GUILFORD COUNTY
2020 Voter Guide

✓ Who are these people on your ballot ... and why should you care?

✓ How can you vote by mail?
✓ Where can you safely vote in person?

Early Voting is Oct. 15 - 31 ★ Election Day is Nov. 3
About This Guide

This Guide features candidates for federal, state and Guilford County offices. The Guide’s sponsors are Democracy North Carolina and Common Cause NC. They are not affiliated with any candidate or party.

Candidates with opponents were sent a questionnaire. The Guide only provides some of their answers; to read more responses from the candidates, go to NCVoterGuide.org and Vote411.org.

For questions about this Guide, call 919-286-6000. You may download a PDF copy at NCVoter.org.

I care because . . .

. . . this is a historic moment. Not voting would be giving my power away; we must use every tool we have to be heard.
- Rena McNeil

. . . women’s health, fair courts and public schools are all on the ballot. I want officials who care!
- Becky Carver

. . . by voting, we make leaders respect us and our issues. Advocacy and voting go side by side.
- Robert Dawkins

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

AM I REGISTERED?

To learn if you are registered, visit demnc.co/lookup; click the “?” if you have trouble. The regular deadline to register is Oct. 9, but you can register during Early Voting with same-day registration; see box on page 5.

WHO IS ON MY BALLOT?

To view your own ballot, go to demnc.co/lookup for a link to your registration page; it shows your “Election Day polling place” and your “Sample Ballots” - click on the blue 3- or 4-digit code under Ballots.

HOW CAN I VOTE & STAY SAFE?

By Mail: You can vote from the safety of your home by using mail-in absentee voting. Read the directions at demnc.co/absentee and on the back cover. After Oct. 15, it’s best to vote in person at an Early Voting site.

In Person: To ensure safety at the polls, masks and hand sanitizers are provided, stations are cleaned after each voter, social distancing is enforced, etc.

Best option: Early Voting. You can go to any site in the county, Oct. 15-31. See hours and sites on page 23. Many issues can be solved with Early Voting; you can start or update a registration there (see page 5).

On Election Day, Nov. 3, vote at your own precinct’s polling place. Find it at demnc.co/lookup. Polls are less crowded in mid-morning (9-11 am) or mid-afternoon (1:30-4 pm). Polls are open 6:30 am-7:30 pm.

WHAT IF I HAVE A PROBLEM?

Ask the “chief judge” at the poll (top elections official) for help or call 888-OUR-VOTE to report an issue. If you cannot use a regular ballot, ask for a provisional ballot – you have a right to vote with one.

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NC Supreme Court Chief Justice - Vote for 1

CHERI BEASLEY

Party: Democrat

Website: ChiefJusticeBeasley.com

Background: Supreme Court justice since 2012, Chief Justice since March 2019, 4 years as an Associate Judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals, a District Court Judge for 10 years in the 12th Judicial District, and Public Defender in Cumberland County.

Favorite endorsements: Senator Kamala Harris, NC Advocates for Justice

Your personal statement*: As the first African-American woman to serve as Chief Justice, I believe all North Carolinians should have access to fair and impartial justice, no matter who they are. I will continue to work for an independent court system that people can trust.

* Excerpt from NC Judicial Guide

PAUL NEWBY

Party: Republican

Website: PaulNewby.com

Background:
- 2004-present NC Supreme Court Justice (elected twice)
- 2008-present Campbell Law adjunct prof
- 1985-2004 Assistant US Attorney
- 1980-1985 private practice and company lawyer
- UNC Law and Duke-BA. Eagle Scout
- NC native: mom-school teacher, dad-printer

Favorite endorsements: NC Defense Fund, NC Troopers Association

Your personal statement: I am the longest-serving Supreme Court justice (16 years) and the only current justice elected twice. I am seeking to serve as Chief Justice. Our legal system is based on the Rule of Law, where the law is applied equally and consistently to everyone.

NC Supreme Court Associate Justice, Seat 2 - Vote for 1

PHIL BERGER JR.

Party: Republican  no response from candidate

Website: PhilBergerJr.org

Lucy Inman

Party: Democrat

Website: LucyInmanForJustice.com

Background: NC Court of Appeals Judge, 2015-Present; NC Superior Court Judge, 2010-2014;

Attorney, 1992-2010; Law Clerk to NC Chief Justice James Exum, 1990-1992

Favorite endorsements: NC Association of Defense Attorneys, NC Advocates for Justice, Equality NC

Your personal statement: I am running for the NC Supreme Court to preserve the rule of law, to keep our justice system fair and free from partisan politics and ideology, and to pursue equal justice for all.
NC Court of Appeals - 5 Seats on the Ballot

Judges on the NC Court of Appeals hear appeals of criminal and civil cases from the District and Superior Courts, the trial courts in NC. Five of the 15 seats are up for election. The ballot includes the candidate’s party.

NC Supreme Court Associate Justice, Seat 4 - Vote for 1

TAMARA BARRINGER
Party: Republican  no response from candidate
Website: TamaraBarringer.com

MARK DAVIS
Party: Democrat
Website: JusticeMarkDavis.com

Background: Associate Justice NC Supreme Court (since March 2019); Judge, NC Court of Appeals (2013-19); General Counsel, NC Gov.

Favorite endorsements: North Carolina Advocates for Justice, NC Association of Defense Attorneys

Your personal statement: I believe that my background and judicial experience qualify me to continue serving on the Court. I have written over 500 opinions as an appellate judge. I am a strong believer in judicial independence.

NC COURT OF APPEALS - 5 SEATS ON THE BALLOT

Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 4 - Vote for 1

TRICIA SHIELDS
Party: Democrat
Website: ShieldsForJudge.com

Background: I began my career in 1985, as a law clerk at the NC Court of Appeals. In the years since, I have represented clients in all levels of our Court system. I also teach at Campbell Law School, and have been the president of a statewide attorney group.

Favorite endorsements: NC Advocates for Justice, NC Association of Defense Attorneys, NC Association of Educators

Your personal statement: From my 35 years of practice, I know how important it is that Court of Appeals Judges are fair, impartial, and respect the law and the impact of their decisions on real people. I am committed to justice and have the experience to serve NC well.

APRIL C. WOOD
Party: Republican
Website: JudgeWoodForCOA.com

Background: Elected as a District Court Judge in 2002, and every four years thereafter.

Currently enrolled in the joint Campbell Law School and Nottingham Univ. School of Law program to obtain an LLM in Judicial Studies.

Favorite endorsements: Davidson County Sheriff Richie Simmons, Davie County Sheriff JD Hartman

Your personal statement: Only 3 of the 15 judges on the Court of Appeals have prior trial court judicial experience. I desire to take my 18 years of judicial experience to the COA for the benefit of all of NC. I am the only candidate for this Seat with any judicial experience.

More candidate answers at NCVoterGuide.org and Vote411.org
LORA CHRISTINE CUBBAGE

Party: Democrat
Web: CubbageForJudge.com


Favorite endorsements: NC Advocates for Justice, NC AFL-CIO, NC Association of Educators

Your personal statement: To ensure: Protection of rights given by the NC and US Constitutions; Equal Justice for all in order to regain the public trust in our judicial system; Equal access to Justice for all; An Independent, Fair and Impartial Judiciary.

FRED GORE

Party: Republican
Website: JudgeFredGore.com

GRAY STYERS

Party: Democrat
Website: StyersForJudge.com

Background: Law clerk to Chief Judge Sam J. Ervin, III, Fourth Circuit, US Court of Appeals; Practicing attorney for 30 years; Adjunct Law Professor at UNC School of Law; Certified Mediator; NC Bar Association Board of Governors; Wake County Bar Association President.

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

Your personal statement: I am committed to the rule of law, a fair and impartial judiciary, and equal justice for all. I love North Carolina and its citizens. Having had a successful career in private law practice, I now want to give back to the state in public service.

CHRIS DILLON

Party: Republican
Website: JudgeChrisDillon.com

Background: I am seeking re-election to the Court. I was first elected in 2012. I practiced real estate and occupational licensing law. I am the only appellate judge with a real estate broker's license. I worked in community banking, making real estate loans.

Favorite endorsements: Advocates for Justice (the plaintiff’s bar) and the NC Association of Defense Attorneys (defense bar)

Your personal statement: I have enjoyed being a judge for the past 8 years and want to continue serving. I am one of only a few judges left on our Court that was first elected when the races were non-partisan and will be the 2nd most senior judge here.

Same-Day Registration: Last Minute Rescue

If you miss the deadline to register, you may use “same-day registration” during Early Voting at the times the sites are open (see listing on page 31).

Ask the election official for a registration form, show an identifying document, and vote a ballot – all on the same day. IMPORTANT: You cannot use same-day registration on Election Day.

The identifying document you show must be one of these with your name and current address:
- NC driver’s license or 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.);
- a bank statement or payroll stub; or
- a document from any government agency (a bill, permit, letter, etc.)
REUBEN F. YOUNG
Party: Democrat
Website: KeepJudgeYoung.com
Background: Over my 32 year legal career, I have served as a prosecutor, defense attorney, civil litigator, Legal Counsel to a Governor, Agency Secretary, Superior Court Judge and currently a Judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals.
Favorite endorsements: NC Association of Educators, NC AFL-CIO, Sierra Club
Your personal statement: Fairness and accessibility are the foundations upon which our judiciary is built. Over my 32-year legal career as a servant leader, I have and will continue to support equal access to the courts and a fair, impartial and independent judiciary.

JEFF CARPENTER
Party: Republican
Website: ElectJeffCarpenter.com
Background: Graduate of Anson County public schools. Graduate of UNC Charlotte, BA Political Science, served as a NC State Trooper for 6 years, I was a litigation attorney for 13 years, currently I am the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for Union County.
Favorite endorsements: NC Advocates for Justice, Darrin Jordan, Litigation Attorney, Indigent Defense Services Commission Chair and Vice President of the NC State Bar
Your personal statement: All cases addressed by appeals courts begin in trial courts however very few of the judges on the appeals courts have significant trial experience. I’m running because I want our courts to be fair, impartial, and loyal only to the law and justice.

CHRIS BROOK
Party: Democrat
Website: KeepJudgeChrisBrook.com
Background: Gov. Cooper appointed me to the Court of Appeals in 2019; I have authored more than 75 opinions that speak to my rigor and fairness. I worked as a public interest attorney prior to my appointment, including seven years as Legal Director of ACLU-NC.
Favorite endorsements: Sierra Club of North Carolina, NC Association of Educators, Equality NC
Your personal statement: I went to Carolina Law because of what our justice system aspires to: equal justice under the law for everyone. Serving on the Court of Appeals allows me not only to give back to the state but also play a role in the fair administration of justice.

JEFFERSON G. GRIFFIN
Party: Republican
Website: JeffersonGriffin.com
Background: District Court Judge, Wake County; Judge Advocate, NC Army National Guard (deployed to Middle East, 2019-2020); Assistant District Attorney, Wake County District Attorney’s Office; Private Practice, Criminal defense and Civil litigation
Favorite endorsements: Former NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Burley B. Mitchell, Jr., NC Advocates for Justice, NC Association of Defense Attorneys
Your personal statement: North Carolina needs judges who will uphold the rule of law, protect our Constitution, and not legislate from the bench. My experience as a Judge, soldier, prosecutor and practicing attorney makes me the best candidate for this seat.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - VOTE FOR 1

The U.S. House adopts federal laws and the budget with the U.S. Senate and President. The 435 House members are elected by district. All of Guilford County is in NC District 8.

LEE HAYWOOD
Party: Republican  no response from candidate
Website: LeeHaywood.com

KATHY MANNING
Party: Democrat
Web: KathyManningForNC.com
Background: I’m an immigration attorney who has worked to improve my community through the United Way, the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, National Conference for Community and Justice, UNCG, Bennett College, and Jewish Federations of North America.
Favorite endorsements: EMILY’s List, NC AFL-CIO, League of Conservation Voters
Top priorities? Make healthcare more affordable and accessible, invest in education so every student gets a quality education, and build our economy back stronger and more equitable than before.
Affordable college? Expand Pell Grants and allow them to be used year around, make community colleges tuition free, restructure income-based student loan repayment.
Relief from the economic downturn? Raise the minimum wage and incentivize upskilling, expand PPP loan access, pass the Heroes Act to provide rent, mortgage and nutrition assistance, expand broadband access, subsidize childcare for working parents and expand Medicaid.
Immigration policies? Pass comprehensive immigration reform, a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients, and humane treatment for those seeking to live in the US.
Incarceration policies? Eliminate discrimination in charges, penalties, and mandatory minimum sentencing, particularly for non-violent drug-related crimes; expand programs to prepare individuals for productive lives upon release.

CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SENATE - VOTE FOR 1

THOM TILLIS  Party: Republican
Website: ThomTillis.com

SHANNON W. BRAY  Party: Libertarian
Website: ShannonBray.us

CAL CUNNINGHAM  Party: Democrat
Website: CalForNC.com

KEVIN E. HAYES  Party: Constitution
Website: HayesForUSSenate.com

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT - VOTE FOR 1

DONALD J. TRUMP  Party: Republican
VP Candidate: Michael Pence  Web: donalджtrump.com

JOE BIDEN  Party: Democrat
VP Candidate: Kamala Harris  Website: joebiden.com

DON BLANKENSHIP  Party: Constitution

Constitution Party VP Candidate: William Mohr
Website: donblankenship.com

HOWIE HAWKINS  Party: Green
VP Candidate: Angela Walker  Web: howiehawkins.us

JO JORGENSEN  Party: Libertarian
VP Candidate: Jeremy Cohen  Website: jo20.com
The Governor can veto legislation passed by the NC General Assembly; appoint the Board of Elections and other boards; issue orders to address emergencies; and administer laws not handled by the independent agencies on pages 8 to 13.

**AL PISANO**  
Party: Constitution  
Web: AlPisanoForNCGovernor.com  
Favorite endorsements: Constitution Party of NC  
What are your top priorities if elected? To reopen North Carolina and reduce government imposed regulations and taxes on small business. Return the Constitutional liberties back to the people. Streamline government agencies efficiency to make them more citizen friendly and accountable.

**ROY COOPER**  
Party: Democrat  
Website: RoyCooper.com  
Background: Since 2016, I have proudly served as the Governor of North Carolina. Before that, I served as Attorney General for 16 years. I practiced law in Rocky Mount for 18 years and served as a state House member and Senate Majority Leader.  
Favorite endorsements: North Carolina Association of Educators, The League of Conservation Voters  
What are your top priorities if elected? In my next term, I will continue to build on my mission, a North Carolina where people are better educated, healthier, and have more money in their pockets so that there will be more opportunities for people to have lives of purpose and abundance.

**STEVEN J. DIFIORE**  
Party: Libertarian  
Website: StevenForNorthCarolina.com  
Background: Steven DiFiore is a graduate of UNCC in Political Science, former candidate for office in Charlotte NC and political activist with the Libertarian Party of North Carolina.  
Favorite endorsements: none submitted by candidate  
What are your top priorities if elected? My top 2 priorities are medical choice and work freedom. North Carolinians deserve the right to choose low cost medical care and to earn a living without roadblocks put in place by cronymism, hidebound bureaucrats, and corrupt partisan politicians.

**DAN FOREST**  
Party: Republican  
Website: DanForest.com

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**Do I Need an ID to Vote?**  
You do not need to show an ID to vote in 2020 except in two situations:  
(1) If you use Same-Day Registration, you’ll need to show a document listed in the box on page 5.  
(2) If you are a new voter in the county and some information was missing on your registration form, you may need to show a document listed in the box on page 5 or any current photo ID.

For help to vote by mail or to find where to vote in person, call the Hotline: 888-OUR-VOTE
The Lt. Governor presides over the NC Senate and is a member of many boards, including the Board of Education and Community College Board.

MARK ROBINSON
Party: Republican  
no response from candidate
Website: MarkRobinsonForNC.com

Favorite endorsements: President Obama, Sen. Kamala Harris

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected? I want to continue my work combating food deserts and food insecurity across the state. I introduced HB 387, which would create the Healthy Food Small Retailer Fund in the Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

How would you protect communities of color and low-income communities from the impacts of pollution and climate change? The Lt. Gov serves as the chair of the Energy Policy Council, which recommends energy legislation to the Governor and the legislature. I would revisit much of the legislation that has pulled back our environmental laws.

YVONNE LEWIS HOLLEY
Party: Democrat
Website: YvonneLewisHolley.com
Background: 8 years in the North Carolina House

The Attorney General heads the NC Department of Justice, which protects consumers from fraud, provides legal representation to State agencies, and is a resource for local District Attorneys and other parts of the justice system.

JIM O’NEILL
Party: Republican  
no response from candidate
Website: JimONeillINC.com

Favorite endorsements: Sierra Club, North Carolina Association of Educators

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected? As AG, my top priorities have included combating the opioid crisis, eliminating the backlog of untested rape kits, and defending people’s access to health care. I look forward to continuing to protect the people of NC in my next term as AG.

In what ways would you use the AG’s powers to encourage effective and equitable law enforcement practices? As AG, I have furthered criminal justice reforms including pretrial release, juvenile justice reform, effective reentry, and better responses to domestic violence and sexual assault. I will continue this work co-chairing the Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice (TREC).

JOSH STEIN
Party: Democrat
Website: JoshStein.org
Background: Before my first term as North Carolina’s AG, I served nearly four terms in the State Senate and served eight years as a Senior Deputy AG for consumer protection. Before that, I was a teacher and a developer of affordable housing. I grew up in NC.

Take a list to the poll to help you remember your choices.
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE - VOTE FOR 1

The Commissioner heads the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, which has the double role of promoting farm products and food safety, plus monitoring pesticides and effective farming practices.

STEVE TROXLER
Party: Republican
Website: SteveTroxler.com
Background: Lifelong farmer, NC Commissioner of Agriculture since 2005
Favorite endorsements: none submitted by candidate

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected? 1. Insuring an abundant and safe food supply for the people of NC, the nation and the world. 2. Continue to NC’s agricultural and agri-business economy. When I first took office the economic impact of agriculture and agri-business was $59.6 billion.

How will you use your office to ensure a just recovery from the pandemic that leaves no one behind regardless of race, ethnicity or gender? I have worked tirelessly during this pandemic to assure that agricultural entities were considered essential. I’ve worked with the Governor and the Secretary of DHHS on this issue as well as helping create a voluntary assessment process.

JENNA WADSWORTH
Party: Democrat
Website: JennaWadsworth.com
Background: Jenna has served as a Soil and Water District Supervisor for nearly 10 years, voting to provide needed financial assistance, protect water quality, properly manage agricultural resources, and conserve the county’s natural resources and wildlife.
Favorite endorsements: NC Sierra Club, The Hon. Former Commissioner of Agriculture Britt Cobb, NC Assn. of Educators

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected? 1. Bridge the urban-rural divide; 2. Sustainability and resilience against climate change; 3. Support small, family farms.

NC’S farmers need policy and reforms that will help them combat climate change and compete in the global market.

How will you ensure a just recovery from the pandemic? I will work to create policies and programs that will help all North Carolinians recover from the impact of COVID, especially small farmers. This means everyone regardless of race, sexuality, ethnicity, or gender identity.

NC AUDITOR - VOTE FOR 1

The State Auditor reviews the financial management of state agencies and the efficient and appropriate use of the public’s money.

ANTHONY WAYNE (TONY) STREET
Party: Republican
Website: StreetForNC.com
Background: Small Business Owner
Favorite endorsements: none

What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected? I will work to ensure that the tax payers in North Carolina receive the maximum return on their investment by striving to ensure that their tax dollars are invested as effectively, efficiently and conservatively as is possible!

How will you use your office to ensure a just recovery from the pandemic? The State Auditor ensures that tax dollars are being spent as allocated by the state budget
STATE AUDITOR CANDIDATES continued

The Insurance Commissioner regulates insurance rates and practices, licenses building code inspectors, handles consumer complaints, inspects fire departments, and trains firefighters and rescue personnel.

BETH A. WOOD
Party: Democrat
Web: BethWoodCampaign.com
Background: - Bachelor's Degree in Accounting/ECU
- 30 years practicing CPA
- 10 years in Corp/20 years Governmental Auditing
- 10 years in State Auditor’s Office

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE - VOTE FOR 1

The Insurance Commissioner regulates insurance rates and practices, licenses building code inspectors, handles consumer complaints, inspects fire departments, and trains firefighters and rescue personnel.

MIKE CAUSEY
Party: Republican
Website: MikeCauseyNC.com
Favorite endorsements: none submitted by candidate
What are your top priorities if elected? Protect consumers, Root out fraud and corruption, Maintain a healthy insurance regulatory environment that gives consumers more choices.
How will you use your office to ensure a just recovery from the pandemic? At the first sign coronavirus in North Carolina, I requested that the health insurers talk with the medical providers to make sure Telehealth visits would be covered by insurance. This was accomplished in short order.

WAYNE GOODWIN
Party: Democrat
Website: WayneGoodwin.org
Background: NC Insurance Commissioner (2 terms, 2009-16); Asst. Ins. Comm. (05-08); NC State Representative (1996-2004); Author of multiple Consumer Protection laws (1996-present); Attorney fighting insurance companies & advising consumers (1992-present)
Favorite endorsements: NC Association of Educators (NCAE); Professional Firefighters and Paramedics of North Carolina (PFFPNC); and Equality NC
What are your top priorities if elected? 1. Low, fair rates: On his watch, Wayne saved you $2.4 BILLION; LOWEST avg car rates; $206M in refunds; fraudfighting. 2. Affordable health insurance, protecting pre-existing condition coverage, expand Medicaid. 3. Covering NC firefighters occupational cancer.
How will you use your office to ensure a just recovery from the pandemic? Unlike #MasklessMike, #RateHikeMike, Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin will follow science and medicine, wear a mask, push insurance companies to cover COVID testing, keep rates low for everyone.
The Labor Commissioner heads the NC Department of Labor, which promotes the “health, safety and general well-being” of NC’s workers and shapes and enforces laws related to workplace practices.

**JOSH DOBSON**
**Party:** Republican
**Website:** JoshForLabor.com
**no response from candidate**

**JESSICA HOLMES**
**Party:** Democrat
**Website:** JessicaHolmesNC.com
**Background:** I have spent the majority of my legal career focused on labor and employment law and workers’ rights. In 2014, I became the youngest commissioner ever elected in Wake County’s history, and have led on polices, e.g., paid parental leave.

**Favorite endorsements:** North Carolina AFL-CIO, NC Association of Educators, Lillian's List

**What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected?** My most important priority is ensuring safe & healthy work environments. COVID-19 is the greatest public health crisis of our time. Workers shouldn’t have to choose between risking their health & making ends meet. I’ll advocate for working families.

**How will you use your office to ensure a just recovery from the pandemic that leaves no one behind regardless of race, ethnicity or gender?** The pandemic has exposed inequities in health care and outcomes that were already in existence. I will continue to support the Governor’s mask mandate, targeted distribution of masks, and social distancing and lead based on science.

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The Office of Secretary of State regulates certification of lobbyists, charities, businesses, notaries, etc., and maintains the State’s official public records.

**E.C. SYKES**
**Party:** Republican
**Website:** ECforNC.com
**no response from candidate**

**ELAINE MARSHALL**
**Party:** Democrat
**Website:** ElaineMarshall.com
**Background:** Secretary of State, Attorney, former State Senator, educator and small business owner.

**Favorite endorsements:** NC Association of Educators, People’s Alliance, Emily's List

**What are your top 2 or 3 priorities?** 1. Cybersecurity - our Secretary of State databases are essential to economic growth and business decisions are made based upon publicly available data we provide; 2. Commitment to our consumer protection responsibilities.

**How will you use your office to ensure a just recovery from the pandemic that leaves no one behind regardless of race, ethnicity or gender?** My first responsibility has been to our employees to secure the resources needed to protect them & their families. Our agency is responsible in supporting economic development & in order to provide key services, people need the internet.
The Superintendent heads the NC Department of Public Instruction. It oversees public schools and implements the policies of State Board of Education.

**Catherine Truitt**
*Party:* Republican  *no response from candidate*
*Website:* CatherineTruitt.com

**Jen Mangrum**
*Party:* Democrat
*Web:* JenMangrumForNC.com

**Background:** Dr. Mangrum is a former elem. classroom teacher, literacy facilitator & district administrator who received her PhD from UNC-G in Curriculum and Instruction and now serves as an Assoc. Professor teaching & coordinating teacher education programs.

**Favorite endorsements:** NC Association of Educators, Network for Public Education, and Emily’s List

**What are your top priorities if elected?** 1. Expand access to early childhood education with a goal of Universal Pre-K in the next 5 years; 2. Create an Office of Equity to address systemic racism; 3. Create culture of Respect for educators by increasing teacher pay to the national average

**How will you work to ensure a just recovery from the pandemic?** As a member of the Council of State, I will work directly with Gov. Cooper to ensure that we put the welfare of all Carolinians first. My Office of Equity Affairs will also be a hub for reporting concerns & providing resources to districts most in need.

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The Treasurer invests public funds, administers the pension and health-benefits programs of public employees and oversees local government borrowing.

**Ronnie Chatterji**
*Party:* Democrat
*Website:* RonnieChatterji.com

**Background:** I’m an economist and business school professor at Duke University. I previously served as a White House economic adviser to President Obama and currently sit on two statewide commissions advising Governor Cooper’s administration on economic policy.

**Favorite endorsements:** North Carolina Association of Educators, The Sierra Club and President Obama

**What are your top priorities if elected?** 1. Expand access to health care across NC and ensure that the state health plan refocuses on affordability & quality of care. 2. Restore reputation of our pension fund for fiscal responsibility & risk management, specifically regarding climate change.

**Dale R. Folwell**
*Party:* Republican
*Website:* DaleFolwell.com

**Background:** 1/3 of my life making a living with my hands, back and feet; 8 years on the WS/ Forsyth County Bd. of Education; 8 years NC House of Representatives; 3 years as NC Asst. Sec. of Commerce; 4 years as NC State Treasurer

**Favorite endorsements:** State Employee Assoc. of NC (SEANC), NC Troopers Assoc., Professional Firefighters and Paramedics of NC

**What are your top priorities if elected?** Loyalty to those that teach, protect or serve and taxpayers like them have been my only priority. No one calls the Treasurers’ office to book a cruise, they call because of life changing events, some good (got, or retired from, a job) some bad (lost a spouse).
NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES

The General Assembly has 50 Senators and 120 House members who adopt laws and the state budget. They all represent districts for 2-year terms.

Your ballot includes candidates for 1 Senate district and 1 House district to represent you in the General Assembly. The county has several districts. To see your district (and your ballot), go to demnc.co/lookup.

NC Senate - District 24

J.D. WOOTEN  
no response from candidate
Party: Democrat  
Website: JDWooten.com

AMY S. GALEY  
no response from candidate
Party: Republican  
Website: AmyGaley.com

NC Senate - District 26

DAVID (DAVE) CRAVEN  
no response
Party: Republican

JANE LEDWELL GANT  
no response
Party: Democrat  
Website: JaneLedwellGantNCSenate.com

NC Senate - District 27

MICHAEL GARRETT
Party: Democrat
Website: GarrettForNC.com
Background: I’m a born and bred North Carolinian and a small business owner representing Guilford County in the NC Senate. I was elected in 2018 and am running for my second term. Husband to Allison, father to Jack & Charlotte.
Favorite endorsements: NC Sierra Club, Guilford County

Association of Educators, Equality NC

What are your top priorities if elected? My top priority is expanding Medicaid in NC. Two other pressing priorities are relief from the COVID-19 crisis and an immediate end to legislative gerrymandering before maps are redrawn in 2021.

What are your top priorities for improving public education? 1) Critical investments in our public school infrastructure with a maintenance and construction bond. 2) Pass a state budget that extends meaningful raises to all teachers and school personnel. 3) Restore pay bonus for teachers with graduate degrees.

What will you do to ensure the economic downturn does not further concentrate wealth and push working families into financial insecurity? NC has one of the stingiest unemployment benefit systems in the country and that must change so that job loss doesn't mean a one-way trip to poverty. Additionally, I sponsored legislation to extend hazard pay to essential workers during this crisis.

How would you protect communities of color and low-income communities from the impacts of pollution and climate change? I sponsored legislation that would transition our state to 100% renewable energy creation by 2050. Climate change is real and environmental justice policies must be a core part of our response to it.

How will you work to make college affordable for all students, regardless of citizenship status? I believe that in-state tuition to North Carolina’s public universities should be a benefit to all of the young people of our state, including DACA recipients. Children have no control over their citizenship status and must not be penalized for this.

SEBASTIAN KING
Party: Republican  
no response from candidate
Website: SebastianKingNC.com
GLADYS A. ROBINSON  
Party: Democrat  
Website: GladysARobinson.com  
Background: 5 terms in the NC Senate; Deputy Minority Leader; chaired the Senate Democratic Workgroup for COVID 19; serves on committees: Approp./Base Budget, DHHS Oversight, Educ/Higher Education, Commerce, Nominations. B.S. Bennett College, MS., PhD, NC A&T  
Favorite endorsements: NCAE, AFL-CIO, Lillian's List  
What are your top priorities if elected? Expand Medicaid, Raise Minimum Wage, close education achievement gap (i.e., Leandro requirements), raise Teacher salaries; restore Teacher Assistants.  
What are your top priorities for improving public education? Teacher salaries must be raised to nat’l avg.; teachers assts. in K-5 classrooms; add social workers and nurses to free/red. schools; school bond approved for new facilities; increase Preschool and Early Childhood slots.  
How would you protect communities of color and low-income communities from the impacts of pollution and climate change? Review and amend legislation that target minority & low wealth communities, i.e., chemicals in water, landfills in communities, hog waste close to water, restore previous state environmental standards, which were beyond federal. Enact wind energy.  
How will you work to make college affordable for all students, regardless of citizenship status? Keep tuition low; reduce student loan debt by monitoring state regulators; offer instate tuition to DACA students.  
What future steps will you take on incarceration policies? We must change sentencing laws for nonviolent offenses and offer probation; review prison sentences and return inmates to communities with training/jobs and support systems. Develop a comprehensive plan to look at racial disparities and remedies.  

D.R. KING  
Party: Republican  
no response from candidate  

ASHTON CLEMMONS  
Party: Democrat  
Website: ClemmonsForNC.org  
Background: In my heart - I will always be a public school educator and bring my commitment to our schools to my work in the General Assembly. Teacher, school principal, central office administrator, Representative; in every role I fight for our children!  
Favorite endorsements: NDRC; NCAE  
What are your top priorities if elected? Investing in and supporting our public schools; fixing democracy; expanding Medicaid.  
What are your top priorities for improving public education? First, we must invest in our schools in a way that truly values their role in our state. Second, we need an accountability system that more accurately reflects the tremendous growth happening in many of our schools.  
What will you do to ensure the economic downturn does not further concentrate wealth and push working families into financial insecurity? We should raise the minimum wage of our state to a living wage immediately which would be a fundamental shift in our state.  
How would you protect communities of color and low-income communities from the impacts of pollution and climate change? The most important thing we can do is ensure their voices are at the table when state policy and laws are passed about environmental justice issues.  
What is the best way to handle redistricting after the 2020 Census? I completely support a non-partisan  

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redistricting commission in 2021 as the best approach to strengthening our democracy in North Carolina.

What future steps will you take on incarceration policies? In my first term I put forth eight bills on criminal justice reform. We must help people only serve time appropriate to infractions, not an inability to pay bail. Then we must create a state that supports people as they re-enter our communities!

**CHRIS MEADOWS**  
*Party: Republican*  
*Web: ChrisMeadowsForNC.com*  
*Background: 30 years private sector experience. Financial industry professional.*  
*Favorite endorsements: Clarence Henderson, Civil Rights Leader from the Sit-In Movement; Congressman Mark Walker, NC Congressional District 6*

What are your top priorities if elected? Passing a sensible budget. Fighting for Workers' Rights.

What are your top priorities for improving public education? Supporting school choice will improve education outcomes in NC. Raising the quality of educators will improve education in NC and that is brought on with better pay.

What will you do to ensure the economic downturn does not further concentrate wealth and push working families into financial insecurity? A strong economy is good for all. What people do with their own money often determines financial security. Individual responsibility plays a part in financial security.

How would you protect communities of color and low-income communities from the impacts of pollution and climate change? I disagree with your premise that only low income and minorities are affected by changes in the climate and pollution. All people are affected.

What is the best way to handle redistricting after the 2020 Census? Districts are drawn by population. That’s the best way to handle this process.

What future steps will you take on incarceration policies? COVID-19 and incarceration levels are mutually exclusive. Letting prisoners out to reduce risk is and was an absurd concept. There is no better way to quarantine people than to leave them in an enclosed environment.
How will you work to make college education affordable, regardless of citizenship status? * Free 2-year community college to all low-income students.
* Student loan forgiveness for work in high-need areas/fields.

What future steps will you take on incarceration policies? Decriminalize drug use. This should be a health-treatment issue, not a criminal issue. Eliminate cash bail; poverty does not justify incarceration.

JON HARDISTER
Party: Republican  no response from candidate
Website: JonHardister.com

FINES, FELONIES & YOUR VOTE

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

If you are convicted of a felony, you tem temporaril y lose your right to vote. But you automatically get your voting rights back in North Carolina after you finish your full sentence, including probation or parole. It does not matter whether the felony conviction occurred in NC or somewhere else.

Once you complete a felony sentence, your citizenship rights are automatically restored to you. No court document is needed. Just finish your sentence and register like any other citizen. Failure to pay a court fine, fee or restitution does not block your right to vote, even if it is the reason for continued supervision.

FRANK RAGSDALE
Party: Republican
Website: thetruesparkplug.wixsite.com/frankmragsdale-1

What are your top priorities if elected? Veterans/Active Military, Right to Life, First Responders, including Blue-More funding and More protection, President Trump, 100%, Educators, School Safety, Better Healthcare, Better

CECIL BROCKMAN
Party: Democrat
Website: CecilForNC.com
Background: I have served as the representative for the 60th district since 2015. Before that I worked on campaigns, organizing the Guilford County

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**Tips for Guilford Co. College Students**

**WHERE’S HOME:** You may call your college community home if you do not have a clear “intent to return” to another address. It can remain your home if you are temporarily displaced, or you can change registration to a new address where you intend to stay indefinitely. For campus addresses to use on a registration form, go to youcanvote.org/students.

**REGISTER:** If you have a NC drivers’ license, you can register or change your registration address online; or download a voter registration form. Learn how at demnc.co/register. Write in your name as it appears on your Social Security card or NC driver’s license; put that ID# on the form.

**CAMPUS ADDRESS:** If you are registering with a Guilford County campus as your home, put your room number and dorm’s name on the Street line for your Residential Address. For Mailing Address, use the campus method to get mail. For A&T, Bennett, Greensboro College and HPU, that includes your Box number. For UNCG, write in your email address on Street line, then Greensboro, NC 27413.

**TOO LATE?** If you miss the Oct. 9 regular deadline to register, use Same-Day Registration (see box p. 5).

**BEST RESOURCE:** Use youcanvote.org/students

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**Mary Price (Pricey) Harrison**

**Party:** Democrat  Unopposed

**John Faircloth**

**Party:** Republican

**Website:** JohnFaircloth62.com

**Background:** I have served as a House Representative for five terms. Previously, I served on the High Point City Council as Mayor Pro Tem, as Chief of Police, worked with the North Carolina Department of Justice, and Served in the United States Army Reserves.

**Favorite endorsements:** none submitted by candidate

**What are your top priorities if elected?** My priorities are fiscal responsibility and economic expansion, law enforcement and community safety, and education. My goal is to work towards a safer, more financially stable State with ample opportunities that people will be glad to call home.

**What are your top priorities for improving public education?** I would prioritize an emphasis on workforce development to encourage skilled workers to enter into a trade, and the allocation of adequate resources to attract and retain top-notch educators for our education systems.
What will you do to ensure the economic downturn does not further concentrate wealth and push working families into financial insecurity? I will support low taxes and work to advance relief that protects citizens from undue burdens on rent, utilities, and unemployment insurance. I will also support safe reopening plans that enable people to get back to work and earn a living.

How would you protect communities of color and low-income communities from the impacts of pollution and climate change? I would like to work with community leaders to identify shortcomings in existing programs and use their insight to bring about needed reforms in resource allocation and programming.

How will you work to make college affordable for all students, regardless of citizenship status? Affordability is a relative term so I would consider the application of a tuition equalizing formula that takes into account earning capability, availability of family/outside assistance, ability to acquire financial assistance, and living costs.

BRANDON GRAY
Party: Democrat
Website: BrandonGrayNC.com
Background: I’m Brandon, an unbought, unbossed, openly-gay man running in a swing district breaking all the rules and barriers. I live in Oak Ridge and I’m ready to take this fight to Raleigh. I’m a Political Science Major, and Community Activist.

Favorite endorsements: Equality NC, NCAE, Planned Parenthood VOTES! South Atlantic

What are your top priorities if elected? 1. Expanding Medicaid in NC
2. Raising teacher pay and better-funded schools.
3. Protect NCs environment and promote clean energy.

What are your top priorities for improving public education? -Increasing Teacher and Staff Pay
-Ensuring School Safety
-Fund New Technology and Resources for the Classroom

What will you do to ensure the economic downturn does not further concentrate wealth and push working families into financial insecurity? We need to make sure we are helping our small businesses stay alive during the downturn to keep our middle class strong. We also need to extend unemployment benefits and extend the housing grace periods so that folks aren’t evicted from their homes.

How would you protect communities of color and low-income communities from the impacts of pollution and climate change? By not letting big corporations come in and bully local leadership into building factories that destroy and abuse our ecosystems and citizens. We can start holding these corporations accountable.

How will you work to make college affordable for all students, regardless of citizenship status? Protecting DACA and all undocumented migrants is the first step, and making sure public universities and community college are affordable to all classes is the second.
The County Commission adopts the budget for schools and other agencies, and regulates land use, housing and many vital services. Members are elected countywide (At Large) and by district; find your district at [demnc.co/lookup](http://demnc.co/lookup).

### County Commission District 4

**JERRY ALAN BRANSON**  
Party: Republican  
*no response from candidate*  
Web: facebook.com/Branson4Us

**MARY BETH MURPHY**  
Party: Democrat  
Website: ElectMaryBeth.com

**Background:** As a National Board Certified, 15-year veteran teacher who is also a parent, I have a profound understanding of the challenges facing both our schools and the broader community. Simply put, I am a North Carolina native who is committed to all of us.

**Favorite endorsements:** Equality NC, Guilford County Association of Educators, Run for Something

**What are your top priorities if elected?**  
1. Fully funding our public schools.  
2. Paying all county employees a living wage.  
3. Increasing access to affordable housing. All three of these priority issues will improve the quality of life for all residents of Guilford County.

**How will you use your position to ensure a just recovery from the pandemic that leaves no one behind?** I am committed to enacting anti-racist policy that keeps all people safe and healthy. One way to do this is by ensuring that the CARES Act funding is utilized justly to provide the greatest amount of support to those with the greatest need.

**How will you use your position to ensure community accountability for the Sheriff’s Department?** We need to shift resources from institutions that may cause harm towards models of care that provide for ALL citizens. One way to do this is to create crisis responses teams trained in de-escalation, mental health, and addiction crisis management.

**What will you do to ensure that high-poverty schools receive the necessary resources to promote positive student outcomes?** Education is my life’s work and the primary issue that drew me to this race. Public schools are the backbone of a strong community and economy, and thus merit our full investment. We have a $2 billion problem that needs a $2 billion solution.

**How would you work with school board members to reduce racial disparities in school discipline?** We need school nurses, counselors, and social workers fully funded to meet national guidelines. For nurses this means we should have 1 for every 750 students, and for counselors and social workers the ratio is 1:250.

### County Commission District 5

**CARLY COOKE**  
Party: Democrat  
Website: ElectCarlyCooke.com

**Background:** As a small business owner, MBA graduate, and mom of two young children, I bring budgeting and financial management experience, critical thinking, commitment to family values, and fresh energy and vision to the board so that our families will thrive.

**Favorite endorsements:** NC AFL-CIO; Equality NC; Replacements, Ltd. Pac

**What are your top priorities if elected?** Public education is the foundation of a strong and vibrant community with a direct impact on the local economy. We also must focus on attracting and retaining jobs that pay a livable wage and equitable access to comprehensive healthcare.

**How will you use your position to ensure community accountability for the Sheriff’s Department?** County Commissioners are well positioned to facilitate input with an advisory committee made up of community members.
to encourage discourse and transparency and must approach funding responsibility with a focus on desired outcomes for our community.

What will you do to ensure that high-poverty schools receive the necessary resources to promote positive student outcomes? The Board of Ed has made equity a guiding principle for policy decisions; we must support that by fully funding the GCS operating budget to provide resources and by investing in our facilities so all children have a safe, well maintained classroom.

How would you work with school board members to reduce racial disparities in school discipline? Our educators need help supporting their students and we must evaluate how to best provide that support. Supplying each school with nurses, social workers, and other professionals who are trained to respond to behavior issues should be considered.

How can the county improve the affordability of housing? We must focus on both increasing the average wage in Guilford County and expanding affordable housing opportunities. Commissioners can lead by example and ensure that all county employees are paid a living wage and work strategically to attract jobs.

TROY LAWSON
Party: Republican
Website: VoteTroyLawson.com

no response from candidate

JAMES UPCHURCH
Party: Democrat
Website: ElectUpchurch.com
Background: James Upchurch grew up in High Point, NC. At nineteen, he earned a Bachelor’s Degree. In 2019, he earned a Master's Degree. James began his professional career working in Corporate America. He is currently a Business Professor and Media Director.

Favorite endorsements: none submitted by candidate

What are your top priorities if elected? My top 3 priorities are to create a more transparent Guilford County that gives every child a quality education and pays all citizens a livable wage.

no further response from candidate

JIM DAVIS
Party: Republican no response from candidate
Website: VoteJimDavisCommissioner.com

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 8

SKIP ALSTON
Party: Democrat Unopposed

The Register of Deeds oversees the safekeeping of public records, including real property documents and certificates of birth, marriage and death.

ABDUL RASHID SIDDQUI
Party: Republican no response from candidate

JEFF L. THIGPEN
Party: Democrat
Website: ThigpenForDeeds.com
Background: Register of Deeds. Former member Board of Commissioners. Implemented eRecording, Passport Services, Thank a Vet, Levy Flag Retirement, and Slave Deeds Initiatives. Past recognition: Realtor’s Public Service Award; Equality NC; MLK Jr. Award.

Your personal statement: I serve everyone to the best of my ability. That’s my duty and honor. We’ve modernized the office, took on major financial institutions, and respect and protect everyone. We hold the public trust and I take that seriously.
The “School Board” oversees the management, finances and pupil placement of Guilford County Schools. Members are elected in partisan contests by district.

BLAKE E. ODUM
Party: Democrat
Website: ElectBlakeOдум.com
Background: I am an educator with a decade of experience in public education. I am a voice of experience from the front lines of public education, not the sideline.

Favorite endorsements: Equality NC; Democratic Women of Guilford County

What are your top priorities if elected? 1. Funding for School Facilities. Our schools are outdated. I will advocate for funding for 21st Century, up-to-date, state of the art learning facilities. 2. School Safety. 3. Access to technology and broadband internet connectivity.

What will you do to remove barriers to students accessing their education? Advocate for additional funding to ensure students have proper access. Work to make GCS a 1-to-1 district to ensure that all students have learning devices. Work with state legislators to make internet a utility.

What will you do to ensure that students with disabilities are college and career ready? We must continue to advocate for skill-based programs and centers to ensure that we are equipping all students with the necessary tools that they need to be college and career ready.

PAT TILLMAN  no response from candidate
Party: Republican

MICHELLE C. BARDSLEY
Party: Republican
Website: MichelleBardsley.com
no response from candidate

DEBORAH NAPPER
Party: unaffiliated
Website:
DeborahNapper4D5.com
Background: I am a Registered Nurse and mother. I have children currently in elementary school. I volunteer at the school and in my children’s classrooms, I am a PTA member and coordinator for the school’s multicultural event. I currently instruct CPR and ACLS.

Favorite endorsements: Equality NC Action Fund

What are your top priorities if elected? My top priority will be to ensure a safe environment for our staff and children to attend school as we continue monitoring COVID-19. I plan to support the Facilities Master Plan to renovate our schools. I hope to clarify communications from the Board.

What will you do to remove barriers to students accessing their education? I would like to expand the work with local internet providers, to provide internet access for children learning from home. GCS has been able to provide laptops for children with needs, however they also need WIFI or internet connection access to work.

How would you work to reduce racial disparities in school discipline? I would support a Peacebuilder program and reforming the role and parameters of the SRO program. I would also work to place more counselors and social workers in schools to assist students in solving underlying problems.
ELECTION DAY is Tues., Nov. 3 at 6:30 am - 7:30 pm
Go to your own precinct’s polling place on Election Day.
Find your polling place at demnc.co/lookup

EARLY VOTING is Oct. 15 to Oct. 31
Guilford Co. citizens may go to any location below.
You may start or update a voter registration* or return an absentee ballot in its envelope at a poll during Early Voting, but not at a poll on Election Day.

ALL SITES ARE OPEN THE SAME TIMES: All weekdays, Oct. 15-Oct. 31, 8 am-7:30 pm;
Saturdays Oct. 17 & 24, 8 am-5 pm; Sundays Oct. 18 & 25, 8 am-5 pm;
and Saturday, Oct. 31, 8 am-3 pm at these locations:

Old Courthouse-Blue Room First Floor, Room #108, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro
Ag Center (Barn), 3309 Burlington Rd., Greensboro
Allen Jay Recreation Center, 1073 E. Springfield Rd., High Point
Barber Park (Pavilion), 1500 Dans Rd., Greensboro
Brown Recreation Center, 302 E. Vandalia Rd., Greensboro
Bur-Mil Club, 5834 Bur-Mil Club Rd., Greensboro
Charlotte Hawkins Brown - Kimball Hall, 6136 Burlington Rd., Gibsonville
Craft Recreation Center, 3911 Yanceyville St., Greensboro
Deep River Recreation Center, 1529 Skeet Club Rd., High Point
Gateway University - North Campus, 5900 Summit Ave., Browns Summit
Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center, 1921 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro
Griffin Recreation Center, 5301 Hilltop Rd., Jamestown
GTCC - Cameron Campus, 7908 Leabourne Rd., Colfax
High Point Parks & Recreation Administrative Building, 136 Northpoint Ave., High Point
Jamestown Town Hall, 301 E. Main St., Jamestown
Leonard Recreation Center, 6324 Ballinger Rd., Greensboro
Lewis Recreation Center, 3110 Forest Lawn Dr., Greensboro
NC A&T University-Dudley Building, 202 University Cir., Greensboro
Northeast Park, 3421 NE Park Dr., Gibsonville
Oak Ridge Town Hall, 8315 Linville Rd., Oak Ridge
Pleasant Garden Town Hall, 4920 Alliance Church Rd., Pleasant Garden
Roy B. Culler Jr. Senior Center, 600 N. Hamilton St., High Point
Trotter Active Adult Center, 3906 Betula St., Greensboro
UNCG-Kaplan Center for Wellness, 1301 W. Gate City Blvd, Greensboro
Washington Terrace Park, 101 Gordon St., High Point

For questions, call Guilford Co. Board of Elections 336-641-3836

*See box on page 5 for how to register during Early Voting
NC voters will not only choose a President. Select a US Senator, Governor, NC Supreme Court judges, legislators and others.

The winners will make decisions affecting every part of your life, but you help decide who wins! Read the candidates’ views in this Guide, then make your choices.

1. MAIL-IN VOTING: do it early!

Any registered voter may vote from the safety of home; no special reason is needed. See demnc.co/absentee for more details. Do this as early as you can.

REQUEST BALLOT: Use the form at ncsbe.gov or fill it out entirely online at demnc.co/portal. Deadline for your county to receive a request is Oct. 27, but it’s best to send it by Oct. 15. Need help? Call 888-OUR-VOTE.

VOTE BALLOT: The ballot comes with a return envelope and instructions; follow them carefully. Mark the ballot with a witness nearby. You and the witness must sign a certificate on the return envelope. The witness can be a spouse or anyone over 18, but not a candidate.

RETURN BALLOT. Mail the envelope with one stamp to the board of elections. You (or your near relative or guardian) may hand deliver it to the board or an Early Voting location. Don’t wait for the Nov. 3 deadline. To be safe, return the envelope by Oct. 24.

2. EARLY VOTING: Oct. 15-Oct. 31

Use Early Voting and avoid possible bad weather on Election Day. Definitely use Early Voting if you have moved or need to update your voter registration (see box, page 5). Many sites open on weekends. Find the locations and hours for Early Voting in Guilford County on page 23. Masks, sanitizers and social distancing at the polls make voting safe.

3. ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, Nov. 3

On Election Day, go to your own precinct’s polling place. Polls are open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. If you are in line by 7:30 pm, you can vote. If you go to the wrong poll in your county and don’t have time to get to the right place, ask for a provisional ballot. To find your precinct’s poll and see who is on your ballot, go to demnc.co/lookup. Call the Hotline below for help.

Questions?
Call the Hotline!
888-OUR-VOTE

¿Prefiere el español? Visite votemosNC.com o llame 888-839-8682 para información en español.