WHY HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION NOW? The results of 2018’s election for Congressional District 9 (CD9) were tossed out when the State Board of Elections discovered significant illegal activity by a campaign consultant. You and your neighbors live in CD9 (see map on page 3). This new election is a chance to choose who will represent you in Congress in the U.S. House of Representatives.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE? Who wins this election will help decide support for public education, job training, health care, civil rights laws, environmental regulations, the military budget, and more.

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING: “I’m voting because . . .

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

- . . . I want someone in Congress fighting for issues important to our community.”
  - Robert Dawkins

- . . . in a special election, my 1 vote has a bigger impact since fewer people vote.”
  - Angelica Robles

- . . . not voting would be giving my power away; we must use every tool we have to be heard.”
  - Rena McNeil

ELECTION DAY is Sept. 10
Early Voting is Aug. 21–Sept. 6

See page 4 for Early Voting locations and hours in your area
Send Your Values to Washington

The U.S. House of Representatives adopts laws, with the Senate and President, on everything from health care to hurricane relief. House members are elected by District; you live in NC’s District 9. Vote for 1 of these 4 candidates to represent you. They are in the order they will appear on your ballot.

DAN MCCREADY

Party: Democrat

Experience: I’m a Marine Corps veteran, father, and small business owner. I led a platoon of 65 Marines in Iraq and built a solar energy business which helped bring hundreds of jobs to North Carolina.

Occupation: Solar energy business co-owner

5 Favorite endorsements: Former Gov. Jim Hunt (Democrat); former NC Supreme Court Justice Bob Orr (Republican); Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles; Vote Vets; End Citizens United.

What are your top 3 priorities for action in Congress? I will work across the aisle to ensure all Americans, including those with pre-existing conditions, have access to affordable, quality health care. I will stand up to Big Pharma and support efforts to lower prescription drug costs. And I will fight to ensure that every child has access to a high-quality public education.

What will you do to make college affordable? Affordable education is key for getting ahead. I support expanding job training and community college programs, making Pell Grants year-round, and ensuring the government doesn’t profit off of student loans.

What specific actions do you support to address school shootings? As a Marine who carried an M-16 and a father, I support comprehensive background checks and closing the gun show/online loopholes that let guns get into the wrong hands.

What top 2 or 3 changes are needed for federal immigration policy? Our broken immigration system is just another example of Washington failing. I support a comprehensive and bipartisan immigration reform that respects our laws, secures our border, and upholds our values.

Should government take action to raise the minimum wage and promote pay equity across race and gender for the same job? I’m for raising the minimum wage and support equal pay for equal work.

Should the federal Voting Rights Act be restored? I fully support restoring the Voting Rights Act because it’s the right thing to do.

More info: DanMcCready.com

JEFF SCOTT

Party: Libertarian

Experience: Jeff worked 30 years in banking, finance and technology starting as housing economist with FHLB-SF and later, business intelligence consultant for several Charlotte banks. He built reputation as “go to” guy tackling difficult problems in large institutions. He serves as Chair of local Libertarian Party.

Occupation: Semi-retired private investor

5 Favorite endorsements: Christian Cano, 2016 Democratic District 9 Nominee; Alexander Bumgardner, Democratic volunteer; Bill Weld, former Massachusetts Governor; Nic Haag, Republican Candidate for NC House District 97; Tim Harris, Libertarian Candidate for Special CD3 election.

What are your top 3 priorities for action in Congress? I will ensure diplomacy and free trade are staples of our foreign policy by reclaiming Congressional authority over sanctions and military action. I will champion reform of the VA by allowing veterans to manage their healthcare choices as stakeholders, not state wards. I will protect students from predatory lending practices that hold back their prosperity.

What will you do to make college affordable? A student finance system must fix both rising debt and costs. Teacher pensions can hold a stake in student debt to align their financial interests with long term educational success.

What specific policies do you support to address school shootings? Teachers can opt for better training, schools for security, parents for monitoring of troubled youth, doctors for treatment regimens, police for tracking real threats. Banning weapons is a losing strategy.

What top 2 or 3 changes are needed for federal immigration policy? I support family preservation, expanded trade and worker mobility. The path to citizenship should be fair, clear and strictly enforced. ICE unfortunately abuses its power and subverts our constitutional protections.

Should government take action to raise the minimum wage and promote pay equity across race and gender for the same job? Government cannot determine prices or wages. Pay equity can be adopted unilaterally by fair businesses.

Should the federal Voting Rights Act be restored? I oppose intrusion into states’ electoral processes, though federal review was necessary 50 years ago.

More info: JeffScottForCongress.com

NO PHOTO ID NEEDED TO VOTE IN 2019

You do not need to show an ID when you vote unless you are registering at an early voting location or there was a problem verifying your registration. In either case, you may show a non-photo ID like a utility bill with your address.
ALLEN SMITH

Party: Green

Experience: Allen Smith is a dad, husband, and activist. He has spent his entire life working for a living, all with a singular unwavering mission to help people. He’s running for Congress to help us dismantle corrupt systems, reclaim our future, and save the planet.

Occupation: Writer and activist

Favorite endorsements: NC Green Party

What are your top 3 priorities for action in Congress? (1) Dismantle corruption in our government and economy; (2) Fight to empower working people and local communities; (3) Take immediate action on climate change.

What will you do to make college affordable? We are fighting to make public college and vocational school free to anyone who wants to attend. We have also called for abolishing all student debt.

What specific actions do you support to address school shootings? We need better funding for researching gun violence, broad measures to promote responsible gun ownership, and focused solutions to address specific types of gun violence such as school shootings.

What top 2 or 3 changes are needed for federal immigration policy? We need comprehensive immigration reform that includes amnesty, a clearer pathway to citizenship, and measures to protect immigrants from exploitation and harm.

Should government take action to raise the minimum wage and promote pay equity across race and gender for the same job? Yes. We also support measures to achieve gender parity in all jobs, starting with Congress.

Should the federal Voting Rights Act be restored? Yes. We need to protect democracy by making it easier for us all to vote.

More info: allenforcongress.com

DAN BISHOP

Party: Republican

BISHOP DID NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE. The information below is based on his website.

Occupation: State Senator and attorney


3 priorities for action in Congress? The first 3 issue priorities on Bishop’s website are: “support President Trump’s border wall”; support gun ownership rights and the NRA, which has endorsed Bishop; and “fight extremist Democrats’ to stop infanticide and late-term abortion on demand.”

More info: votedanbishop.com

NORTH CAROLINA’S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 9 includes residents in the green shaded counties: all of Anson, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland, and Union counties, plus the green parts of Bladen, Cumberland, and Mecklenburg counties.
Have Your Say!

The ballot box is the one place where we are all equal: One person, One vote. Your vote is a powerful way to express yourself. Vote in every election because your future matters!

3 WAYS TO VOTE, WHEN & WHERE

1. EARLY VOTING is Aug. 21-Sept. 6
Voting at a early voting site in your county is generally the best option. See below for locations. Definitely use Early Voting if you have moved or not voted in several years. You can register as a new voter in your county during Early Voting by showing the poll worker a utility bill, bank or payroll statement, or NC driver’s license with your current address; or show a student ID along with a college document showing your address.

2. ELECTION DAY is Sept. 10
On Election Day, go to your precinct’s polling place. To find it, call toll-free 866-522-4723 or go to demnc.co/distr. Polls open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. If you’re in line by 7:30 pm, you’ll be able to vote. If you go to the wrong polling place in CD9 in your county, ask to use a provisional ballot.

3. MAIL-IN ABSENTEE VOTING
Any registered voter may vote by mail. First, submit an application for the absentee ballot to your county board of elections by Sept. 3. Vote the ballot sent back to you in the presence of witnesses. Fill out the envelope sent with the ballot, and send it back to the elections office by Sept. 10 at 5 pm. See demnc.co/mail for details. Follow the directions carefully.

6 TIPS FOR VOTING

1. No photo ID is needed to vote in 2019. The poll worker will ask you to state your name and address and sign in. See #4 for when ID is needed.
2. If you move, register at your current address at least 25 days before the election. If you miss that deadline, you can register & vote at an Early Voting center but not on Election Day. (See #1 at left in “3 Ways to Vote.”)
3. You don’t lose your right to vote if you have an outstanding warrant, traffic ticket, bankruptcy, civil fine, or misdemeanor.
4. New voters in a county may need to show an ID if there was a problem verifying their registration; they will need to show either a photo ID or one of these: a utility bill, bank statement, or government document (license, bill, letter, etc.) with their name and current address.
5. Any voter may get help inside the polls from a “near family” member (not a cousin). Voters with a disability (including reading difficulty) may get help from anyone, except their employer or union agent.
6. People convicted of a felony in NC or any state may register to vote after serving their complete sentence, including probation. No special document is needed. Just register like anyone else.

Questions? Call the Hotline at 888-OUR-VOTE or visit NCVoter.org

Early Voting in Your County, Aug. 21-Sept. 6

You may vote early at any Early Voting site in your county. Questions? Call the County Board of Elections phone listed.

ANSON CO. - 1 site. More info, call 704-994-3223
• Board of Elections, 402 Morven Rd, Wadesboro, open weekdays, Aug. 21-Sept. 6 (not Labor Day), 7am-7pm.

BLADEN CO. - 2 sites. More info, call 910-862-6951
• Board of Elections office, 301 S. Cypress St, Elizabethtown, open Aug. 21-Sept. 6 (including Saturdays, but not Sundays or Labor Day), 8:30am-5pm.
• Tar Heel Municipal Bldg., 14867 NC 87 Hwy W., Tar Heel, same days at Bd. of Election, but 10:30am-7pm.

CUMBERLAND CO. - 2 sites. Info: 910-678-7733
• Board of Elections office, 227 Fountainhead Lane, Fayetteville: open weekdays, Aug. 21-Sept. 6 except Labor Day (Sept. 2), 8am-5pm.
• East Regional Library, 4809 Clinton Rd., Fayetteville: open weekdays, Aug. 21-Sept. 6 except Labor Day (Sept. 2), 11am-7pm; also Saturday, Aug. 24, 9am-1pm; and Sunday, Aug. 25, 2-5pm.

MECKLENBURG CO. - 13 sites. Info: 704-336-2133
• Hal Marshall Annex, 618 N College St, Charlotte: open weekdays, Aug. 21-Sept. 6 except Labor Day, 8am-7pm; Saturdays, Aug. 24 & 31, 9am-1pm; Sun. Aug. 25, 1-4pm.

Next 12 sites open weekdays, Aug. 22 (Thurs.)-Sept. 6 (except Labor Day), 10am-7pm; Saturdays, Aug. 24 & 31, 9am-1pm; and Sunday, Aug. 25, 1-4pm.

• Beatties Ford Library, 2412 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte
• Eakin Park Rec. Center, 11201 Ardrey Kell Rd, Charlotte
• Independence Library, 6000 County Dr, Charlotte
• Main Branch Library, 310 N Tryon St, Charlotte
• Matthews Library, 230 Matthews Station St, Matthews
• Mint Hill Library, 6840 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd, MH
• Morrison Library, 7015 Morrison Blvd, Charlotte
• Smith Family Center, 1600 Tyvola Rd, Charlotte
• South County Rec Library, 5801 Rea Rd, Charlotte
• Former Hollywood Video, 11130 S Tryon St, Charlotte
• Old Pier 1 (Univ. Area), 8802 JW Clay Blvd, Charlotte
• West Boulevard Library, 2157 West Blvd, Charlotte

RICHMOND CO. - 1 site. More info: 910-997-8253
• Cooperative Ext. Office, 123 Caroline St, Rockingham, open weekdays, Aug. 21-Sept. 6 except Labor Day (Sept. 2), 8am-5pm; also Saturday, Aug. 31, 10am-2pm.

ROBESON CO. - 6 sites. More info: 910-671-3080
• Bd of Elections, 800 N Walnut St, Lumberton, open weekdays, Aug. 21-Sept. 6 (not Labor Day), 8:15-5:15.
Next 5 sites open Aug 21-23, 7am-1pm; Sun. Aug 25, 1-4pm; weekdays Aug. 26-Sept 6 (not Labor Day) 1-7pm.
• Pembroke Library, 413 Blaine Street, Pembroke
• Community Center, 122 Cross Street, Red Springs
• Senior Citizens Center, 421 S Main St, Fairmont
• St. Pauls Town Hall, 210 W Blue St, St. Pauls
• Gilbert Patterson Library, 210 N Florence St, Maxton

SCOTLAND CO. - 1 site. More info: 910-277-2595
• Board of Elections office, 231 E Cronly St, Suite 305, Laurinburg, open weekdays, Aug. 21-Sept. 6 except Labor Day, 7am-7pm; and Saturday, Aug. 24, 8am-1pm.

UNION CO. - 4 sites. More info, call 704-283-3809
• Public Library, Griffin Room, 316 E Windsor St, Monroe, open weekdays, Aug. 21-Sept. 6 except Labor Day (Sept. 2), 8am-6pm; two Saturdays, Aug. 24 & 31, 8am-1pm; and Sunday, Aug. 25, 1-5pm.
• Hembry Bridge Volunteer Fire Dept (VFD), 6628 Mill Grove Rd, Indian Trail, open weekdays, Aug. 21-Sept. 6 except Labor Day, 10am-6pm; two Saturdays, Aug. 24 & 31, 8am-1pm; and Sunday, Aug. 25, 1-5pm.
• Wesley Chapel VFD, 315 Waxhw-Hindman Trail Road, Waxhaw, open same schedule as Hembry Bridge VFD.
• Wingate Community Center, 315 W Elm Street, Wingate, open same schedule as Hembry Bridge VFD.

“When we all vote, we determine our future.” - Michelle Obama