroom teachers be armed? No, it can cause students to feel uncomfortable in their learning environment.

More info: lkinneyschoolboard.wordpress.com

TONY ROSE

Experience: I have served two terms and have experience as a board member, including serving as Chair and representing NC District 5 to the State association. My wife and I are graduates and our children attend(ed) ABSS schools.

Occupation: Senior Business Analyst, Elon University. Current ABSS Board Member

Favorite endorsements: Check facebook.com/tr4sb

What are your top priorities for action on the Board of Education? Completion of our current strategic plan and the development of our next one, including funding. Continue being an advocate for all students, teachers, and parents. Ensuring bond monies received are used efficiently and appropriately for facility upgrades and new school construction. Safety.

What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination? As a current board member, I’m aware that current policies of ABSS ensure equal access to learning for all students, regardless of any other delineations. If a discrepancy were found, I’d be open to addressing and change.

Should classroom teachers be armed? None should be compelled to carry, ever. Open to discuss for former military or police experienced.

More info: facebook.com/tr4sb

BRIDGETTE M. YAEGGER

Experience: Parent of 3 children and actively involved for years within the school system and community. I have strong financial and project management skills that I believe will be a benefit in serving ABSS.

Occupation: Chief Financial Officer

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top priorities for action on the Board of Education? Equity in Education by working to ensure ABSS is fair & inclusive. Development of a Facility
Maintenance Plan, a school system cannot operate successfully without one. Regaining the trust & support of the community by establishing solid lines of communication.

What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination? Policies are in place within the NC educational system regarding both of these issues at varying degrees. Discrimination should never be tolerated towards any student & if the policies in place are ineffective then work together to make them effective.

Should classroom teachers be armed? Not practical, 180 days of being responsible for a firearm in the forum of students.

More info: yaeger4education.wixsite.com/website

WAYNE BEAM

Experience: Classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal at four school, Executive Director School Administration; 32 years experience public schools, 15 interims in school administration since retiring.

Occupation: retired school administrator

Favorite endorsements: Alamance County Democratic Party; Alamance County Democratic Women

What are your top priorities for action on the Board of Education? Support teachers and school administrators in their efforts to educate all children. As a board member it would be my job to advise the superinten-}

dent when asked. Board members shouldn’t try to run schools and get involved with issues that should stay at the local level.

What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination? As former executive director of school administration, I helped develop the current polices dealing with undocumented students and discrimination. Current federal Mckenny Veto act requires all students be enrolled regardless of immigration status.

Should classroom teachers be armed? I’m totally against teachers or administrators being armed.

More info: facebook.com/Waynebeamforschoolboard

RYAN BOWDEN

Experience: As a Professional Firefighter, I have an established career serving and protecting the well-being of others. I’m also a small business owner, and a member of the ABSS Joint Facilities Task Force.

Occupation: Firefighter/Small Business Owner

Favorite endorsements: Dan Ingle - Retired NC House of Rep District 64; Dennis Riddell - Current NC House of Rep District 64; Professional Firefighters of Greensboro Local 947

More info: facebook.com/ryanbowden2018schoolboard

Candidate did not answer other questions

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE for Oct. 17 to Nov. 3

Alamance Co. citizens may go to any of these 3 EARLY VOTING Locations

All are open Weekdays, Oct. 17-Nov. 2, 7am-7pm; Sat., Oct. 27, 12-4pm; and Sat., Nov. 3, 8am-1pm:

- County Office Annex Building (Auditorium), 201 W. Elm Street, Graham
- Holly Hill Mall, 309 Huffman Mill Road #300, Burlington
- Mebane Arts And Community Center, 622 Corregidor Street, Mebane

If you are a citizen and not registered to vote, you may use Same-Day Registration during Early Voting

Questions? Call the Alamance County Board of Elections at 336-570-6755
A Threat You Can Stop!

Legislative leaders in the General Assembly placed descriptions of 6 proposed amendments to the NC Constitution at the end of your ballot. The descriptions (at right, in box) sound very appealing – but they are misleading and dangerous! Here’s why:

If enough people are tricked into voting for them, the actual amendments will give legislative leaders enormous new powers to pick our judges, make voting harder, take over duties of the governor, and shift the tax burden on the rich to you!

Republicans, Democrats and Independents are calling this “an aggressive power grab” by legislative leaders who want to change the NC Constitution so they can control all three branches of government.

You have the power to stop this because the NC Constitution can’t be changed without voter approval. Here’s why you should vote AGAINST all 6 amendments:

Right to Hunt: Sounds good, but does putting this into the Constitution mean people can challenge laws against hunting in parks or near schools? Nobody knows.

Victim Rights: This delays justice and will cost millions to notify victims of every detail of court action. It doesn’t say who pays! Actual amendment is full of such unknowns.

Income Tax: Putting a cap in the Constitution saves the rich from paying a higher rate than others; it will lead to more sales taxes to balance the budget. This is a big gift to political donors, at the expense of working families.

Voter ID: Only Mississippi has this in a Constitution and it has exceptions. Will college or military IDs be ok? Not known. This lets legislators exclude who they want. Black voters were most harmed when NC last had an ID law.

Judicial Vacancies: The ballot description is dishonest. Governors now get local input to fill vacancies; the new scheme says legislators control whose names go forward for appointment. It’s a way to make their friends judges.

Board of Elections: NC has a 9-person Board now; 4 Republicans, 4 Democrats, 1 Independent. This cuts the Independent, leading to 4-4 deadlocks; for ex., 1 party can block Early Voting plans, kicking them to legislators.

Taken together, the amendments are a devious way for legislators to get more power for themselves, their party, and their wealthy donors. Vote AGAINST all 6!

“The amendments would destroy our State’s balance of power [and] cherished principles . . . Vote against them.”
- Henry Frye, NC’s first black Chief Justice, NC Supreme Court

“Ballot questions shouldn’t be a riddle. Or, even worse, a lie.”
- Raleigh News & Observer

“Fair government and equal rights are at stake. Vote against.”

paid for by Democracy NC. More info. at demnc.co/amendments

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**
(The descriptions below leave out key parts of the actual Amendments)

**Right to Hunt and Fish**
“Constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.”
☐ For ☐ Against

**Rights of Victims**
“Constitutional amendment to strengthen protections for victims of crime; to establish certain absolute basic rights for victims; and to ensure the enforcement of these rights.”
☐ For ☐ Against

**Income Tax**
“Constitutional amendment to reduce the income tax rate in N.C. to a maximum allowable rate of seven percent (7%).”
☐ For ☐ Against

**Photo ID to Vote**
“Constitutional amendment to require voters to provide photo identification before voting in person.”
☐ For ☐ Against

**Fill Judicial Vacancies**
“Constitutional amendment to change the process for filling judicial vacancies that occur between judicial elections from a process in which the Governor has sole appointment power to a process in which the people of the State nominate individuals to fill vacancies by way of a commission comprised of appointees made by the judicial, executive, and legislative branches charged with making recommendations to the legislature as to which nominees are deemed qualified; then the legislature will recommend at least two nominees to the Governor via legislative action not subject to gubernatorial veto; and the Governor will appoint judges from among these nominees.”
☐ For ☐ Against

**Board of Elections**
“Constitutional amendment to establish an eight-member Bipartisan Board of Ethics and Elections Enforcement in the Constitution to administer ethics and elections law.”
☐ For ☐ Against
Voters in Alamance County will elect judges, lawmakers, the sheriff and other officials, who will make decisions that affect virtually every part of your life – but you decide who wins! Read the candidates’ views in this Guide, then make your choices.

At the end of the ballot, you are asked to vote FOR or AGAINST several controversial Amendments to the NC Constitution. The descriptions on the ballot are NOT the same as the Amendments. Be sure to read about them on page 15. Your vote is crucial!

NO PHOTO ID NEEDED TO VOTE
You’ll be asked to state your name and address and sign in.

Questions? Call the hotline!
1-888-OUR-VOTE

1. EARLY VOTING: Oct. 17-Nov. 3
Voting early in person is the best option. Definitely use Early Voting if you have moved or need to update your voter registration. See page 14 inside to find Early Voting times and places for Alamance County.

2. IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY
On Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, go to your own precinct’s polling place. Polls are open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. If you’re in line by 7:30 pm, you will be able to vote. If you go to the wrong polling place and don’t have time to get to the right place, ask about using a provisional ballot. To find your precinct’s poll, go to demnc.co/distr or call the Board of Elections at 336-570-6755.

3. MAIL-IN ABSENTEE VOTING
Any registered voter may use this method; no special reason is needed. See the box on page 4 of this Voter Guide or go to demnc.co/mail for details for how to vote by mail.