

Buncombe Co. Non-Partisan Voter Guide

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Who Should Be Sheriff, Judge & Legislator?

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How **1 person** voted determined who won close elections in over 30 N.C. cities in 2021. Your vote does matter!

Election Day: Nov. 8 Vote Early: Oct. 20-Nov. 5

CANDIDATES FOR SHERIFF OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY - Vote for 1

The Sheriff directs the manner of law enforcement in the county through training and deploying officers, setting priorities for arrests and community outreach, using non-lethal alternatives, and managing the county jail.



TRACEY DeBRUHL
LIBERTARIAN

Background: 12yr Sgt USMC Headquarters to Light Armored Recon. Business Director for our Nation's largest Land Owners. Community,

Homeless, Disaster Relief & Charity Volunteer. I Am our voice for Clarity & Accountability, cleaning out the crooked politics. Ron Moore, Chief Hogan, the evidence room audit, etc.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Homelessness, Accountability, & Public Safety! We all know of the Homeless issue & my works are publicly known for reducing it. Our Cops & Courts are corrupt as you have seen the abuse you know I will stop! Our Kids need to feel safe at school! (These questions have a space limit)

Website: no response from candidate



TREY McDONALD
REPUBLICAN

Background: McDonald has 22 years in law enforcement, including 20 years with Buncombe Co. Sheriff's Department, where he held many positions including

Patrol Sgt. and Asst. to Commander of the Special Resource Team. He was raised in Buncombe Co., is married and has 3 adult children.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: The top priority is to fix the Sheriff's Office by changing the leadership. Morale is low, staff are leaving. I have the leadership skills and knowledge to bring people in. The jail in particular is understaffed, which puts detention officers at risk and pulls other officers away from community work.

Website: TreyForSheriff.com



QUENTIN MILLER
DEMOCRAT

Background: Sheriff Quentin Miller was born and raised in Asheville. While in the U.S. Army and stationed in Germany, Quentin met Army Specialist Karen Sconiers.

They have been married for 35 years and now have 11 grandkids. In 2018, Quentin was elected as the first African-American Sheriff of Buncombe County.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: The opioids crisis is impacting Buncombe County especially hard, with a very high per-capita rate of overdose deaths. Since being elected as Sheriff, I have implemented a drug treatment program at our county jail to help people enter into long-term recovery and reduce recidivism.

Website: QuentinForBuncombe.org

BE HEARD! 3 Ways to Vote

1. EARLY VOTING: Oct. 20-Nov. 5

You may vote early at any location listed on the back page. Voting early is especially good if you have moved or have not voted in several years because your registration may need to be updated. You can also register as a new voter by using **same-day registration**; show the poll worker one of these with your current address: a utility bill, a bank or payroll statement; or any document from a government agency; or your NC driver's license; or a student ID with a college doc showing your address. Any of the documents may be presented on a cellphone.

2. ELECTION DAY: Nov. 8 On Election Day, go to your own precinct's polling place between 6:30 am and 7:30 pm. **View your polling place and your ballot at ncvoter.org/distr.** If you are in line by 7:30 pm, you will be able to vote. If you go to the wrong poll in your county and don't have time to go to the correct poll, ask to use a *provisional ballot*; however, some District contests may not be on that poll's ballot. You will also receive a number to call to learn if the ballot counted.

3. ABSENTEE VOTING

Any registered voter may vote by mail. First, submit a request for the absentee ballot, either by using the *online form* or by completing and returning a *paper form* so it arrives at the county board of elections office by Nov. 1 at 5 pm. The forms are available at ncvoter.org/mail. Vote the ballot sent to you in the presence of two witnesses or a notary (they should not look at *who* you vote for). Fill out and sign the envelope sent to you with the ballot and return to the elections office by Nov. 8 at 5 pm. Be sure the witnesses sign and include their addresses. **See ncvoter.org/mail for details.** Follow the directions carefully.

See "Tips for Voting" on the back page

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You Pick the Judges!

Judges are powerful! They decide cases affecting everything from your light bill to voting rights to housing discrimination. This year, 2 of the 7 seats on the N.C. Supreme Court will be filled. Vote for other judges on your ballot, too!

CANDIDATES FOR N.C. SUPREME COURT, Seat 3 - Vote for 1



RICHARD DIETZ REPUBLICAN

Background: Graduated first in my class from Wake Forest Law School. I am a board-certified specialist in appeals. I have been a Court of Appeals judge since 2014.

Personal Statement: My campaign theme is "Leadership for our Courts." I have the character and temperament to reject politics and be a consensus-builder. I am always working to improve our justice system. I'll bring this leadership to the open seat on our Supreme Court.

Website: JudgeDietz.com



LUCY INMAN DEMOCRAT

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.

Personal Statement: I am running to protect the integrity of our justice system, preserve the rule of law and defend our NC and US constitutions. Serving in our trial and appellate courts for a dozen years has prepared me to fairly decide the most hard fought and difficult cases.

Website: LucyInmanForJustice.com

CANDIDATES FOR N.C. SUPREME COURT, Seat 5 - Vote for 1



TREY ALLEN REPUBLICAN

Background: During a 22-year legal career, I've been a US Marine, a partner at a Raleigh law firm, and a tenured professor at UNC-CH. As General Counsel for our court system, I give legal guidance to judges and other court officials.

Personal Statement: Many people believe that judges follow their political views instead of the law. If elected, I will work to restore trust in our courts. I will treat everyone with respect.

Website: TreyAllenNC.com



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Background: Associate Justice of the NC Supreme Court. Former NC Utilities Commissioner and judge on NC Court of Appeals. Native of Morganton. Graduate of Burke Co. schools, Davidson College and Harvard Law School.

Personal Statement: I want to continue serving on the Supreme Court to ensure that North Carolina courts decide cases fairly and impartially based on the law, the facts, and nothing else.

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Asheville's City Council Election

Asheville voters: Pick 1 candidate for Mayor and up to 3 candidates for City Council. This election is non-partisan.

CANDIDATES FOR ASHEVILLE MAYOR - Vote for 1

ESTHER MANHEIMER

Background: Elected Mayor in 2013 & 2017. Led COVID rental assistance, redeveloping our oldest public housing, saving our water from state takeover, minority inclusion policy, police raises, improved services, limited tax & fee increases.

My top priorities: Expand public safety and rebuild APD to enable residents to feel and be safer. Expand affordable housing efforts to reduce houselessness



and increase quality of life and stability for all residents. Climate policy and action to reduce climate change & increase resilience.

Website: VoteManheimer.com

KIM RONEY

Background: Council: Governance, Public Safety, and Boards & Commissions. Liaison: French Broad MPO, Neighborhood Advisory and Human Relations



Commission. Community: Asheville Music School, board; Just Economics, Policy Advocacy Committee; Friends of Community Radio, Station Manager (2012-15); ART-C Coalition.

My top priorities: In my 2nd year on Council after 7 years in the chambers, I'm running for Mayor because the work to ensure a resilient community includes urgent action to take better care of each other and the planet, which means addressing: Affordability, Public Safety, and An Improved Public Meeting Process.

Website: KimRoney4Asheville.com

CANDIDATES FOR ASHEVILLE CITY COUNCIL - Vote for 3



MAGGIE ULLMAN BERTHIAUME

Background: I work with nonprofits to help them row in the same direction on climate change. I was Asheville's first Sustainability Director and saved \$1m a year in energy costs, increased recycling 35%.

My top priorities: Affordable housing, climate change, and quality core city services. I'll work to keep the vibrant heart beat of Asheville alive by addressing the housing crisis and the changing climate.

Website: Maggie4AVL.com



ANTANETTE MOSLEY

Background: I am an incumbent City Council member, serving on the Housing and Community Development Committee. I've worked at a local affordable housing non-profit and am a practicing attorney.

My top priorities: Provide more affordable housing! Over the past year, rental rates have increased by 25%. My work culminates in developing affordable housing as well as an increased housing supply.

Website: MosleyForAvl.com



ANDREW FLETCHER

Background: Vice Chair, Asheville Downtown Commn. Vice Chair, Asheville Public Art & Cultural Commn. Board Member, AVL Music Professionals and The Nina Simone Project. Senior in Econ. at UNC-A. Former Chair, Haywood/Page Adv. Team.

My top priorities: Affordable Housing, Integrity in Government, Economic Opportunity for Workers.

Website: FletcherForAsheville



ALLISON SCOTT

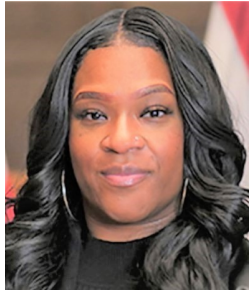
Background: I've worked in IT and project management at major corporations. 3 years ago, I made the jump to non-profit work. I have served as the Director of Impact & Innovation at the Campaign for Southern Equality (CSE).

My top priorities: Equitable Affordable Housing, Community Safety, Transparent Local Government

Website: AllisonForAsheville.com

MORE CANDIDATES ON NEXT PAGE

ASHEVILLE CITY COUNCIL CONTINUED



SHENEIKA E. SMITH

Background: Elected to City Council in 2018, appointed Vice Mayor in 2020. Professional experience includes community organizing and event planning, workforce development outreach and recruitment and mental health work.

My top priorities: Restorative Justice: reform the justice system with an holistic response to crime and victimization; decrease recidivism and jail population. County/City Transit Consolidation: conduct an analysis to evaluate the best consolidation plan. *Candidate provided no website.*



NINA TOVISH

Background: I ask good questions and I'm a strategic thinker. Communication is essential to effective leadership — and a hallmark of my professional life: listening deeply, negotiating effectively, creating meaningful connections.

My top priorities: Economic diversification beyond tourism: planning & zoning prioritizing the needs & goals of residents & local businesses. Deeply affordable housing so people can live in the City, near their work. Carbon footprint reduction for the City & residents.

Website: tovish4avl.com

Send Your Values to Congress!

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CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SENATE - Vote for 1



CHERI BEASLEY DEMOCRAT

Background: I've served our state for nearly 30 years as a public defender, judge and Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, where I've worked to uphold the Constitution, protect our rights, and keep communities safe — no matter the politics.

Describe your top priorities: NC's next Senator must fight to lower costs for communities, provide access to good paying jobs and grow our economy — from capping the cost of insulin, growing manufacturing and industry jobs across our state, to ensuring access to affordable child care.

How would you address one specific issue - Price increases/inflation: I'd hold corporations like Big Oil accountable for flagrantly price-gouging and putting their shareholders above working North Carolinians. We must continue to grow a Made-In-America economy, so events abroad don't raise prices here.

Website: CheriBeasley.com



SHANNON W. BRAY LIBERTARIAN

Background: I am an anti-war combat veteran and an expert in the technology sector. I've worked for various departments of the federal government, including deployments to Afghanistan. I have a masters in cyber security. I'm a huge advocate for blockchain.

Describe your top priorities: Veteran affairs, Cyber Security, Personal liberty.

How would you address one specific issue - Gun regulation: I am opposed to any gun laws. Under the US Constitution, the people have the right to arm themselves against anything that may attack their home.

Website: ShannonBray.us



TED BUDD REPUBLICAN

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Background: Ted is a member of Congress and lives on a farm in Davie County where he grew up. He owns a gun store with a shooting range. Donald Trump has endorsed his election.

Priorities and positions: • Repeal Obamacare health insurance.

- Against restoring the Voting Rights Act.
- Oppose "red flag" laws, a ban on AR-15 style rifles, and other gun regulations.
- Against a woman's right to abortion; ban mail delivery of abortion medication.
- Allow suing Big Tech firms for censoring political speech and conservative voices.

Website: TedBudd.com



MATTHEW HOH GREEN

Background: Disabled Marine Corps combat veteran

Describe your top priorities: My priority is North Carolina's working families. This means healthcare through Medicare for All, education available without cost at all levels, affordable housing, debt cancellation, and paying workers fair and just wages. We must end the war on drugs.

How would you address one specific issue - Price increases/inflation: Adjust the minimum wage to reflect inflation and update it every year. Provide healthcare and education to all, and forgive medical and student debt to cut household costs. Begin a Green New Deal to end fossil fuel dependence, provide clean, renewable energy and create millions of high-paying jobs.

Website: MatthewHohForSenate.org

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, District 11 - Vote for 1

JASMINE BEACH-FERRARA DEMOCRAT



Background: I am an ordained minister, organizer, and a twice elected Buncombe County Commissioner with a track record of creating bipartisan support for solutions on issues like the opioid epidemic and early childhood education.

Describe your top priorities: 1- Access to critical services and infrastructure, including broadband, and a strong rural healthcare system that can respond to the opioid epidemic. 2- Defeat extremism and defend our Constitutional rights. 3- Improve educational and job opportunities for WNC.

How would you address one specific issue - Abortion access: I am a Pro-Choice pastor who strongly believes in the separation of church and state. I will be a strong voice and vote for codifying the rights enumerated in Roe v. Wade, the right to access contraceptives, and the right for Americans to marry the person they love.

Website: JasmineForCongress.com

DAVID ADAM COATNEY LIBERTARIAN



Background: I own and operate a marketing agency focusing on helping other small businesses grow.

Describe your top priorities: I'm a supporter of the Fair Tax. This would eliminate the federal income tax and self-employment tax, benefiting both employers and employees. I'm also fighting against patent protection laws that allow Big Pharma to operate without competition. This will lower the cost of prescription drugs.

How would you address one specific issue - Price increases/inflation: I have an 8-point plan that can be viewed at project1971.org.

Website: CoatneyForCongress.com

CHUCK EDWARDS REPUBLICAN



Edwards did not respond to our survey; the following is from his website

Background: Chuck was born and raised in Western NC. He owns McDonalds franchises in the region.

He has served on numerous non-profit boards and in the state Senate in Raleigh.

Priorities and positions:

- Build the Border Wall & outlaw sanctuary cities.
- Oppose a woman's right to abortion; life begins at conception.
- Make the U.S. a global energy exporter; oppose the Green New Deal and "fight any efforts to add more regulations on our businesses."
- Support "school choice" so parents can "decide how and when children receive their education."

Website: ChuckEdwardsForCongress.com

Review all the choices on your entire ballot at ncvoter.org/lookup

Other Important Races on Your Ballot

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said the arc of history bends toward justice, but it can be a jagged journey. Don't be too idealistic about what one politician can achieve, because that can lead you to become cynical about politics. Democracy is messy, with many voices and demands in the mix. Persistence & organizing with others will pay off! A small number of votes can swing an election.

• **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.** Buncombe Co. voters will elect 3 of the 7 members on the Board of County Commissioners in 2022. The Board sets the annual budget for schools, elections, sheriff's department and other agencies; and it oversees zoning, affordable housing, transit options, and other vital services. This year, voters who live in Districts 1, 2 or 3 may vote for a candidate to represent their District on the Board. (*To find your District, see ncvoter.org/distr.*)

District 1: Anthony Penland (Republican) vs. Al Whitesides (Democrat)

District 2: Martin Moore (Democrat) vs. Robert Pressley (Republican)

District 3: Amanda Edwards (Democrat) vs. Don Yelton (Republican)

• **TWO BOARDS OF EDUCATION.** The County and Asheville City School Boards each hire a Superintendent and oversee school policies, finances, pupil placement, and curriculum choices in their district. Voters living inside the City School district elect 4 of the 5 Board members this year. Voters in the County School district elect 3 of its 7 Board members. The elections are non-partisan. Here are the candidates:

Asheville City Schools Board of Education: (vote for up to 4)

Pepi Acebo, Liza English-Kelly, Miri Massachi, Amy Ray, Rebecca Strimer, Sarah Thornburg, Jesse J. Warren and William (Bill) Young Jr.

Buncombe Co. Board of Education (vote for 1 in each race)

Enka District: Judy S. Lewis vs. Kim Poteat

Erwin District: Greg Parks vs. Kim Plemmons

Reynolds District: Rob Elliott vs. Sara Disher Ratliff

• **NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** Buncombe Co. voters will send 5 legislators to the General Assembly in Raleigh to debate & adopt laws and a state budget affecting jobs, healthcare, schools, taxes, discrimination, roads, voting, pollution, abortion, guns and more. Voters elect legislators by District. District lines were redrawn recently; find your District at ncvoter.org/distr. The candidates this year are:

NC House Dist. 114: J. Eric Ager (Democrat) vs. Everett D. Pittillo (Republican)

NC House Dist. 115: Pratik Bhakta (Republican) vs. Lindsey Prather (Dem.)

NC House Dist. 116: Mollie Rose (Republican) vs. Caleb Rudow (Democrat)

NC Senate Dist. 46: Warren Daniel (Republican) vs. Billy Martin (Democrat)

NC Senate Dist. 49: John Anderson (Republican) vs. Julie Mayfield (Democrat)

• **CITY ELECTIONS.** In addition to Asheville (see inside), Black Mountain and Montreat elect government leaders this year. They set policy for zoning, taxes, policing, transit, conservation and more. The three candidates for seats on Montreat's Town Commission are unopposed. Black Mountain candidates are:

Black Mountain Mayor: Larry B. Harris vs. Mike Sobol

Black Mountain Town Council (vote for 2): Alice Berry, Bill Christy, Rick Earley, Weston Hall and Sonny Moore

Learn about the candidates on your ballot at NCVoterGuide.org and Vote411.org.

10 Hot Tips for Voting

- 1. No photo ID is needed to vote in 2022.** You'll be asked to sign a form affirming your name and address. New voters, please see #4 below.
- 2. Many contests are based on new Districts** (e.g., N.C. Senate and U.S. House). Preview your Districts and your ballot at ncvoter.org/distr.
- 3. If you are not registered to vote or have moved, register at your current address by Oct. 14.** See ncvoter.org/reg to register online or by mail. If you miss that deadline, use **same-day registration** to register and vote during Early Voting (but not on Election Day).
- 4. Newly registered voters may need to show an ID if** there was a problem verifying their registration; it can be any government document, utility bill or bank statement with your current address, or any type of photo ID.
- 5. You may take a list of your choices** inside the poll to help you remember, but don't show it to others. The list may be on your cellphone but don't use the phone as a camera. Photos are prohibited inside polls.
- 6. Any voter may get help inside the poll** 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. Voters with a physical, mental or medical disability (including COVID symptoms) may vote in a vehicle at the polling place ("curbside voting").
- 7. You don't lose your right to vote if you have a traffic ticket, outstanding warrant, bankruptcy, misdemeanor conviction or civil fine.** No elections official will ask you about fines, tickets, etc.
- 8. Citizens who have completed a felony sentence** can register to vote. Because of a recent court order, people serving a felony sentence may register and vote if they are not incarcerated in prison or jail.
- 9. If you make a mistake or "spoil" your ballot,** ask a poll worker for another.
- 10. Report any harassing activity** to the board of elections and to the Hotline below, including suspicious people asking questions at your home.

Where to Vote Early, Oct. 20 – Nov. 5

Best Choice! Take advantage of evening, weekday and weekend hours to vote early.

You can also register to vote during Early Voting.

Voters in Buncombe County may use any of the 12 EARLY VOTING SITES listed below. The sites are open weekdays, Oct. 20-Nov. 4, 8 am-7:30 pm; Saturday, Oct. 29 & Sunday Oct. 30, 10 am-3 pm; and Saturday, Nov. 5, 8 am-3 pm:

- Black Mountain Library, 105 N. Dougherty St, Black Mountain
- Elections Warehouse, 50 Coxe Ave, Asheville
- East Asheville Library, 3 Avon Rd, Asheville
- Enka-Candler Library, 1404 Sand Hill Rd, Candler
- Fairview Library, 1 Taylor Rd, Fairview
- Friendship Community Center, 142 Shiloh Rd, Asheville
- Leicester Community Center, 2979 New Leicester Hwy, Leicester
- North Asheville Library, 1030 Merrimon Ave, Asheville
- South Buncombe Library, 260 Overlook Rd, Asheville
- Weaverville Community Center, 60 Lakeshore Dr, Weaverville
- Wesley Grant Southside Center, 285 Livingston St, Asheville
- West Asheville Library, 942 Haywood Rd, Asheville

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Candidates listed here alphabetically may be in a different order on your ballot. For questions about voting, call the Election Hotline at 888-687-8683 or go to NCVoter.org. Find more about the candidates at NCVoterGuide.org and Vote411.org.

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

You Pick the Judges!

Judges decide cases affecting every aspect of your life, but you decide who becomes a N.C. judge. This year, you can elect 2 of the 7 judges on the N.C. Supreme Court and 4 of the 15 judges on the N.C. Court of Appeals.

CANDIDATES FOR N.C. SUPREME COURT, Seat 5 - Vote for 1



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Background: During a 22-year legal career, I've been a US Marine, a partner at a Raleigh law firm, and a tenured professor at UNC-CH. As General Counsel for our court system, I give legal guidance to judges and other court officials.

Personal Statement: Many people believe that judges follow their political views instead of the law. If elected, I will work to restore trust in our courts by faithfully applying the law to the facts in every case without regard to my political opinions. I will treat everyone with respect.

Website: TreyAllenNC.com



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Personal Statement: I want to continue serving on the Supreme Court to ensure that North Carolina courts decide cases fairly and impartially based on the law, the facts, and nothing else; treat all people as equal under the law; and give everyone a fair chance to be heard.

Website: ErvinForJustice.org

N.C. COURT OF APPEALS, Seat 8 - Vote for 1



JULEE TATE FLOOD REPUBLICAN

Background: I have diverse legal experience writing hundreds of judicial opinions for appellate jurists, serving as in-house counsel and partner for a business, and teaching law.

Statement: To the Court, I seek to bring my extensive experience and commitment to fairness. If elected, I will uphold the Judicial Branch Mission: "To protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people, as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and North Carolina[.]"

Website: JuleeFlood.com



CAROLYN J. THOMPSON DEMOCRAT

Background: BA-Hampton University; JD-NCCU Law School. 25+ years of combined legal and judicial experience, having served as a District Court Judge and Superior Court Judge.

Statement: I am the only candidate in this race with judicial experience. I understand the importance of applying the law to the facts of each case. True justice is independent of party affiliation, divisive ideologies, and social differences. I will serve with integrity, fairness, and impartiality.

Website: CarolynThompsonForJudge.com

N.C. COURT OF APPEALS, Seat 9 - Vote for 1



BRAD A. SALMON DEMOCRAT

Background: Current District Court judge. Raised on a farm in Harnett Co. Graduate of Campbell Law. Founder of law firm (criminal, civil and admin. law). Former state legislator.

Statement: Should I be elected to the Court of Appeals, I will bring the experiences of being a lawmaker, a lawyer and a judge to the bench — a rare perspective that will help me be an effective appellate court judge and serve the citizens of North Carolina well.

Website: JudgeBradSalmon.com



DONNA STROUD REPUBLICAN

Background: Court of Appeals Judge since 2006; District Court Judge 2004-06. LL.M., Duke Law, 2014. JD, Campbell Law School, 1988. Adjunct Prof., Campbell Law since 2008.

Statement: As judge, I have considered each case fully and fairly and applied the law exactly as written. I became Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals in 2021, and I support the independence, professionalism, and integrity of our judges and courts at all levels.

Website: JudgeStroud.com

N.C. COURT OF APPEALS, Seat 10 - Vote for 1



GALE MURRAY ADAMS DEMOCRAT

Background: Elected Superior Court judge in 2012. Grew up in Warren County valuing hard work and education. Served as a JAG in the US Navy, prosecutor, and public defender.

Statement: My humble background and diverse legal experience bring a broad perspective to the Court and equip me to consider various viewpoints before making a fair decision. My decisions will be grounded in the law, fairness, and impartiality.

Website: JudgeGaleAdams.com



JOHN M. TYSON REPUBLICAN

Background: 20 years of judicial service. Masters in Judicial Process-UVa; MBA-Duke Univ.; BA in English & Education from UNC-Wilmington. School teacher. Probation officer.

Statement: My philosophy is "To protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people, as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the U.S. and N.C., by providing a fair, independent and accessible forum for the . . . resolution of their legal affairs."

Website: JudgeJohnTyson.com

N.C. COURT OF APPEALS, Seat 11 - Vote for 1



DARREN JACKSON DEMOCRAT

Background: Court of Appeals judge since 2020. 25 years of private practice. 12 yrs. in General Assembly. Top Rated Lawyer in Litigation for Ethical Standards and Legal Ability.

Statement: I am the only candidate for Seat 11 with appellate experience. I have filed appeals, argued appeals, and now as a judge, I have written over 100 opinions. I judge individual cases on the facts and the law and nothing more.

Website: JudgeDarrenJackson.com



MICHAEL J. STADING REPUBLICAN

Background: District Court Judge and Reservist for the US Air Force as Asst. Staff Judge Advocate. Former prosecutor, former defense attorney, former atty. for law enforcement.

Statement: I am a native of NC with a career dedicated to service of country and community. My legal experience will be a unique contribution to the NCCOA as I have served as a judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, attorney for law enforcement, and USAF JAG.

Website: JudgeStading.com

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- Teach "the greatness and exceptionalism" of the United States in schools.
- Finish the wall at U.S.-Mexico border.
- Support pipeline subsidies & drilling on federal lands; against recent legislation to aid development of renewable energy in rural areas.

Website: TedBudd.com



SHANNON W. BRAY LIBERTARIAN

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Website: ShannonBray.us



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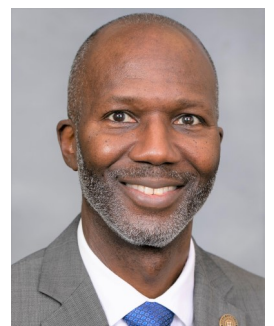
Background: Disabled Marine Corps combat veteran

Please describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: My priority is North Carolina's working families. This means healthcare through Medicare for All, education available without cost at all levels, affordable housing, debt cancellation, and paying workers fair and just wages that are adjusted annually for inflation. We must end the war on drugs.

Describe how you would address one specific issue - Price increases/inflation: Adjust the minimum wage to reflect inflation and update it every year. Provide healthcare and education to all, and forgive medical and student debt to cut household costs. Begin a Green New Deal to end fossil fuel dependence, provide clean, renewable energy and create millions of high-paying jobs.

Website: MatthewHohForSenate.org

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, District 9 - Vote for 1



BEN CLARK DEMOCRAT

Background: Son of Retired Army Pilot and Schoolteacher; Lt. Col., US Air Force (Ret); Worked past 20 years at Ft. Bragg, training soldiers; 5-term Senator (Hoke and Cumberland); Proud, Common Sense Democrat; Husband, Father, Leader, Servant, Christian.

Please describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Protecting American democracy. Protecting women's rights. Reducing mass shootings and gun deaths. When guns have more rights than women and sitting Congressman participate in insurrections without consequence, our entire way of life is in jeopardy. This has to change.

Describe how you would address one specific issue - Gun regulation: I'm a gun owner. Most everyone I know is. The idea that Democrats want to take guns from law-abiding citizens is fear mongering. I do believe we should take assault rifles out of teenagers' hands. I'll fight for that in Congress.

Website: BenClarkNC.com



RICHARD HUDSON REPUBLICAN

Candidate did not respond to our survey; responses below are based on the candidate's website and voting record.

Background: "Richard is recognized as a strong conservative, focused on common-sense solutions to support our economy, veterans and families." He grew up in Charlotte and lives with his wife and son in Moore Co.

Priorities and positions: Finish building the wall at the Mexican border. Repeal Obamacare and replace it with free market-oriented reforms. Recognize that life begins at conception, oppose a woman's right to abortion. Oppose restoring Voting Rights Act. Support military funding and increased pay and training for troops.

How to address one issue - Gun regulation: Champion the Second Amendment as "America's First Freedom." Oppose bans on assault rifles and green tip ammunition. Hudson led the U.S. House to pass his bill for carrying concealed firearms, called "the biggest guns rights boost since the ratification of the Second Amendment."

Website: RichardHudson.org

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Anthony Pierce (Democrat)

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- Kernodle Senior Center, 1535 S. Mebane Street, Burlington
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District 1: Barbara Roseboro Featherson (Democrat) *unopposed*

District 6: Ricky Bullard (Republican) *unopposed*

District 7: Scott S. Floyd (Republican) vs. Edward Squires (Democrat)

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Whiteville Board of Education

At Large: Elgin Tremayne Collier vs. R. Bryon Fisher vs. Ernest (Ernie) Gaskins

District 1: Phyllis W. Haynes vs. Anna Hall Richardson

District 2: Jason Wayne Elleby vs. David Flowers

Columbus Co. Board of Education (non-Whiteville residents vote in all 3 races)

District 2: Timothy Lance vs. Ronnie Strickland

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- Fair Bluff Fire Department, 152 Main Street, Fair Bluff
- Ransom Event Center, 2696 General Howe Highway, Riegelwood
- Tabor City Court House, 110 W. Fourth St., Tabor City

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