2018 Guide to Voting
For Wake 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 39)

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

This Guide features candidates for federal, state and local elections in Wake 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. 39).

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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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

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.

More info: Earls4Justice.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: I am running to stand up for an Independent Judiciary, so I am not seeking any endorsements.

Personal statement: I’m running as a Republican to give a voice to the many Constitutional Republicans who are appalled at the assault on the rule of law, and the checks and balances of our Constitutional Republic that is happening every day. Secondly, to point out the mistake of being the only state in 100 years to make our judicial elections partisan.

More info: Anglin4Justice.com
NC COURT OF APPEALS - 3 SEATS ON THE BALLOT

Judges on the NC Court of Appeals hear appeals of criminal and civil cases heard in local District and Superior Courts. Three of the 15 seats are up for election. Candidates below are in the order they appear on the ballot.

Court of Appeals - SEAT 1 - Vote for 1

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-law (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

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

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 22. 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.)
KEITH GREGORY

Party: Democrat
Experience: Assistant District Attorney, Assistant Public Defender, District Court Judge, Wake County Resident Superior Court Judge
Occupation: Superior Court Judge

Your personal statement about serving on this court:
I was honored to be appointed to the Superior Court bench by Governor Cooper to fill the seat formerly held by Judge Donald Stephens. Prior to joining the Superior Court bench, I proudly served 8 years on the Wake County District Court bench, presiding over criminal and civil court.

More info: JudgeKeithGregory.com

MATT VAN SICKLE

Party: Unaffiliated
Experience: In more than 14 years of practice, I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide range of cases. I also believe in a strong criminal justice system that respects all sides.

Occupation: Attorney

Your personal statement about serving on this court:
My wife Kathy, a scientist and working mom, encouraged me to run. I am independent and nonpartisan. I will provide every person in court with a fair opportunity for justice. I have the skill, experience, and temperament to do this job well and want to provide an example of good public service to our children.

More info: MattVanSickle.com

NICOLETTE FULTON

Party: Unaffiliated

Occupation: Attorney
Favorite endorsements: none submitted

Your personal statement about serving on this court: District Court impacts almost everyone. When you come to court it is important that you are confident that your case will be decided based on the facts and the law, nothing else. I support Independent Courts, bringing Experience, Public Service, and Integrity to the bench for the Wake County community.

More info: FultonForJudge.org

WALTER RAND

Party: Democrat

Experience: For over 23 years, I have been practicing law in Wake County District Court, longer than all four of the other candidates combined. I was born and raised in North Carolina, and I expect I’ll die here, too.

Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: Wake County Democratic Party; Attorney William D. Webb; Attorney Deborah Newton

Your personal statement about serving on this court: I’ve seen over 23 years of judges in district court, some good, some not so good. I understand how to emulate the good ones and avoid the mistakes of the not so good. I will be fair, impartial, respectful, and empathetic. I will follow the law and not simply follow the lead of other judges.

More info: facebook.com/randforjudge

EVAN CHARLES SCHREIER

Party: Republican

No response from candidate

REBECCA ANNE EDWARDS

Party: Democrat

Experience: Family law private practice, Guardian ad Litem child advocate

Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: The Honorable Donald Stephens, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge (Ret.); Catharine Arrowood, NCBA past president; Nancy L. Grace, AAML fellow and NC board certified specialist in family law

Your personal statement about serving on this court: Should I have the opportunity, my goals as judge would include respecting the time of attorneys and litigants and working efficiently to reduce case backlog, as well as rendering thoughtful and legally sound decisions which provide finality and afford litigants the ability to move forward with their lives.

More info: VoteRebeccaEdwards.com

Questions? Call the Voter Hotline: 888-OUR-VOTE
NANCY (LORRIN) FREEMAN

Party: Democrat

Experience: District Attorney for Wake County since 2015; Elected twice to serve as Wake County Clerk of Superior Court; Former Assistant Attorney General; Former Assistant District Attorney

Occupation: District Attorney

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

How would you address prosecution of nonviolent offenses like disruptive public assemblies and marijuana possession? It will continue to be the policy of the District Attorney’s Office to offer the opportunity of a deferred prosecution for first time offenders of nonviolent and drug related offenses.

How would you implement the NC Criminal Summons Law that aims to minimize mass incarceration? It is generally the current practice in Wake County to issue summons to individuals charged with non-violent misdemeanors. Through outreach to law enforcement, we will continue to encourage this policy.

How would you address incarceration of nonviolent individuals awaiting trial because they can’t afford bail? Currently we have an effective pretrial release program that allows on average 500 individuals to remain in the community pending their court date without bail. We are committed to finding ways to expand that program.

What is your view on requesting special prosecutors...
to investigate and prosecute police misconduct or police killing a civilian? As District Attorney, it is my duty to present cases of excessive force by law enforcement that violates the law to the Grand Jury which is made up of Wake County citizens.

More info: FreemanForDA.com

JOHN WALTER BRYANT

Party: Republican

Experience: Graduate WFU 1976 BA; employed in trucking industry 1978; Medical Manufacture’s rep, District then Regional Manager until 1983; graduate WFU Law School 1986 JD; Federal & State Appellate Judicial Clerkships 1986-88; Private Practice 1988 to date; More than 100 jury trials to verdict.

Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: Wake County Sheriff Donnie Harrison; U.S. Senator Richard Burr; my wife

How would you address prosecution of nonviolent offenses like disruptive public assemblies and marijuana possession? Pursuant to the statutes that govern those offenses, but mindful of diversionary options for those who did not understand the consequences of their actions or are remorseful about being caught up in the moment.

How would you implement the NC Criminal Summons Law that aims to minimize mass incarceration? Work with the necessary agencies to ensure the law was followed.

How would you address incarceration of nonviolent individuals awaiting trial because they can’t afford bail? It is absurd to imprison one for more than they’d serve if convicted on the offense for which they are held. Unless there is a history of failures to appear, I’d work to end jail that amounts to Debtor's Prison.

What is your view on requesting special prosecutors to investigate and prosecute police misconduct or police killing a civilian? Lacking a conflict or a violation of the Rules of Professional Responsibility, I’d rather the office I was elected to serve handle the job I was elected to do.

More info: bryantforwakeda.com

WAKE COUNTY SHERIFF

The Sheriff has broad control over practices and policies for enforcing the law in the county, including training deputies, equipment purchases, patrol locations, jail operations, and cooperation with ICE on immigration.

DONNIE HARRISON

Party: Republican

Experience: 51 years of experience in law enforcement with the NC State Highway Patrol and Wake County Sheriff’s Office

Occupation: Sheriff of Wake County

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are some steps you would take to keep incarcerated individuals safe and connected to family members and the community? For a thorough discussion on policies advanced by the Wake County Sheriff please visit my website at www.donnieharrison.com

What do you believe is the appropriate level of collaboration between federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Sheriff’s office? For a thorough discussion on policies advanced by the Wake County Sheriff, please visit my website at donnieharrison.com

Should NC cities and counties have the ability to establish community/civilian oversight boards with subpoena power? Please visit donnieharrison.com

What policies do you support to help minimize racial
bias in stops and searches (for example, mandatory consent-to-search or using data to flag high-disparity officer)? Please visit donnieharrison.com

More info: donnieharrison.com

GERALD M. BAKER

Party: Democrat

Experience: 28-year sworn law enforcement veteran with this office. I have been assigned to and worked in every division of the office. I have a B.S. degree in Organizational Management & received much career training.

Occupation: Retired/Wake County Sheriff’s Office

Favorite endorsements: NC AFL-CIO; Wake County Democratic Party

What are some steps you would take to keep incarcerated individuals safe and connected to family members and the community? The first step to keeping those incarcerated safe is adequate unit staffing. Understaffing in jails will always create an unsafe environment for staff and inmates. Those who are jailed will connect to their families through supervised visits & video calls.

What do you believe is the appropriate level of collaboration between federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Sheriff’s office? There should be an appropriate level of collaboration when seeking to affect arrest on violent offenders who are not citizens of this county.

Should NC cities and counties have the ability to establish community/civilian oversight boards with subpoena power? Yes. Subpoena power will aid in obtaining any witness or evidence needed by a board.

What policies do you support to help minimize racial bias in stops and searches (for example, mandatory consent-to-search or using data to flag high-disparity officer)? I support reviewing current traffic stop training and, in addition, training in cultural diversity.

More info: bakerforwake.org

JENNIFER KNOX

Party: Republican

Experience: 10 years as a District Court Judge, 4 years as Clerk of Superior Court

Occupation: Clerk of Superior Court

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action? Continue to improve the public’s access to justice with technological improvements. Help citizens navigate our legal system with excellent customer service. Look for innovative ideas to improve our court operations.

More info: knoxforclerk.com

BLAIR WILLIAMS

Party: Democrat

Experience: 7 years in Clerk’s office, 2 years as former Clerk Lorrin Freeman’s Chief Assistant. Former Probate Judge. 20 years of legal practice working with clerks around the state.

Occupation: Attorney

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action? We all are not born here, but most hope to die here. When you do, your family deserves an efficient and dignified closing of your affairs. Unfortunately, The Estates Division is not meeting that standard. I will fix it.

More info: BlairWilliamsClerkOfCourt.com

The Clerk of the Superior Court manages court records, acts as probate judge for adoptions, estates and some custody issues, and helps pick Magistrates who set bail, marry people and settle small claims.
GEORGE HOLDING

Party: Republican

No response from candidate

JEFF MATEMU

Party: Libertarian

Experience: Attorney practicing exclusively federal law

Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in Congress? Immigration reform; affordable higher education

What will you do to make college affordable? Students should pay back loans based on percentage tied to their annual income. Don’t require interest payments. Base amount of a student’s loan on their major and potential future earnings. Federal government stop profiting off student loans.

What specific actions do you support to address school shootings? Increase law enforcement detection capabilities to identify potential school shooters. Hardening schools and making sure they have secure infrastructure. Teachers shouldn’t be armed unless they desire it themselves. Perform background checks for every purchase.

What top 2 or 3 changes are needed for federal immigration policy? Legislation should be passed granting permanent legal status to DACA recipients. Path to legalization for those already here who have no criminal records and have jobs, served in the military, have children or have gone to school here.

Should government take action to raise the minimum wage and promote pay equity across race and gender for the same job? Government shouldn’t be involved in setting wages but neither should it interfere with operations of unions in negotiating wages.

Should federal review under the Voting Rights Act be restored for changes to NC election law? Yes. North Carolina and other states have shown that they intend to suppress voters on racial and party lines.

More info: JeffMatemu.org

LINDA COLEMAN

Party: Democrat

Experience: Teacher, Wake County Commissioner, State Legislator, HR Manager, Secretary of HR for NC. Have always worked to support working families and solve problems.

Occupation: Retired

Favorite endorsements: Swing Left; Higher Heights; North Carolina AFL-CIO

What are your top 2 priorities for action in Congress?
Ensure access to affordable quality healthcare; provide educational opportunities for students from Pre-K through higher education ultimately resulting in better jobs and increased wages. These values will promote a sustainable NC economy and a greater quality of life.

What will you do to make college affordable? Promote North Carolina’s community colleges, work to expand Pell grants and work for legislation to lower the interest rates on student loans.

What specific actions do you support to address school shootings? We can help prevent school shootings by banning assault weapons. I strongly support background checks. Moreover, increasing the minimum age for gun buyers would be sensible.

What top 2 or 3 changes are needed for federal immigration policy? We must have a policy that defines a pathway to citizenship. I will work to ensure we have a humane, clear policy on immigrants seeking asylum.

Should government take action to raise the minimum wage and promote pay equity across race and gender for the same job? Yes. The minimum wage should be raised to a livable wage and there should be equal pay for equal work.

Should federal review under the Voting Rights Act be restored for changes to NC election law? Absolutely, to provide for fair elections which will lead to fair representation.

More info: LindaColemanForCongress.com

THE LAW & YOUR VOTE

You do NOT lose your right to vote if you have a traffic ticket or outstanding civil fine, or if you are convicted of a misdemeanor.

If you are convicted of a felony, you temporarily lose your citizenship rights, including your right to vote. But you automatically get your right to vote back in North Carolina after you finish your sentence, including probation or parole. It doesn’t matter where the felony conviction occurred, in this state or elsewhere.

No court document is needed to “restore” your right to vote. Just finish your sentence and register like any other citizen. Failure to pay restitution does not block your right to vote, unless you are still on probation.

If you know people who have completed a felony sentence, encourage them to register and vote!
Immigrants are a net benefit to our economy. While I favor ending quotas, at the very least, we should drastically raise the quotas on immigration.

Should government take action to raise the minimum wage and promote pay equity across race and gender for the same job? There should be no minimum wage.

Should federal review under the Voting Rights Act be restored for changes to NC election law? No to restoring federal review. We do need electoral reform of ending gerrymandered voting districts.

More info: barbarahowe.net

STEVE A. (VON) LOOR

Party: Republican

No response from candidate

DAVID PRICE

Party: Democrat

Experience: I have served in Congress for three decades. I am on the Appropriations Committee, where I have fought for critical investments in our future. I am committed to expanding opportunity for all, not the few.

Occupation: U.S. Representative (previously, faculty member at Duke University)

Favorite endorsements: National Education Association; Equality NC; Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence

What are your top 2 priorities for action in Congress? Ensuring inclusive economic growth through investments in education and worker training, a fairer tax code, living wages, and affordable housing and transportation. Reforming our democracy by ending partisan gerrymandering, reducing money in politics, expanding voter registration, and reforming ethics laws.

What will you do to make college affordable? We must do more to support access to higher education and relieve student loan debt. I support increasing Pell Grants, lowering loan interest rates, and expanding loan forgiveness.

What specific actions do you support to address school shootings? We must close loopholes in background check system, expand gun violence restraining orders, ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines, and research the causes of gun violence – not arm teachers.

What top 2 or 3 changes are needed for federal immigration policy? We must reunite families separated by President Trump, reform immigration enforcement, and provide a pathway to citizenship for individuals who are already part of our communities (including 700,000 Dreamers).

Should government take action to raise the minimum wage and promote pay equity across race and gender for the same job? Yes. Workplace pay equity should be guaranteed to all Americans.

Should federal review under the Voting Rights Act be restored for changes to NC election law? Yes. Federal review would protect these fundamental rights, which NC is systematically violating.

More info: www.priceforcongress.com

You can take a list inside the poll to help you remember your choices. The list may be on paper or a cell phone.

Try to vote the whole ballot, top to bottom.
The General Assembly has 50 Senate and 120 House members who adopt laws and the state budget, make or approve appointments, and oversee local governments. They all represent districts for 2-year terms. Look for your district at demnc.co/wakedist.

NC Senate - District 14

RICHARD HAYGOOD

Party: Libertarian

No response from candidate

SANDY ANDREWS

Party: Republican

No response from candidate

DAN BLUE

Party: Democrat

Experience: I am a North Carolina native who has served in the legislature for 37 years. I served as the Speaker of the House from 1991-94. I am also a husband, father and grandfather who believes in building a better future for our state.

Occuaption: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Raise teacher pay to national average and improve education. Greater job creation.

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? State should take this action.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process after the 2020 Census? Independent redistricting commission.

NC Senate - District 15

BRIAN LEWIS

Party: Libertarian

Experience: My activism on environmental issues drew me into a life of political activity. Today my time is best spent sharing knowledge and empowering people with it.

Occuaption: Telecommunications Technician

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Bringing common sense to the State’s approach on environmental concerns by ending close knit corporate relationships. Fighting for Parents to have more say in their Children's education and ensuring that our front line Educators are first to be paid, not the last.

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? Stronger wages are a consequence of strong economic conditions and an educated workforce. I do not support this
goal being achieved through the State Legislature but rather through Organized Labor negotiations.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process after the 2020 Census? Redistricting must be open and transparent, conducted by an independent, nonpartisan agency for all local, state, and federal districts and should involve significant public input.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? We spend >$12,500 per pupil K-12 yearly. A classroom of 20 children costs taxpayers >$250k, yet front line Educators see only $50k of this. Better pay and budget accountability.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Yes. Accountability is critical when granting authority over anyone. Abuse is inevitable without it.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? Bonded and insured companies should be permitted to extract resources without government subsidies.

More info: LewisforNC.org

ALAN DAVID MICHAEL
Party: Republican
No response from candidate

JAY J. CHAUDHURI
Party: Democrat
Experience: Senior Counsel to State Treasurer Janet Cowell & Attorney General Cooper. Current member of NC Senate.
Occupation: Attorney
Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? First, we must invest more in public education and raise teacher pay. Second, we must build an economy that works for all North Carolina, including making community college free for responsible students.

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? The legislature should raise the state minimum wage and promote equal pay for equal work.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process after the 2020 Census? The General Assembly should establish an Independent Redistricting Commission that would save our State millions of dollars in litigation, better reflect the voters’ will, and give voters greater confidence in our political system.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? First, I would expand access to early childhood education, including doubling funding to support our youngest children who need it the most. Second, we must raise teacher pay to the national average within the next five years.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Yes, municipalities should have such authority provided the board reflects appropriate stakeholders and commands trust from the public.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? I oppose off-shore oil drilling. Such drilling forgets the economic, environmental, and public health disaster of BP Deepwater Horizon.

More info: jayforncc.com

BRIAN IRVING
Party: Libertarian
Experience: Retired U.S. Air Force Captain Served in Europe, Asia & the U.S.; Vietnam Veteran; Post-service work in non-profit & volunteer sector; Husband, father, grandfather
Occupation: Retired USAF
Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Change how our government works
in North Carolina. Give people more freedom to choose how best to educate their children, how to earn a living, and where to get healthcare.

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? No. The minimum wage distorts markets, misallocates capital, and causes unemployment. It hurts the very people it is supposed to help.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process after the 2020 Census? Have a non-partisan independent agency draw all district lines in an open and transparent process. Draw districts solely on population, compactness, and community boundaries. Allow the legislature only to approve or disapprove.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Give parents full control of their tax dollars so they can choose the best education for their children by expanding programs like vouchers and opportunity scholarships. Expand open enrollment.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Yes. Police officers suspected of misconduct should be investigated, and punished, just as civilians.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? Allow it, with proper and sufficient environmental safeguards.

More info: libertypoint.org

WILEY NICKEL

Party: Democrat

Experience: Wiley is a former Obama White House staffer, local business owner and attorney. He works every day to ensure that his clients are treated fairly and compassionately by the NC Justice system.

Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: Planned Parenthood Votes!; Equality NC; League of Conservation Voters

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Wiley’s top priority when elected will be to enact independent redistricting reform that will ensure fair and competitive districts. Another priority is strengthening NC public education by raising teacher pay and per-pupil spending above national averages.

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? Wiley supports raising the $7.25 minimum wage to a $15 living wage. Wiley also believes in equal pay for equal work and supports legislation to enact the Equal Rights Amendment.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process after the 2020 Census? Wiley supports independent redistricting reform that promotes fair and competitive districts. The voters deserve an even playing field and it’s time to take politicians out of the redistricting process.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Wiley’s top 2 priorities are to ensure all teachers and administrators are adequately paid above the national average and raising per-pupil spending to above the national average.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Wiley believes that community-based police oversight and review boards would improve community relations and police accountability.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? Wiley does not support offshore drilling. NC should prioritize renewable wind and solar energy.

More info: WileyNickelForNC.com

PAUL SMITH

Party: Republican

No response from candidate

Resources for Voters

NCVoter.org - for registration status, Early Voting locations, Election Day poll, and your own ballot.
NCSBE.gov - Same info, also toll-free 866-522-4723.
Vote411.org - League of Women Voters resource.
NCVoterGuide.org - Local and state voter guides.
SAM SEARCY

Party: Democrat

Experience: I’ll bring the lessons I learned putting myself through college, becoming the first in my family to graduate with a four-year degree and the experience I got from creating successful business to Raleigh.

Occupation: Business owner

Favorite endorsements: North Carolina Association of Educators, State Employees Association of North Carolina, and Equality NC

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Bringing our per-pupil funding and teacher pay to at least the national average so our schools can become top-ten in the nation. Expanding Medicaid to help provide health care to hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians.

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? We need an economy that works for everyone. That means raising the minimum wage and ensuring everyone is paid equally.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process after the 2020 Census? An independent, non-partisan redistricting commission should be created.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Raising per-pupil funding to the national average to ensure our students have what they need to succeed and raising teacher pay to the national average to keep excellent teachers.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? No, we should ensure our current justice system serves everyone equally.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? Oppose. Our coasts are economic and natural treasures and shouldn’t be put at risk.

More info: SamSearcy.com

BRUCE BASSON

Party: Libertarian

Experience: I have a master’s degree in statistics and my experience includes 26 years as a manager, lecturer, scientist, and developer of risk assessment software.

Occupation: Statistician

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? My top priorities are economic opportunity and healthcare deregulation. There are far too many regulations restricting businesses and individuals and reducing these burdens will spur economic growth. Healthcare must be massively deregulated in order to reduce costs.

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? The NC legislature should not regulate the economy since government does that poorly. Wages are efficiently handled by the free market, and the courts are equipped to handle any injustice.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process after the 2020 Census? Redistricting should be handled by an entirely independent non-partisan board and should not be influenced by persons with political affiliation.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Educational funding should be under the control of parents who may send children to any school they choose. Inserting real choice will improve education through competition.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Yes. It should be up to communities to decide if they have a policing problem.
Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? Vote on off-shore drilling and impose high penalties for polluting North Carolina public waters.

More info: basson.wakeupliberty.org

BRAD HESSEL

Party: Libertarian


Occupation: Knowledge Management Consultant

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Economy: reduce regulation: affording people more choice enhances income mobility, creates incentives for job growth, and enables businesses to better serve customers. Health care: transition from Medicaid to HSAs, repeal anticompetitive certificate of need laws, enable innovative delivery options.

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? Increasing minimum wage makes it harder for small businesses to expand and increases incentives for larger businesses to automate. Promoting pay equity via education and encouraging greater openness is fine.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? We need an independent, non-partisan body to create compact electoral districts. Tell them to draw lines based solely on population and existing boundaries, without regard for party, race or incumbency.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? 1. Enable parents to direct the tax dollars allocated to their child so they can choose the best educational opportunity. 2. Afford all public schools—not just charters—more flexibility.

MACK PAUL

Party: Democrat

Experience: Mack Paul is an attorney who through his legal practice brought builders to ensure sustainable growth. Mack has served the public on transit boards and as a former chair of the Wake County Democratic Party.

Occupation: Real Estate Attorney

Favorite endorsements: League of Conservation Voters; Planned Parenthood Votes!; NC AFL-CIO

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? My top two priorities for the General Assembly include addressing the wages erosion of the middle class and fixing a broken political system that feeds on polarization and divisiveness.

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? The NC Legislature should take action to raise the minimum wage and promote pay equity. These measures will help to reduce income disparity, and strengthen our middle class.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? In order to ensure fair elections, the best way to handle redistricting is having an independent commission to draw districts following the 2020 census.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? We need to compensate teachers adequately and increase funding for resources such as counselors.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Any municipality that decides this is the best approach for them should have the option.
investigative and disciplinary powers? Local authorities should have latitude to create the most effective review boards shown with best practices.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? The economic benefit of off-shore drilling is not worth the risk posed to local communities or our environment.

More info: mackfornc.com

JOHN ALEXANDER
Party: Republican
No response from candidate

TRAVIS GROO
Party: Libertarian
Experience: There is a solution to the outdated two-party system. There is another option. This is about people, not politics; which includes liberty for all.

Occupation: Driver Trainer
Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? School choice for maximum education opportunities, limiting regulations that hinder local businesses, and choosing your own lifestyle. Education should place the needs of the child first. Parents should be able to decide on what school option is best for their child.

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? This should be left to the private business. The state should not get involved in running a private business.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? Keeping it as non-partisan as possible.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Create competition by ex-panding the vouchers system. Parents should be able to decide on what school option is best for their child. Also, decreasing the size of classes would be ideal.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? I'll need to do more research on this.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? I think it's a good idea. It would create an economic boom for the state.

More info: groo.wakeupliberty.org

TYLER BROOKS
Party: Republican
No response from candidate

ALLISON DAHLE
Party: Democrat
Experience: I have worked with governmental agencies and other stakeholders for the past 30 years.

Occupation: Office Manager
Favorite endorsements: Equality NC; Planned Parenthood; Emily’s List

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? To make it easier for people who have been sexually harassed to report and get the respect that they deserve. To push for more funding for public education.

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? Yes we should promote pay equity across race and gender.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? We need to make sure that we redistrict based on population not on political leanings.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? We need to improve funding and raise teacher’s salaries.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create
police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Yes. Police need oversight. It is impossible to investigate your own.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? We have other forms of energy that we can use, wave turbines, solar and wind.

More info: AllisonForHouse.com

ANNE MURTHA
Party: Republican  No response from candidate

CAP HAYES
Party: Libertarian  No response from candidate

GRIER MARTIN
Party: Democrat

Experience: I have worked as a lawyer for small businesses and non-profits. I've also served over 25 years in the Army Reserve.

Occupation: Lawyer

Favorite endorsements: League of Conservation Voters; Sierra Club; Planned Parenthood Votes!

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? 1. Provide adequate resources for a quality education for every child in North Carolina. 2. Reduce the corrupting influence of money in our political system and reform the legislative process.

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? Our state should raise our minimum wage and should act to eliminate the gender gap between men and women. The state also must prevent racial discrimination in pay.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? We must create a non-partisan redistricting commission. I joined my colleagues from across the aisle to file legislation to do this and succeeded in getting it passed by the House.
What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? 1. We must provide adequate funds for teachers in all subjects. 2. Give teachers the resources they need to teach our children (classrooms, textbooks, technology)

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? This is worth considering to promote accountability. Any implementation must preserve officers’ due process rights.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? I am strongly opposed to off-shore drilling.

More info: GrierMartin.com

CATHERINE WHITEFORD

Party: Republican

Experience: National Committeeewoman – NCFYR, Co-Chair Policy & Resolutions Committee Young Republican National Federation

Occupation: Executive Administrative Assistant

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Introduce legislation to help address the prevalence of human trafficking and help aid victims of human trafficking. Introduce a maximum cap on tuition for public colleges and universities to help make public universities more affordable to low-income individuals.

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? Higher minimum wage has proven to have negative effects on the ability for business to employ more people. NC laws state no person shall be discriminated based on Race, Gender.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? Non-partisan, independent redistricting

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Continue and increase the implementation of education on the dangers of human trafficking to the students with curriculum such as FreeWay NC Awareness & Prevention Human Trafficking Curriculum. Continue the progress to increase teacher pay.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigatory and disciplinary powers? I think the best way to approach it would be on a city to city basis not a blanket legislation.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? Energy independence is important for economic stability and national security and must be environmentally responsible.

More info: catherinewhiteford.com

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE for Oct. 17 to Nov. 3
Wake Co. citizens may go to any of these 10 EARLY VOTING Locations

2 DIFFERENT SCHEDULES

1 site opens Weekdays (Mon.-Fri.), Oct. 17-Nov. 2, 8:30am-5:15pm; and Saturday, Nov. 3, 8am-1pm:
• Board of Elections Office, 337 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh

9 sites open Weekdays, Oct. 17-Nov. 2, 7am-7pm; three Saturdays, Oct. 20, Oct. 27 & Nov. 3, 8am-1pm; and two Sundays, Oct. 21 & Oct. 28, 1pm-6pm:
• Apex Community Center, 53 Hunter St., Apex
• Chavis Comm Ctr., 505 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Raleigh
• Knightdale Rec. Center, 102 Lawson Ridge Rd., Knightdale
• NC State Univ., Talley Student Ctr., 2610 Cates Ave., Raleigh
• Wake Tech Community College, 9101 Fayetteville Rd., Raleigh
• Herbert Young Comm. Ctr., 101 Wilkinson Ave., Cary
• Lake Lynn Comm. Ctr., 7921 Ray Rd., Raleigh
• Optimist Comm. Ctr., 5900 Whittier Dr., Raleigh
• Northern Reg. Ctr., 350 E. Holding Ave., Wake Forest

Questions? Call the Wake County Board of Elections at 919-856-6240
CHRIS MALONE  
Party: Republican  
*No response from candidate*

MICHAEL NELSON  
Party: Libertarian  
Experience: Community leader with experience across leading business, non-profits, and community-based organizations for over twenty years. Former HOA president for nine years and Raleigh theatre company Board of Directors. Over twenty years business experience.  
Occupation: IT Manager  
Favorite endorsements: *none submitted*  
What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Ensure that healthcare can be made more affordable by opening up the system to more competition and expanding treatment with other medicines such as medical cannabis and expand school choice for as many North Carolinians as possible.  
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? Decisions on minimum wage should always be left to the business not the government. Pay equity should be a given in a business not a law, let the consumer decide.  
What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? The redistricting process should be handled purely by a nonpartisan, independent group drawn from across the state. District lines should be drawn for compactness and based upon communities not incumbents.  
What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Continue the expansion of charter and other alternatives schools in North Carolina to expand options and choice for all parents of students. Focus on choice not funding.  
Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Only if the boards are truly independent with the authority to demonstrate openness and fairness.  
Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? Until the economic benefits outweigh the potential disruption of tourism and environment, I am against.  
More info: NelsonForNC.org

TERENCE EVERITT  
Party: Democrat  
*No response from candidate*

ROBYN HALEY PEGRAM  
Party: Libertarian  
Experience: Graduated with honors with a BA in History from NCSU, work as a representative for a financial institution, and a NC native that is passionate representing the common voter.  
Occupation: Representative at a financial institution  
Favorite endorsements: *none submitted*  
What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? The people are my special interest, not money. I want to give parents the freedom to choose what is best for their children, not choose for them. Additionally, I want to end the unnecessary restrictions we have on entrepreneurs opening their own business.  
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? No. Forcing businesses to raise their pay will cause said business to hire less. Unemployment will increase, and younger, inexperienced workers will have the most difficult time securing a job.
What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? We must have our districts drawn by an independent, non-partisan agency in an open and transparent process. Citizens should also have the opportunity to weigh in on proposed districts.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Parents deserve the right to choose what is best for their children by having full access to their tax dollars to provide what is necessary, and we should expand open enrollment within and between public school districts.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Absolutely, police officers should be treated like any other civilian when it comes to investigations and punishments.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? Allow it; pollution that may occur as a result should be dealt with properly.

More info: Robyn4NC.org

JULIE VON HAEFEN

Party: Democrat

Experience: I am a state, county and local Parent Teacher Association (PTA) leader, an attorney and public school advocate. I am the Immediate Past President of the Wake County PTA Council.

Occupation: Parent, PTA leader, licensed attorney

Favorite endorsements: President Barack Obama; Lillian’s List; North Carolina Association of Educators

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? To return trust back to the institution and to make sure that North Carolina is the best state in the nation to live, work, and raise a family.

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? All North Carolinians, regardless of their race, gender, or orientation deserve a living wage and pay equity, with minimums established by the state.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? Through a non-partisan and independent redistricting committee.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Restoring respect for teachers through increased salaries and providing them with the resources they need for their students to be successful.

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

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? I oppose offshore drilling.

More info: juliefornc.com

NELSON DOLLAR

Party: Republican

No response from candidate

GUY MEILLEUR

Party: Libertarian

No response from candidate

JOHN B. ADCOCK

Party: Republican

No response from candidate

TIPS FOR VOTING

➤ Best time to vote, with shortest wait time: in the mid-morning or mid-afternoon.

➤ You may take a list of your choices (on paper or your cell phone) inside the poll to help you remember, but do not show the list to others.

➤ The poll worker will ask you to state your name and address and sign a document to confirm your identity; in most cases, no photo ID is needed.

➤ If you mark the wrong choice by mistake, ask the poll worker for a new ballot to replace a “spoiled” one.
MRS. SYDNEY BATCH

Party: Democrat

Experience: Family law attorney, child welfare advocate, small business owner, wife and mother.

Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: Lillian’s List; NC Police Benevolent Association; NC League of Conservation Voters

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Priority 1: Fully fund our public schools, raise teacher pay to at least the national average, and increase per pupil spending. Priority 2: Expand Medicaid and collaborate with others to decrease the cost of healthcare in 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? Yes. The State minimum wage should reflect actual living costs and be tied to inflation. Everyone should be paid equally regardless of their race, gender, or sexual orientation, etc.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? A bipartisan committee should be formed to draft all redistricting proposals. I also support putting to a vote a constitutional amendment to permanently create a fair redistricting process.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Invest in training, restore Master’s pay and increase teacher salaries. We should also increase our per-pupil spending to ensure that students have the necessary resources to reach their potential.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Establishing regional or district systems with some of these powers would be more effective.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? It should be banned.

More info: SydneyBatch.com

NC House - District 38

YVONNE LEWIS HOLLEY

Party: Democrat

Experience: I am a 3 time Incumbent member of the North Carolina State House of Representatives.

Occupation: Retired State Procurement Contract Specialist

Favorite endorsements: League of Conservation Voters; Lillian’s List; Planned Parenthood

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? 1. Work in the areas of Economic and workforce development; 2. Eliminating Food deserts; 3. Expanding Affordable Housing and financing options; 4. Re-instate the Earned Income Tax Credit.

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? Yes. The State of North Carolina should take the LEAD in promoting pay equity across race and gender.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? There should be a non-partisan, independent redistricting process.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Increase funding for early childhood education. Improve the quality of education for all students. Continue the efforts to bring teacher pay to the National Average.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Yes, Police accountability is critical and self-policing has not proven to be effective.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? NC’s fragile and unique coastline and the State’s coastal tourism and fishing industries make off-shore drilling too risky.

More info: YvonneLewisHolley.com
KEN BAGNAL

Party: Republican

No response from candidate

BOBBY YATES EMORY

Party: Libertarian

Experience: 50+ year resident of district. Concerned for the restoration of our freedoms.

Occupation: Retired Computer Systems Analyst

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? 1. Increase individual freedom. 2. Protect individuals from force and violence.

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? Minimum wages penalize people who are not already on the economic ladder. Pay rates should be left to the free market.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? A redistricting commission with members from all political parties and unaffiliated voters

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? 1. Allow competition with government schools. 2. Eliminate taxes on materials needed for home schools.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Yes for subpoena and investigative powers. Disciplinary needs to be handled by responsible person.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? All states, including North Carolina, should allow off-shore drilling.

More info: none submitted

DARREN JACKSON

Party: Democrat

Experience: Currently serving my 5th term in the NC House.

Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: NC League of Conservation Voters; Sierra Club

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Expand Medicaid to provide health care access for hundreds of thousands and boost North Carolina’s hospitals. Raise NC teacher pay to the national average. Currently, we are $10,000 below the national average and below all of our neighboring states.

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? I support increasing the minimum wage and equal pay for equal work. The minimum wage has not gone up in a decade and everyone should get paid what they earn.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? A non-partisan commission should draw the lines. Voters should pick politicians, not vice versa.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Increase per-pupil investment. Raise teacher pay to the national average.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Towns should have authority to create police-community review boards to improve relationships between them and citizens.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? I oppose off-shore drilling. The risk to our coastal environment and coastal tourism is too great.

More info: DarrenJackson.org

Vote on the Bonds for Schools and Parks, see p. 36
MARTIN MATUSZEWSKI

Party: Libertarian
No response from candidate

RHONDA ALLEN

Party: Republican

Experience: 30 years service with municipal local government - City of Raleigh; 1st Vice President of Wake County Republican Women’s Club; Treasurer of East Wake Republican Club; State Leader of 16 chapters for a National Organization

Occupation: Retired

Favorite endorsements: Carrie Lightfoot; Wake County Republican Women’s Club; NC Right to Life PAC

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? I will protect/defend our Constitutional freedoms with special emphasis on the Second Amendment. Keep a watchful eye on infringement of any kind that restricts the rights of law abiding gun owners in this state. I am equally protective of traditional family values.

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? I do not believe it is the state’s role to determine minimum wage or promote equity across race and gender. Business owners are in the best position to determine wages and pay according to duties and positions.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? Appoint independent legal counsel tasked with drawing redistricting plan to be approved by the NC General Assembly.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Remove social engineering to include more transparency and parental involvement; Improve school safety by allowing staff/admin/parents to exercise their 2nd Amendment right to self defense on school property.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? No.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? I fully support our state’s energy independence (exploration, safe processing, job creation, etc.).

More info: rhondaforhouse.com

JOE JOHN

Party: Democrat

Experience: AB, MA, JD: UNC-CH; legal aid lawyer; prosecutor; law firm partner; District Court, Superior Court and Court of Appeals Judge; DMV Acting Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner; SBI Crime Lab Director; House District 40 Representative

Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: NC League of Conservation Voters; NC NOW; Triangle Labor Council/NC AFL-CIO

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Creating truly independent, impartial, non-partisan NC congressional, legislative and judicial redistricting commissions. I sponsored a bill to do so this year and will again. Re-establishing non-partisan NC judicial elections.

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? One size does not fit all. Local governments should be authorized to set minimum wages within their jurisdictions. Equal pay for equal work is both fair and right.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? Establish a truly independent, impartial, non-partisan redistricting commission so NC voters will select their representatives instead of politicians selecting their voters as happens now.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Providing full pre-K funding for all eligible NC children. Raising teacher pay and per pupil funding to at least the national average.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? No.
police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Yes, except imposition of discipline should be retained by the hiring authority, upon boards’ recommendations.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? Opposed. The benefits of coastal tourism and fishing (commercial and recreational) must not be jeopardized.

More info: JoeJohnNCHouse.com

DAVID ULMER

Party: Libertarian

Experience: Graduate of Wake Forest University. Former officer United States Army. I earned an Associate degree in Telecommunications and Network Engineering from Wake Tech in 2003 and have 20 years of experience in Information Technology.

Occupation: Network Engineer

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Expand NC’s state-funded Education Savings Account program to cover more students. Eliminate or reduce state occupational licensing requirements that simply represent financial protection and do not perform a critical role in vital public safety.

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? No, the NCGA should not raise the minimum wage.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? North Carolina should adopt an independent nonpartisan redistricting process. The process should be open and transparent. Draw districts based solely on population, compactness, and community boundaries. Districts should not be based on party or incumbency.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Public schools need greater flexibility and programs like “NC Restart” that allow public schools to operate like charters should be expanded. Parents should decide who educates their child.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Yes, however the details of any proposal are important.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? Companies drilling off-shore should be required to have adequate levels of insurance against disaster.

More info: ulmernc.org

MARILYN AVILA

Party: Republican

No response from candidate

EMMANUEL WILDER

Party: Republican

No response from candidate

GALE ADCOCK

Party: Democrat

Experience: I am the Chief Health Officer at SAS Institute and an FNP of 31 years. I served 7 years on the Cary Town Council before winning my first House race in 2014.

Occupation: Family Nurse Practitioner

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

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Establish a nonpartisan independent redistricting committee and expand health insurance coverage to all North Carolinians.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? North Carolina should adopt an independent nonpartisan redistricting process. The process should be open and transparent. Draw districts based solely on population, compactness, and community boundaries. Districts should not be based on party or incumbency.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Public schools need greater flexibility and programs like “NC Restart” that allow public schools to operate like charters should be expanded. Parents should decide who educates their child.

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? The 2018-19 state budget raised the minimum hourly wage of almost all state employees to $15. It seems logical to also raise
the state’s minimum wage. I support pay equity.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? Establish a nonpartisan independent redistricting commission before the 2020 election and census.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Stop siphoning off state funds to opportunity scholarships and rescind the 2018 law allowing municipalities to establish and fund schools just for their residents.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? I would like to hear more about this idea; it is new to me.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? Drilling should be prohibited off the North Carolina coast.

More info: galeadcock.com

NC House - District 49

JONATHAN HORST

Party: Libertarian

Experience: Followed Politics for 13 Years. Ran different levels of business.

Occupation: Candidate for District 49 at North Carolina General Assembly for the Libertarian Party

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? 1. Extend freedom for parents to choose where they send their children to school. 2. Decrease licensing restrictions so people have a better path to self-employment.

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? I think people should be paid based on merit, experience, and potential for growth; not based on their gender or race.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? Create an independent group that creates a consistent model that does not fluctuate based on who is in control.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? 1. Allow parents more mobility in where they send their child. 2. Stabilize funding measures and taxes so schools can plan ahead of time and make fiscally sound long term decisions.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Police should be held accountable to the laws as regular citizens are.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? Cautious expansion with a process in place for review and accountability.

More info: horst.wakeupliberty.org

DAVID ROBERTSON

Party: Republican

No response from candidate

CYNTHIA BALL

Party: Democrat

Experience: NC House Representative, District 49. 35 years professional employment - university administrator, then a practicing mediator. Working with organizations and individuals to address issues and find common ground and solutions. BA, MBA, 30 hours Doctoral coursework.

Occupation: NC House Representative; Mediator

Favorite endorsements: NC League of Conservation Voters; Sierra Club; Lillian's List

What are your top 2 priorities for action in the General Assembly? Increased funding for public schools; implement fair taxes for teacher pay. Protecting the independence of our judiciary, the balance of power among three branches of NC government, and the transparency and equity of our elections and lawmaking processes.
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? Yes. Minimum wage at $7.25 does not provide a living wage, especially in some areas of NC. Pay equity for the same job should be promoted across race and gender.

What is the best way to handle the redistricting process? We should establish a non-partisan redistricting process to ensure fairness, balance and equity in representation. I co-sponsored a 2017 non-partisan redistricting bill; I will sponsor and work to pass one in 2019.

What are 2 priority actions for the state to improve K-12 public education? Increase teacher pay & principal pay & per pupil expenditure to at least the national average. Fully fund Pre-K programs so ALL NC children are ready to learn and prosper in kindergarten and beyond.

Should NC municipalities have the authority to create police-community review boards with subpoena, investigative and disciplinary powers? Yes, but with process limits and incorporating lessons learned from other communities. Ensure balanced membership, adequate funding, transparency.

Do you support or oppose off-shore drilling for North Carolina? With sustainable options to depend on, we should cut back, not expand off-shore drilling.

More info: cynthiainfornc.com

WAKE COUNTY COMMISSION

The County Commission adopts the budget for schools and other agencies, and regulates land use, housing and many vital services.

All Wake county voters may vote for 1 candidate for each District seat.

Co. Commission - District 1

SIG HUTCHINSON

Party: Democrat

Experience: For more than two decades, I have worked to make livable, healthy communities and improve the quality of life in Wake County leading six bond referendums for open space, parks, greenways, transportation and affordable housing.

Occupation: Business Owner, and Current Vice Chair of the Wake County Commission

Favorite endorsements: Sierra Club; Equality NC

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Commission? Education, Transportation and Jobs – During my tenure as Commissioner we have passed the highest teacher pay supplement in NC; a $2.3B transit plan to quadruple services; and more than 50,000 jobs have been created from businesses expanding and new employers.

What policies should the county pursue to improve the affordability of housing? The Commission has adopted a 20-Year Affordable Housing Plan. Next, we will work with the private sector and municipal partners on implementation and funding to meet the ever-increasing need.

What policies should be pursued to promote job development and equal employment opportunities? The Commission passed the Wake County Living Wage ordinance and hired an economic development officer to support vulnerable communities. I work with Launch Raleigh, providing mentoring, education and capital access.

What is your stance on the county’s current or future collaboration with federal immigration enforcement? This is a federal law enforcement issue. The sheriff does deal with immigration issues at the detention center, but the County Commission does not have control over enforcement policies.
How will you ensure community transparency and accountability for the Sheriff’s Department? The sheriff is an elected office, not under Board of Commissioners’ oversight. The Office of Sheriff is responsible for its own budget, which is audited annually and subject to public review.

More info: sig4wake.com

GREG JONES

Party: Republican

Experience: Lifelong Farmer, Industrial Contractor serving Fortune 500 companies for over 30 years. Served on various Advisory Boards.

Occupation: Industrial Contractor & Farmer

Favorite endorsements: Wake GOP; Sheriff Donnie Harrison; Congressman George Holding

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Commission? First Priority will be to ensure that the taxpayers of Wake County are getting the best value for their hard earned tax dollars. I will look for ways to identify and eliminate wasteful spending in order to lower our current property tax rates.

What policies should the county pursue to improve the affordability of housing? More privatization, less government and red tape! Cut out wasteful spending on other issues.

What policies should be pursued to promote job development and equal employment opportunities? Bring back Trade related educational training to our school system. Bring back and strengthen employer apprenticeship programs covering all types of job related task from administrative to high tech job task.

What is your stance on the county’s current or future collaboration with federal immigration enforcement? The county needs to follow and enforce all current Federal Laws and Guidelines in regards to immigration.

How will you ensure community transparency and accountability for the Sheriff’s Department? (transparency) All county departments are subject to audit, and accountability has many roles in a department as large as the Sheriff’s Department. Hard to answer in just 30 words!

More info: GregJonesforWake.com

TIM JOWERS

Party: Libertarian

Experience: Tim Jowers represents Americans in East Wake County. He started delivering newspapers when he was 10 and has worked many places, including projects for governments, Fortune 100 companies, and many, many small companies.

Occupation: Vice President

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Commission? Better Financial Management - represent interests of taxpayers. Foster business development - don’t compete with businesses. Represent East Wake County - development, services, and fair allocation.

What policies should the county pursue to improve the affordability of housing? The county should foster growth in jobs and education. These are the essential ingredients to affording housing. Subsidizing apartment owners or capping rents do not improve housing affordability.

What policies should be pursued to promote job development and equal employment opportunities? Ensure fair employment practices including conformance with workplace safety and fair treatment of employees. Provide streamlined access to the legal system for victims.

What is your stance on the county’s current or future collaboration with federal immigration enforcement? The USA is a nation of immigrants. Does any more really need to be said? Immigration, including H1 visas, are a con job. Immigration should be easy.

How will you ensure community transparency and accountability for the Sheriff’s Dept? The Sheriff’s department faces tough work. I believe training and accountability ensure they perform as well as possible.

More info: tim4wake.org
FRANN L. SARPOLUS
Party: Republican
No response from candidate

MATT CALABRIA
Party: Democrat
Experience: Incumbent Wake County Commissioner; Wake County attorney; Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Leadership Council member; Alice Aycock Poe Center board member; UNC-Chapel Hill undergraduate and Duke Law alumnus; volunteer with various local nonprofits
Occupation: Attorney
Favorite endorsements: Sierra Club; Equality NC; Triangle Labor Council

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Commission? Wake County should (1) increase its support for public education, (2) improve housing affordability, and (3) build an economy that works for everyone, which in turn includes prioritizing transportation, worker training, and forward-thinking development.

What policies should the county pursue to improve the affordability of housing? We should increase our affordable housing stock, enact appropriate planning and zoning ordinances, open a dedicated women’s shelter, and complete our plan to eliminate veteran homelessness in 3 years.

What policies should be pursued to promote job development and equal employment opportunities? Wake County must expand opportunities for working families to be upwardly mobile, revitalize economically underprivileged areas, invest in our quality of life, and create jobs across the economic spectrum.

What is your stance on the county’s current or future collaboration with federal immigration enforcement? Almost all immigration policy is set by the federal government, the state, and the sheriff, but Wake County should ensure that we are a welcoming place that fosters diversity and harmony.

How will you ensure community transparency and accountability for the Sheriff’s Department? Wake County can improve transparency and accountability by maintaining robust accounting oversight, facilitating more training, implementing anti-fraud protections, and evaluating key practices each budget cycle.

More info: MattCalabria.com

KIM COLEY
Party: Republican
Experience: I have been a stay-at-home mom and a small businesswoman who divides her time between our family, investment properties, church activities, and volunteering in our community.
Occupation: Small Businesswoman, Mother
Favorite endorsements: Wake County Republican Party; My Family

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Commission? Create a better working relationship with the county school board to achieve solutions for school funding and accountability. Advocate for a more open budget process and the discipline to stick to the budget and not overspend. Only raising taxes is not the answer.

What policies should the county pursue to improve the affordability of housing? Keep property taxes low; high property taxes hurt affordable housing. Incentivize home builders to build workforce housing. Influence municipalities to allow Accessory Dwelling Units-granny flats/garage apartments.
What policies should be pursued to promote job development and equal employment opportunities? Individuals must utilize the expanded education and vocational training opportunities the county offers. The county needs more community and business input to help create better public/private partnership solutions.

What is your stance on the county’s current or future collaboration with federal immigration enforcement? I trust the Sheriff’s perspective and will collaborate my efforts with his office. He has a pulse on the people, as well as how immigration enforcement impacts Wake County’s residents and the business community.

How will you ensure community transparency and accountability for the Sheriff’s Department? I will create a community of understanding and partnership between the Sheriff’s office and the citizens. Communities that work together with the institutions that keep us safe create positive outcomes for us all.

More info: trustkimcoley.com

SUSAN P. EVANS

Party: Democrat

Experience: Accounting and Corporate Finance Professional; former small business co-owner in residential construction; Mom; School, Church and Civic Volunteer; Wake County School Board member 2011-2016.

Occupation: Accountant

Favorite endorsements: NC Association of Educators (NCAE); Equality NC

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Commission? Effectively dealing with growth by planning for transit expansion, adequate and up-to-date school facilities, and affordable housing needs; all while supporting high-quality, well-funded public schools are my top priorities.

What policies should the county pursue to improve the affordability of housing? The County should coordinate with municipal leaders around zoning; provide funds directly to DHIC, Habitat, etc. for constructing more units; expand the reach of household expense subsidies for qualified residents.

Co. Commission - District 6

GREG FORD

Party: Democrat

Experience: Prior to election as commissioner in 2016, Greg was a teacher and principal in Wake schools from 1997-2015. He serves on multiple non-profit boards, focusing on public health, managed growth and sound fiscal policy.

Occupation: Educator

Favorite endorsements: NC Association of Educators; Sierra Club; Equality NC

Think Voting Doesn’t Matter?

▷ In 2008, the biggest group using Early Voting in NC was African-American female Democrats. The next year, elected officials focused on K-12 education, childcare support, and the NC Racial Justice Act.

▷ In 2014, the biggest group using Early Voting in NC was white male Republicans. The next year, officials focused on cutting taxes and regulation for business.
What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Commission? Ensuring a strong public school system remains a top priority for Wake County children, families, businesses, and for expanding our quality of life. Fiscal responsibility while planning for growth, public health and infrastructure remain key priorities as well.

What policies should the county pursue to improve the affordability of housing? Per the Affordable Housing Plan, Wake is producing & preserving affordable housing through 1. changes to our land use policies; 2. leveraging public and private funding; and 3. direct investment of county revenues.

What policies should be pursued to promote job development and equal employment opportunities? Investment in WCPSS & Wake Tech, and strategic planning for housing and transit, will help ensure a diverse talent pipeline. Growth incentives for targeted industries & minority-owned businesses should continue.

What is your stance on the county’s current or future collaboration with federal immigration enforcement? Republicans at the state & federal levels prohibited local governments from limiting cooperation with immigration enforcement. Founded by immigrants, Wake County should remain a welcoming community for all.

How will you ensure community transparency and accountability for the Sheriff’s Department? In Wake County, the Sheriff is elected independently by its citizens. Commissioners and staff provide additional oversight through Q&A and analysis of the Sheriff Department’s annual budget requests to the County.

More info: gregford.com

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Five candidates are running for two seats on the nonpartisan Soil & Water Conservation District board, which focuses on natural resources (soil loss, erosion control, agricultural concerns, etc.) You may vote for up to two candidates:

JONATHAN GARZA
IAN MCMILLAN
JENNIFER (JENNA) AUSTIN WADSWORTH
DAVID P. ADAMS
NERVAHNA CREW

DAVID BLACKWELDER

Party: Republican

Experience: Police Officer, Crisis Intervention Officer, School Resource Officer, Crime Prevention Specialist, Active Shooter Response, Grant Writer, Community Policing Coordinator, and Traffic Safety Coordinator

Occupation: Police Officer

Favorite endorsements: Fraternal Order of Police of Wake County; Fredrick Douglass Foundation (NC)

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Commission? School security, which would include simplifying designs and building for security optimization. Providing Wake County Employees with a livable wage. Creating opportunity zones in lower economic areas to promote job growth and local opportunities for the community.

What policies should the county pursue to improve the affordability of housing? Working with local governments and non-profit organizations to construct affordable housing in the area. Working with Home Builders to incorporate a percentage of their development projects as affordable housing.

What policies should be pursued to promote job development and equal employment opportunities? I would implement Opportunity Zones, which will attract investment capital in low-economic areas of Wake County. These incentives will provide tax benefits to investors and promote job development in these areas.

What is your stance on the county’s current or future collaboration with federal immigration enforcement? I believe we should comply with federal immigration enforcement requests, especially with individuals who are a danger to the public.

How will you ensure community transparency and accountability for the Sheriff’s Department? I will ensure that Deputies wear Body Cameras and work with the community on fostering positive relationships. I believe strongly in community policing and community involvement.

More info: davidblackwelder.org
The “School Board” supervises the management, finances, pupil placement, and personnel of the Wake County Schools. Members are elected in nonpartisan contests by district. See your district at demnc.co/wakedist.

**ALEX MOORE**
**Party:** Republican

No response from candidate

**VICKIE ADAMSON**
**Party:** Democrat

**Experience:** I am a NC native with a BS from ECU. I worked in corporate finance for 16 years, the last 13 years I have been a dedicated civic/school/community volunteer and strong public education advocate.

**Occupation:** Full-time Community Volunteer

**Favorite endorsements:** NC Association of Educators; Women Awake PAC; NC AFL-CIO

**What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Commission?** Increase local school funding, expand affordable housing throughout Wake County and support the Wake County Transit Plan.

**What policies should the county pursue to improve the affordability of housing?** Land use regulations for more flexibility to keep pace with housing needs, Leveraged Programs for public/private/philanthropic partnerships & Additional Public Resources.

**What policies should be pursued to promote job development and equal employment opportunities?** Multi-criteria policy for economic development incentives for job development in vulnerable communities. Policies that promote quality transportation so everyone has equal access to job locations.

**What is your stance on the county’s current or future collaboration with federal immigration enforcement?** Wake currently collaborates with ICE and this collaboration should end immediately.

**How will you ensure community transparency and accountability for the Sheriff’s Dept?** Create a process, oversight system with the goal of community-oriented policing, for complainants to be given an avenue to voice their concerns outside of the Sheriff’s Dept.

More info: vickieforwakecounty.com

**DONALD MIAL**

**Experience:** Thirty years in military as Vietnam and Iraq War Veteran, state employee with over thirty years’ experience as a teacher, Probation Officer, Parole Case Analyst, Facility Director with DPS. County and City of Raleigh Board of Adjustment, Board of Election.

**Occupation:** Retired

**Favorite endorsements:** none submitted

**What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Board of Education?** (1) Ensure that the people have an active and visible member, working hard for them every day, equitable funding for District 1. (2) Continued strong support for Pre-K. (3) Addressing the Suspension rate

**What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination?** 14th amendment U.S constitution; Section 2, Article 9 NC Constitution and NCGS 115c 367: No person shall be refused admission to public schools because of race, creed, color or origin.
What’s your position on arming classroom teachers? I am against armed teachers and every teacher that I have spoken with agrees.

More info: DonMial.com

HEATHER SCOTT

Experience: Music Teacher: Greensburg Community Schools, Greensburg, IN 1998-2000, San Dieguito Unified High School District, Encinitas, CA 2000-02; Bishop Noll Institute, Hammond, IN 2004-08; Endeavor Charter School, Raleigh 2008-10; Substitute Teacher, Wake County 2012-present

Occupation: Substitute Teacher

Favorite endorsements: Thomas Hunter, Superintendent, Greensburg Community Schools (Greensburg, IN); Scott D. Fech, PhD, Former Principal, Bishop Noll Institute (Hammond, IN)

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Board of Education? Going beyond basic requirements of Leandro case for equity for all students, especially low-income. The continuation of the magnet program to encourage diversity while using innovative educational strategies. Advocating to keep WCPSS one unified school district.

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Board of Education? My priorities include ending the student achievement gap, hiring additional highly qualified and diverse teachers to lead our classrooms, supporting year-round intervention and support services for all children, and preparing our schools for the 21st century.

What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination? Undocumented children have the right to education, as established by Plyler v. Doe. WCPSS should enforce the non-discrimination policy at all schools, and consider revising as necessary for marginalized students.

What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination? All students deserve equal & equitable access to a quality, safe education. We need stronger language immersion programs, an emphasis on emotional intelligence, & the necessary support staff to reach all children.

What’s your position on arming classroom teachers? I am strongly opposed to arming teachers in classrooms.

More info: shaunpollenz.com

Bd. of Education - District 3

SHAUN POLLENZ

Experience: Attorney and former K-12 WCPSS student with a passion for education policy and a dedication to renewing the promise of our public school system.

Occupation: Attorney

Favorite endorsements: Wake County Democratic Party; Young Democrats of Wake County; My mother, a WCPSS Teacher

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Board of Education? My priorities include ending the student achievement gap, hiring additional highly qualified and diverse teachers to lead our classrooms, supporting year-round intervention and support services for all children, and preparing our schools for the 21st century.

What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination? All students deserve equal & equitable access to a quality, safe education. We need stronger language immersion programs, an emphasis on emotional intelligence, & the necessary support staff to reach all children.

What’s your position on arming classroom teachers? I am strongly opposed to arming teachers in classrooms.

More info: shaunpollenz.com

BONDS ON YOUR BALLOT

At the end of your ballot, you will be asked to authorize Wake County to borrow money through the sale of 3 bonds. Here’s how the money will be used.

SCHOOL BONDS: $548 million to construct, renovate, expand and equip the county’s public schools.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS: $349 million to construct, expand and improve Wake Tech facilities.

OPEN SPACE BONDS: $120 million to improve old & create new parks, greenways & recreational facilities.

Also, for HOLLY SPRINGS VOTERS ONLY: $40 million for Transportation Improvements in the town.
ROXIE CASH

Experience: I have been on the Wake County Board of Education for 3 terms. Years 1991-1999 and I am on it presently. I have been Chair of the Board. I have been involved in our schools for 27 years.

Occupation: Pharmacist

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Board of Education? Teaching the whole child. Public schools receive children from all backgrounds with varying challenges in their life. Supporting public schools with proper funding and good community partnerships. Keeping up with growth in a sustainable and feasible manner.

What policies, are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination? Updated and possibly additional privacy policies. Safety and security of the child while in our care. Sound availability of language aid for LEP students.

What’s your position on arming classroom teachers? I find it really hard to imagine teachers doing another thing. Teachers not responding favorably.

More info: facebook.com/RoxieForSchools

JIM MARTIN

Experience: Wake County Board of Education since 2011 (Vice Chair, Policy Committee Chair); Chemistry Professor, NCSU 1994-present; Chair NCSU Faculty 2008-2010; UNC Faculty Assembly (2006-2018); Lead professional development for NC high school chemistry teachers.

Occupation: Professor of Chemistry

Favorite endorsements: Wake County Democratic Party; NC Association of Educators

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Board of Education? Appropriate, sustainable funding for schools; improved teacher working conditions. Distribute resources and programming equitably, so every student receives a world-class education, and schools enhance community and economic development. Enhance teaching creativity and critical thinking, while reducing high-stakes standardized tests.

What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination? The Supreme Court (Plyer vs. Doe) established that public schools cannot deny undocumented immigrant students from receiving a free public education. WCPSS policy prohibits discrimination, harassment and bulling.

What’s your position on arming classroom teachers? Teachers should be armed with classroom resources and counselor/psychologist support. No weapons in classrooms.

More info: jimmartin4schools.com

LOGAN T. MARTIN

Experience: My entire professional career has been focused on public policy, budget writing, and behavioral health.

Occupation: Legislative & Policy Coordinator

Favorite endorsements: none submitted

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Board of Education? My top priorities include increasing transparency and accountability, strengthening school safety and security, expanding awareness around mental health issues, and becoming a voice for parents, teachers, and students in the decision making process.

What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination? Every child has a right under the North Carolina Constitution to
"the privilege of education, and it is the duty of the State to guard and maintain that right," which is exactly what I plan to do.

What’s your position on arming classroom teachers? It is unrealistic to put another burden on those who are responsible for educating our children.

More info: martinforschoolboard.com

LINDSAY MAHAFFEY

Experience: Teaching experience K-12 in French, Spanish & Social Studies. Mom of three girls - two in WCPSS. Current School Board member - District 8. Vice Chair of Student Achievement Committee & member of the Policy Committee.

Occupation: Former Teacher

Favorite endorsements: Jessica Holmes (Chair - Wake County Board of Commissioners); Nicole Dozier (Mayor Pro-Tem - Apex Town Council); Christine Kelly (Holly Springs Town Council)

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Board of Education? 1. Promote Social & Emotional Learning in our schools including professional development for teachers. 2. Bring councilors, social workers & psychologists positions up to the recommended ratios. 3. Continue to provide more transparency and communication with parents.

What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination? Our students are in our school to learn and it is WCPSS' job to teach them regardless of citizenship or status. This is laid out in Policy 1710/4021/7230 - Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying.

What’s your position on arming classroom teachers? No guns in classrooms. Hire councilors and other mental health professionals.

More info: electlindsay.com

BOB MELONE

Experience: A Former superintendent of schools with a Doctorate in Curriculum and Staff Development. Holding multiple master degrees of education in science education and guidance counseling. With over thirty years of education and curriculum development experience.

Occupation: Retired

Favorite endorsements: Wake County GOP

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities for action on the Board of Education? 1. Improve vocational and technical opportunities at the secondary level. 2. Improve the health and safety environments of schools.

What policies are needed to ensure equal access to learning for undocumented students and other students who face possible discrimination? No response from candidate to this question.

What’s your position on arming classroom teachers? No response from candidate to this question.

More info: bobmelone.com

JOHN M. CROWE

No response from candidate
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! The actual amendment is full of 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 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.”

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**Referendum**

“**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

**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

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NC governors, judges, and civil rights leaders urge you to vote against the Amendments
3 WAYS TO VOTE IN WAKE COUNTY

Voters in Wake 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.

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 22 inside to find Early Voting times and places for Wake 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/dist or call the Board of Elections at 919-856-6240.

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.