



Nonpartisan North Carolina Voting Guide

VOTE EARLY: OCT. 17–NOV. 2 ELECTION DAY: NOV. 5

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

The Governor manages the state’s operations, appoints agency heads, recruits new jobs, and can veto legislation.

MARK ROBINSON REPUBLICAN

Current occupation:
Lieutenant Governor



- Supports lower taxes and also tax subsidies for private K-12 schools.
- Opposes gun control.
- Would block right to abortion in most cases.
- Opposes action on climate change as “junk science” & calls the civil rights movement “crap.”
- Would “crack down on illegal immigration and make our country safer.”
- As Lt. Gov., fought “indoctrination” in schools.

Website: markrobinsonfornc.com

JOSH STEIN DEMOCRAT

Current occupation:
Attorney General



- Supports more funds for teachers, public schools and child care centers.
- Would invest in “a clean energy economy” to create jobs and address global warming.
- Supports access to abortion & contraceptives.
- Supports an independent redistricting commission to protect voting rights.
- As Attorney General, sued scammers and makers of addictive drugs.

Website: joshstein.org

OTHER CANDIDATES

Due to space limits, this guide does not profile other candidates for Governor with under 5% of support, based on nonpartisan polling at the time of publication. However, you can read about all the candidates at ncvoter.org/guide.

Candidates in each contest are listed in the order that they appear on your ballot.

Think Your 1 Vote Doesn’t Matter?

**In 2020, a top state official won
by less than 1 vote per city in N.C.
What you do matters!**

N.C. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

The N.C. Supreme Court is not well known, but citizens elect its 7 Justices and its rulings affect everything: voting rights, fair prices, parental rights, racial bias, water quality, your privacy, and more. You can choose 1 Justice this year.



JEFFERSON GRIFFIN REPUBLICAN

Current occupation: NC Court of Appeals Judge

- Former Wake Co. prosecutor and judge advocate general (JAG) officer in the Army National Guard.
- Says he is “an originalist and a textualist.” He “believes the words of the Constitution mean what they say,” and he values “the rule of law.”

- Says in his experience “the law is applied the same to all citizens.”

Endorsed by: More than three dozen sheriffs; N.C. Republican Party

Website: jeffersongriffin.com



ALLISON RIGGS DEMOCRAT

Current occupation: NC Supreme Court Justice

- Former civil rights and voting rights attorney.
- Says courts should protect the “right to privacy [and] access to medical care.”
- Says she is committed to “equal justice under the law” because she has seen the justice system hold people back rather than give them “access to equity and fairness.”

Endorsed by: Sierra Club; N.C. Young Democrats

Website: riggsforourcourts.com

3 WAYS TO VOTE

1. EARLY VOTING: Oct. 17 to Nov. 2

This is the most popular way to vote; it offers flexible days and places for voting. You can register and vote at the same time at early voting sites. Find them in your county at ncvoter.org/early.

2. ELECTION DAY: Nov. 5, 6:30am - 7:30pm

Vote at your precinct’s designated polling place. Find your polling place and review your personal ballot at ncvoter.org/lookup.

3. VOTE BY MAIL: This is more complicated than in 2020. You will need two witnesses or a notary when you vote. Follow the directions very carefully. Act early and allow for slow mail. See ncvoter.org/absentee.

4 TIPS FOR VOTING

1. Bring an acceptable **photo ID** like a N.C. driver’s license; it’s okay if the address is out of date. Many student IDs are good. If you don’t have an acceptable ID, you can still vote; ask the poll worker for an ID EXCEPTION FORM.

2. Take a **list of your candidate choices** on paper or on your phone to help you remember. Don’t take photos in the poll; that’s prohibited.

3. If you **have a disability**, you can get help to vote from anyone you choose, except your employer or union agent; or vote curbside in a car.

4. For **questions about voting**, visit ncvoter.org, call or text the hotline 888-687-8683 or scan →



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Send Your Values to DC & Raleigh!

In addition to President, you can choose legislators to represent your concerns in Congress and the N.C. General Assembly. Vote for 1 candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, 1 for N.C. Senate, and 1 for N.C. House based on your Districts. District lines are new this year; find yours at ncvoter.org/distr.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



KAMALA HARRIS DEMOCRAT

- Says: “Building up the middle class will be a defining goal of my presidency.”
- Supports affordable child care and health care, paid family leave, and the right to an abortion.
- Wants new gun control and voting rights laws.
- Would fight price gouging by corporations.

• Supported the bipartisan immigration reform bill opposed by Trump.

Website: kamalaharris.com



DONALD TRUMP REPUBLICAN

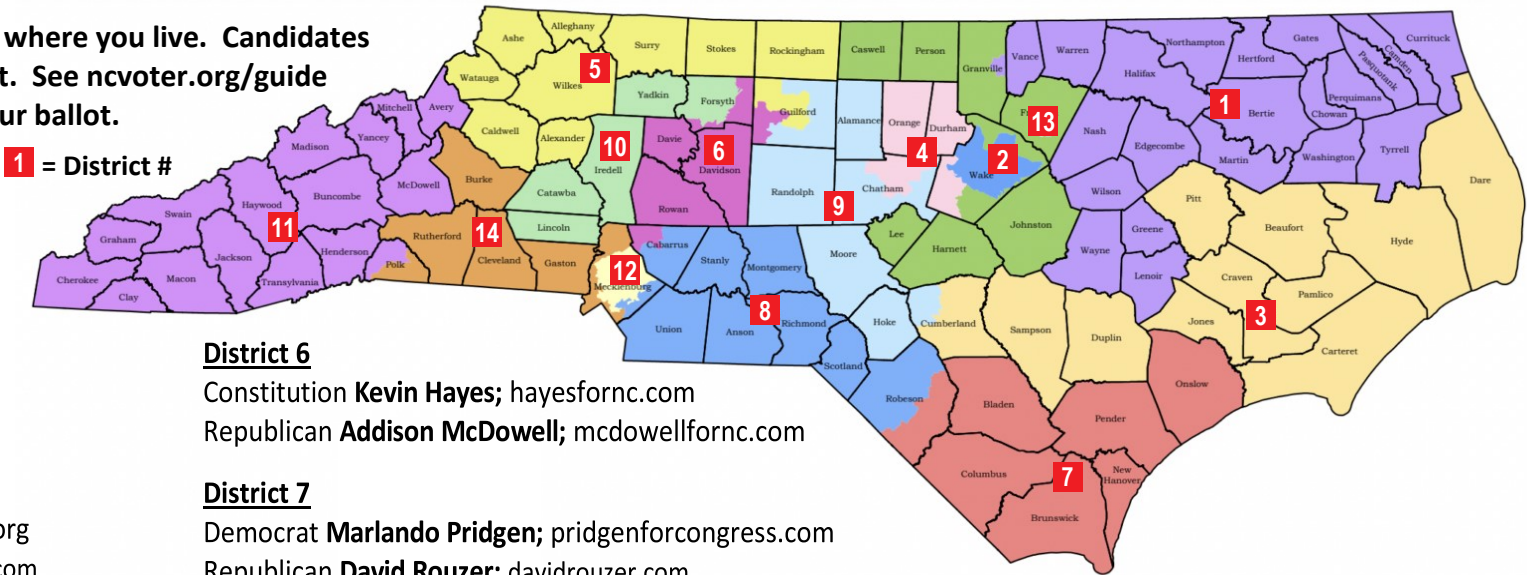
- Says: “My first acts as your next President will be to Close the Border, DRILL, BABY, DRILL, and Free the January 6 Hostages being wrongfully imprisoned!”
- Plans to replace Obamacare with insurance markets.
- Will combat fraud with new limits on access to voting.
- Wants to “certify teachers who embrace patriotic values,” end teaching about racism, and let parents elect principals.

Website: donaldjtrump.com

OTHER CANDIDATES: Several other presidential candidates from other political parties are on the ballot; they are profiled at ncvoter.org/guide.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Vote for 1 candidate for the District where you live. Candidates are listed in their order on the ballot. See ncvoter.org/guide to learn about the candidates on your ballot.



District 1
Democrat **Don Davis**; votedondavis.com
Libertarian **Tom Bailey**;
[Facebook.com/tombaileyforushouse](https://facebook.com/tombaileyforushouse)
Republican **Laurie Buckhout**;
lauriebuckhoutforcongress.com

District 2
Green **Michael Dublin**; dublin4congress.org
Democrat **Deborah K. Ross**; deborahross.com
Republican **Alan D. Swain**; swainforcongress.com

District 3
Republican **Greg Murphy**; murphy4congress.com
Libertarian **Gheorghe Cormos**; lpnc.org/cormos24

District 4
Democrat **Valerie P. Foushee**; valeriefoushee.com
Libertarian **Guy Meilleur**; guyfornc.org
Republican **Eric Blankenburg**; ericfornc.com

District 5
Republican **Virginia Foxx**; virginiafoxx.com
Democrat **Chuck Hubbard**; hubbardforcongress.com

District 6
Constitution **Kevin Hayes**; hayesfornc.com
Republican **Addison McDowell**; mcdowellfornc.com

District 7
Democrat **Marlando Pridgen**; pridgenforcongress.com
Republican **David Rouzer**; davidrouzer.com

District 8
Democrat **Justin E. Dues**; linkedin.com/in/justindues
Republican **Mark Harris**; markharrisforcongress.org

District 9
Unaffiliated **Shelane Etchison**; etchisonforcongress.com
Republican **Richard Hudson**; richardhudson.org
Democrat **Nigel Bristow**; nigelbristowforcongress.com

District 10
Libertarian **Steven Feldman**; stevefeldmanforcongress.com
Republican **Pat Harrigan**; harriganforcongress.com
Constitution **Todd Helm**; helmforcongress.com
Democrat **Ralph R. Scott Jr.**; ralphscottforushouse.com

District 11
Repub. **Chuck Edwards**; chuckedwardsforcongress.com
Democrat **Caleb Rudow**; rudowforcongress.com

District 12
Democrat **Alma Adams**; almaadamsforcongress.com
Republican **Addul Ali**; aliforcongress.com

District 13
Republican **Brad Knott**; bradknottforcongress.com
Democrat **Frank Pierce**; frankpierce4congress.com

District 14
Democrat **Pam Genant**; pamgenant.com
Republican **Tim Moore**; timmoorenc.com

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly in Raleigh has 50 members in the N.C. Senate and 120 members in the N.C. House who represent Districts across the state. All members will be elected this year for a two-year term. They adopt laws affecting healthcare, jobs, schools, taxes, racial justice, roads, voting, climate change, abortion, guns and more.

As in Congress, Democratic and Republican legislators often disagree on issues. Learn about the candidates seeking to represent your District at ncvoter.org/guide and Vote411.org.

Differences between Democratic and Republican candidates reflect the differing positions of party leaders, like these from N.C. Senate leaders:

Example of Different Positions of Democratic vs. Republican Legislators in the General Assembly

DEMOCRATIC SENATE LEADER: DAN BLUE

vs.

REPUBLICAN SENATE LEADER: PHIL BERGER



“Stop giving corporate titans and millionaires tax cuts and invest that money in our public school teachers and students.”

“Restore the Earned Income Tax Credit for working families.”

“Stop the sale of assault weapons, enforce strict backgrounds checks, and enact strong red flag laws to keep vulnerable parties safe.”

Opposes U.S. Supreme Court’s repeal of *Roe v. Wade*.



“Cut taxes on businesses and cut govt. regulation halting progress in the private economy.”

“Increase the number of charter schools and funding for students to attend private schools.”

Do not restore the Earned Income Tax Credit for working families.

Opposes an assault rifle ban and strong red flag laws.

Supports U.S. Supreme Court’s repeal of *Roe v. Wade*.

Go to ncvoter.org/guide to learn about candidates for your local offices. Vote the whole ballot, top to bottom!

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Why Change the N.C. Constitution?

The N.C. Constitution now specifies that a person “born in the U.S. or naturalized” is entitled to vote. At the end of your ballot is this question: Do you want to change the wording to say “only a citizen of the U.S.” is entitled to vote? YES or NO

Pick More N.C. Top Officials

The Governor appoints leaders of some agencies (e.g., health and commerce), but voters elect 8 officials to lead other departments, plus the Lt. Governor. Here are the major party candidates for those positions.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR★

The Lt. Governor presides over the N.C. Senate and sits on the N.C. Board of Education and other boards.



RACHEL HUNT DEMOCRAT

- Supports investing in public school teachers rather than giving tax money to private academies.
- Emphasizes “standing with rural NC” for economic opportunity, broadband, and affordable housing.
- Supports access to abortion and healthcare.
- Promotes job training and housing for veterans.

Website: rachelhunt.com



HAL WEATHERMAN REPUBLICAN

- Supports placing “armed school resource officers in each and every K-12 school.” Opposes gun control.
- Give companies tax breaks for apprenticeship jobs.
- For “Heartbeat” law to ban abortion after 6 weeks.
- Wants to integrate community college with universities to promote trades and practical skills.

Website: halweathermanfornc.com

ATTORNEY GENERAL

The AG leads the Dept. of Justice, which protects consumers, defends state agencies, and advises local law enforcement.



JEFF JACKSON DEMOCRAT

- Supports criminal justice reform: stop racial bias in sentencing, reduce incarceration for non-violent offenses, and improve reentry programs. Also supports public access to police camera videos.
- Supports gun control: require universal background checks and enact “red flag” protective laws.
- Supports expanding voting rights, independent redistricting, and ending secret money in politics.

Website: jeffjacksonnc.com



DAN BISHOP REPUBLICAN

- Says: “Crime and lawlessness is out of control in our state and I believe restoring a culture of law and order is the most important job of the next AG.”
- Says he’s now “one of the toughest and most outspoken conservatives in Congress.”
- Supports stronger measures to stop voter fraud and “ballot-box stuffing.” Opposes independent redistricting commission to draw political districts.

Website: votedanbishop.com

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

The Superintendent heads the Dept. of Public Instruction, which implements State Board of Education policies & state law.



MAURICE (MO) GREEN DEMOCRAT

- Experience: Led Guilford County School System.
- Top goals: “Prepare each student for their next phase in life.” “Enhance parent and community support” and a “safe, secure learning environment.”
- Supports more funds for pre-K schools, rural youth apprenticeships, and an 8.5% raise for teachers.

- Opposes “taxpayer-funded private school vouchers for the very wealthy.”

Website: mogreenfornc.com



MICHELE MORROW REPUBLICAN

- Experience: Homeschool teacher and nurse.
- Supports an “independent audit of the public school system” and will challenge “indoctrination centers.”
- Believes school funding must be “fueled by a fiscally conservative, free-market, competitive environment.”
- Opposes teaching students about race and racism.

- Opposes COVID mandates; says “teachers unions forced school closures.”

Website: morrow4nc.com

SECRETARY OF STATE

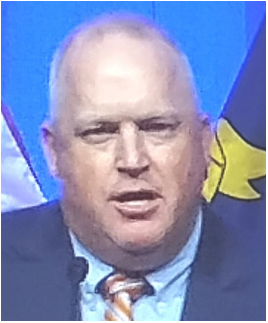
The Secretary of State manages the registration of businesses, charities, and lobbyists and maintains N.C.’s official records.



ELAINE MARSHALL DEMOCRAT

- Has served as N.C. Secretary of State since 1997.
- Says: “I’ve worked to cut red tape for entrepreneurs starting companies, prosecute criminals who masquerade as charities, and crack down on financial fraud.”
- Supports modernizing notary and other services.

Website: elainemarshall.com



CHAD BROWN REPUBLICAN

- Serves on the Gaston Co. Board of Commissioners; was previously Town of Stanley mayor.
- Would “promote innovation and small business growth” and “protect consumers from fraud and identity theft.”

Website: electchadbrown.com

TREASURER

The Treasurer oversees state investments, local government borrowing, and the state employee health & retirement plans.



WESLEY HARRIS DEMOCRAT

- Plans to “protect our strong bond rating” and “expand our investment capacity” by moving more funds “sitting in cash” into higher-yield investments.
- Says: “The Treasurer’s office shouldn’t be a playground for partisan games.”

Website: harrisfornc.com



BRAD BRINER REPUBLICAN

- Top priority: “Remedy the chronic underperformance of the Retirement System” caused by “an irrational love of risk-free fixed income investments.”
- Would give a “fiduciary board of professionals,” not just the Treasurer, authority for investment decisions.

Website: bradbriner.com

AUDITOR*

The State Auditor reviews the financial management of agencies and programs that receive public funds.



JESSICA HOLMES DEMOCRAT

- Current Auditor; former Wake Co. Commissioner.
- Says she is “committed to safeguarding taxpayer dollars as the NC Auditor, leveraging her expertise, integrity, and unwavering dedication to equitable policies for the betterment of N.C.”

Website: jessicafornc.com



DAVE BOLIEK REPUBLICAN

- Former prosecutor and UNC-CH Trustees Board chair.
- Says: “Led fight at UNC to eliminate woke diversity” and has “expertise to root out government corruption.”
- Would expose waste in government, “scrub voter rolls,” and examine efficiencies at DMV and schools.

Website: auditordave.com

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

The Commissioner leads the Labor Department, which inspects workplaces and enforces laws about worker health & safety.



LUKE FARLEY REPUBLICAN

- Says: “Will fight for free enterprise, fair competition, and cutting government red tape.”
- Will protect workers who refuse orders to receive a COVID vaccine; opposes new heat stress regulations.
- Supports “accountability by keeping the commissioner’s picture on elevator certificates.”

Website: lukefarleync.com



BRAXTON WINSTON II DEMOCRAT

- Says: “CNBC ranked NC as #1 state to do business [but] Oxfam ranked NC as worst state to be a worker. This is unacceptable. Our workers deserve better.”
- Will ensure workers “work in a safe environment.”
- Will be a “whole worker” advocate for fair pay, job rights, training, and affordable health care & housing.

Website: votebraxton.com

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE*

The Commissioner leads the Dept. of Agriculture, which has the double role of promoting farm products and food safety.



SARAH TABER DEMOCRAT

- Current farm and food systems manager.
- Says Ag Dept. should promote high-value crops, like berries, fruits, hemp, etc.; canneries; farms in Appalachia; processing facilities for nuts.
- Supports innovating financing for farmers, co-ops, and profit-sharing models to boost rural jobs.

Website: taberfornc.com



STEVE TROXLER REPUBLICAN

- Served as Commissioner of Agriculture since 2005.
- Has focused on “developing new markets for N.C. farm products, preserving working farms and protecting the state’s food supply.”
- Promotes meat production and the “Got To Be NC” ag marketing programs, which he says are successful.

Website: stevetroxler.com

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

The Commissioner regulates insurance rates & practices, licenses building inspectors, and trains firefighters & rescue squads.



NATASHA MARCUS DEMOCRAT

- Current state Senator and attorney.
- Says: “My mission has always been to stand up against corruption, corporate greed, and bad government.”
- Would “force insurance companies to justify their rates at public hearings,” which doesn’t happen now.

Website: natashamarcus.com



MIKE CAUSEY REPUBLICAN

- Served as Insurance Commissioner since 2017.
- Would abolish Rate Bureau role in setting insurance rates because it “kills free enterprise.”
- Has added fraud inspectors, added consumer services, and cleared backlog of fire dept. inspections.

Website: mikecauseync.com

N.C. COURT OF APPEALS – Candidates for 3 seats

Court of Appeals judges hear appeals of criminal and civil cases from local courts; 3 of the Court’s 15 seats are open in 2024.

SEAT 12



TOM MURRY REPUBLICAN

Attorney and former state legislator, prosecutor, and judge advocate in the Army National Guard.

Website: jointom.com



ED ELDRED DEMOCRAT

Attorney with over a decade of experience in trial and appellate court litigation.

Website: eldredforjudge.com



CHRIS FREEMAN REPUBLICAN

Current District Court judge in Rockingham and Caswell counties and former district attorney

Web: chrisfreemanforjudge.com



CAROLYN THOMPSON DEMOCRAT

Current Court of Appeals judge; former Superior Court judge and attorney in private practice.

Web: judgecarolynthompson.com



VALERIE ZACHARY REPUBLICAN

Current Court of Appeals judge; previously practiced law for 26 years in family firm.

Web: reelectjudgezachary.com



MARTIN MOORE DEMOCRAT

Buncombe Co. Commissioner with mediation and appellate law practice; former public defender.

Website: martinforjudge.com