



**Chatham County Democratic Party
News You Can Use
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Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Canvasses

[East Chapel Precinct Canvass](#), June 8, 9 -11:30 a.m.

Precinct Meeting

West Chapel Precinct Meeting, June 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m., The Parlour, 175 Poythress Rd, Chapel Hill

Sign up at: [West Chapel Precinct Meeting](#)

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

[Canvassing Orientation and Training](#), June 5, June 19, @Zoom

[Volunteer Orientation](#), June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28, @Zoom

[Join Our Office Crew](#), June 22, Community Engagement Center, 628 East St., Pittsboro

[Staffing Tent Events](#), June 29, Community Engagement Center, 628 East St., Pittsboro

[Introduction to Voter Registration and Voter Education](#), June 8, June 22, Community Engagement Center, 628 East St., Pittsboro

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Other Upcoming Events

NCDP Pride Month Kick Off, June 3, 6 - 8 p.m., NCDP Headquarters Goodwin House, 220 Hillsborough St, Raleigh

Grab a drink with Chair Anderson Clayton, 3rd Vice Chair Elijah King and NC Democrats at the Goodwin House to celebrate Pride Month!

RSVP at: [Pride Month Kickoff](#)

NCDP Labor Caucus 2024 Election Meeting, June 9, 1 - 4 p.m., Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, 1192 US Hwy 64 Business, Pittsboro

Whether or not you are a union member, this is the place for all workers to be on June 9th! Let's get ready to elect people who care about workers. At the meeting, which will feature Senator Natalie Murdoch and Representative Robert Reives, you will hear Gene Nichol on what is at stake for workers in our state, Grant Welch on the challenge of passing legislation that supports labor, and Keith Busby on broadband in NC and the impact of Biden's American Rescue Plan.

More on the featured speakers:

Gene Nichol is a disturber, a rabble-rouser, an outspoken fighter for equity, and fairness, and a fearless fighter for progressive values. A participant in Moral Mondays, the UNC BOG shut down his Poverty Center to stop his work. Shortly after, the UNC law school launched the North Carolina Poverty Research Fund, which continues to provide a platform for Nichol. In 2020 he released, *Indecent Assembly: The North Carolina Legislature's Blueprint for the War on Democracy and Equality*, exposing the state's all-white Republican legislative caucuses and their political agenda hostile to the poor, people of color, women, and LGBTQ+ people. In 2023 he published *Lessons From North Carolina: Race, Religion, Tribe and the Future of America*.

Keith Busby Keith is one of 2 District Leads responsible for the 9 states in CWA District 3. Keith has worked on multiple projects related to Broadband improvement for the state of NC. He was the Project Manager for a CWA/Microsoft Joint Project for the ACP Program (Affordable Connectivity Program) to help make Broadband affordable to those in need in NC. Keith has also worked with the NCDIT to help close the Digital Equity Divide. Recently Keith has been appointed to the North Carolina Department of Information Technology (NCDIT) Labor Task Force. To help NCDIT deal with labor shortages as the state begins to roll out its Broadband improvement program. As a member of the CWA Legislative-Political Team, Keith has worked to establish relationships with elected officials from State, Federal, and Local Government. Keith is a 24-year member of CWA.

Grant Welch is CWA NC Legislative-Political Director and Vice President NC AFL-CIO Grant leads the NC legislative team in the fight for all workers across the state. As a registered lobbyist for CWA, he and the team have introduced and lobbied multiple bills to keep our call center worker jobs in NC, expand access to affordable, high-speed broadband, increase wages and benefits to working people, maintain collective bargaining provisions, fight against right to work laws, and repeal the ban on public sector bargaining. The NC legislative team has built relationships with elected officials and candidates on both sides of the aisle, from national to local government. Grant is a 25-year member of CWA.

Sign up at: [June 9 Labor Caucus Election 2024 Meeting](#)

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact [Jan Nichols](#).

NCDP Outdoor Outreach & Voter Registration: Celebrate Diversity at Pittsboro Amity Festival!, June 9, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Downtown Popup Park, 50 W Salisbury St., Pittsboro

Going out into our community to have face-to-face conversations with potential voters and volunteers is one of the best ways that you can help elect Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, and Democrats up and down the ballot in North Carolina! Join us at Pittsboro's Race Amity Arts & Music Festival to celebrate the diversity of our community and link key community partners to the Biden Campaign.

During this event, we will:

Connect with new folks in our community and get them excited about joining our campaign and voting for Democrats

Provide training for new volunteers about how to have effective conversations with voters

Meet other volunteers and have fun while we take action together!

Sign up [here](#) to join us. We can't wait to meet you there!

**Community Discussion With Chatham County Commissioner David Delaney:
Briar Chapel and Environs -- 2050, June 11, 6 – 8 p.m., Chatham Grove
Community Center, 1301 Andrews Store Road, Pittsboro**

Briar Chapel and Fearington Village make the northern segment of US 15-501 the densest part of unincorporated Chatham County. The 27312, 27516, and 27517 zip codes merge here encompassing parts of five election precincts, 3 board of education districts, and 3 different commissioner districts. Since 2017, Plan Chatham's strategic vision includes such diverse goals as foster a healthy community, preserve Chatham's rural character, provide infrastructure for economic development and compact growth in cities and dense areas, ensure equitable housing and education, and conserve natural resources. This event asks residents to engage in structured discussion with each other to jointly envision this area in 2050. Near-term influences on that visioning include completion of the Unified Development Ordinance, Pittsboro seeking satellite annexation authority, Briar Chapel completing development, and Chapel Hill planning to extend infrastructure and development to Smith Level Road. The conversation occurs as communities nationwide consider ways to address social and economic poverty, bridge urban-rural differences (many perceived), and build resilient communities. Please bring your ideas, curiosity, and positivity for an uplifting discussion together.

No tickets needed, but details available at this [Eventbrite page](#). Hope to see you there!

**Juneteenth Celebration, June 15, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m., Chatham County Fairgrounds,
Pittsboro**

Come to the 7th Annual Juneteenth Black Arts Festival. There will be music, food, and fun for all! For more information and to volunteer to help with CCDP, go to: [Juneteenth](#).

**North Carolina Democratic Party Unity Dinner, July 20, VIP Reception 5:30 p.m.;
Dinner 7 p.m., Raleigh Convention Center**

Join Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Governor Roy Cooper, Attorney General Josh Stein, and Chair Anderson Clayton for our main event! Sign up [here](#).

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

Pride Month: This Saturday marks the beginning of LGBTQ+ Pride Month. As [LGBTQ+ folks](#), especially transgender children, are used as political footballs by the far-right, use this month to show solidarity with the LGBTQ+ individuals in your community. [Kick off Pride Month with NCDP on Monday, June 3rd at 6pm at the NCDP HQ in Raleigh.](#)

New lows on abortion: At a rally on Halifax Mall this month, GOP Rep. Neal Jackson described North Carolina's 12-week abortion ban as a "down payment." It's incredibly apparent that the Republican Party plans on taking abortion bans as far as they can get them. We must defeat Mark Robinson so that Josh Stein can veto any abortion bans, and break the supermajority so that his veto is final.

Spotlight on Wesley Harris: We're taking another dive into our Council of State candidates and their Republican opponents. This week we're putting the spotlight on Rep. Wesley Harris running to be our next State Treasurer.

Rep. Harris is the legislature's only PhD economist—and if there's one thing he wants you to know about how our state is spending our money, it's that our state's pension fund has the largest cash reserve of any state pension fund in the country. Great, right? Wrong, actually. Unlike investments, cash doesn't have returns and can't adapt to inflation. The more cash we keep, the more money we're losing when the dollar changes value—let alone the lost value from that money not being invested anywhere. It's failures like this that Rep. Harris is running to address so that we can protect the healthcare and retirements of our state employees.

Meanwhile, his Republican opponent Brad Briner is running on ceding his decision-making power over the State Health Plan to a board that the gerrymandered GOP legislature would appoint. Because of the culture wars pushed by the current Treasurer, the State Health Plan has been politicized over what the plan will and will not cover, like weight loss medication or gender-affirming care (like hormone therapy). Interestingly, Briner's claim to fame is that he was CIO for Mike Bloomberg's family office (for those of us who aren't billionaires, that's something you have when you're so rich you have a team of people managing your money for you). You know, the same Mike Bloomberg who recently ran for president as a Democrat.

Mark Robinson: Republicans "were right" about HB2 NEW

- Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson (R) continued his campaign of controversial statements by saying Republicans "were right about HB2" as he spoke to supporters at a recent campaign event.
- "We were right about HB2. We told them. You start letting these men go in these bathrooms, the next thing you know. What's the next step after that? That's exactly what we said. What's the next step after that? Guess what the next step was: your daughter losing her scholarship to a biological man in swimming,

volleyball, basketball,” **Robinson said.** “We were right on HB2 and continue to be right on it. The ideas that the left has is a bunch of foolishness. We don’t need to be ashamed to say it.”

- The **law sparked national backlash** as some companies dropped plans to bring jobs to the state and some major events, such as the NBA All-Star Game, were moved out of North Carolina.
- A few months after Gov. Roy Cooper (D) was elected in 2016, the legislature repealed the law.
- An Associated Press analysis at the time found the law cost the state more than **\$3.76 billion over 12 years in lost business.**
- Stein campaign spokesperson Morgan Hopkins responded, “Mark Robinson would repeat the failures of HB2: thousands of jobs lost, companies fleeing the state, and billions in losses for North Carolina’s economy. We’ve been down this road before, and it’s a dead end. Josh Stein’s vision for North Carolina is forward-looking and will create a welcoming economic climate for workers and businesses.”

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District 20 Updates from NC State Senator Natalie Murdock

Black Maternal Health Day of Action

Due to changes in the legislative schedule this week, we have moved the date for our second annual Black Maternal Health Day of Action to June 18th! Black Maternal Health advocates are invited to join us for a press conference and to participate in advocacy meetings with legislators.

Here is the current agenda for the day:

- 9:30 a.m. Advocates will arrive at the legislative building and will be escorted by staff to the designated meeting area.
- 10:00 a.m. - Press Conference
- 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Legislative meetings

All are welcome to join us. If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to my legislative assistant, [Divine Earth-Dowd](#)

On the Porch With Randy Voller

Last weekend I joined Randy Voller on his segment on "97.9 The Hill" called *On the Porch*.

In the episode, Voller and I discussed the 2023 Long Session, the policies I've been working on, and the ongoing 2024 Short Session. [Click here](#) to listen to the episode!

Thank you so much Randy Voller and the team of *On the Porch* for having me, I truly enjoyed our discussion.

Governor Cooper Vetoes One Bill

Governor Roy Cooper vetoed the following bill:

- House Bill 198: [DOT Legislative Changes.-AB](#)

Governor Cooper made the following statement on his veto of HB 198:

“Protecting North Carolina's beauty should be a top priority, but this legislation allows tree cutting and destruction of native plants around billboards. In February, I signed Executive Order 305, which sets comprehensive goals for restoring and protecting natural areas, prioritizing native plants and planting one million trees. North Carolina's scenic landscapes are one of the reasons why our state just broke records with our tourism economy, and why we have one of the most beautiful places in the world to live. Therefore, I veto the bill.”

Legislative Updates

Bill Action Snapshot 5/27-5/31

Ref. to Committee:

- SB 802- C-Pace Program

Withdrawn from Com.:

- HB 207- Mandatory Training Contributing to CEUs
- HB 917- GSC Technical Corrections 2024
- HB 1020- Retirement Admin. Changes Act of 2024

Don't see the bill you're looking for? [Search for it here!](#)

Contact Me

I cannot achieve anything without the support of my constituents. Thank you very much for your continued support! Please contact my [Legislative Assistant](#) for constituent requests. We are happy to serve you!

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[NC General Assembly Updates from Democratic House Leader Robert Reives](#)

[Investing in Child Care for North Carolina](#)

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[Update from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson](#)

[Mexican cartels - by Jeff Jackson - Quick Update](#)

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[Consumer Alert from NC Attorney General Josh Stein](#)

[Attorney General Josh Stein Alert: Be Wary of Military Scammers this Military Appreciation Month](#)

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[Events, Trainings, and Actions Sponsored by Affiliate Organizations](#)

For information, use these links:

Community Organizing for Racial Equality (CORE): corenc.org

County-to-County: [Volunteer Opportunities, Events, and Petitions Near Me](#)

Democracy North Carolina: <https://democracync.org/>

Neighbors on Call: [Upcoming Events](#) and [Canvasses](#). Their latest policy update can be found at: [NC Policy Update](#).

Next highlighted event:

[“Follow the Money”](#) Join C2C and Neighbors on Call on June 12 at 7:30 p.m. for the next installment in our Zoom series, **“Smart Policy, Stellar Candidates.”** What’s happening with YOUR tax dollars? How should NC be investing in its people? This panel features **Jessica Holmes**, State Auditor, running for re-election, and **Rep. Wesley Harris**, Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, in conversation with two great candidates for NC House and Senate: [Terence Everitt \(SD 18\)](#) and [Dante Pittman \(HD 24\)](#).

Red, Wine, and Blue: <https://redwine.blue/events/>

NC Counts Coalition: <https://www.nccounts.org>

Thank you to everyone who attended our Redistricting Roundtable meeting earlier this month. Please find important redistricting updates and notes below, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Overview

- Our participant folder with everything is [here - Participant Folder](#)
- The recording from the May meeting is [here - Recording](#)
 - Darlene Azarmi of FOE giving us an overview of the Independent Redistricting Commission work at minute 3:00 of recording
 - Jeff Loperfido of SCSJ updating us on litigation at minute 7:50 of recording
 - Gaye Williams of LWV NC inviting us to the Fair Maps Act event on June 4th, at minute 16:00 of recording
 - Rotrina Campbell of CommonCauseNC with UniteNC updates at minute 18:15 of recording
- The slide deck from the May meeting [is here - Slides](#)
- Notes are [here - May notes](#)

Calls To Action

- Join us on June 4 at 5:30 for our Zoom Fair Maps Act discussion - flyer is attached, and registration is [here - https://my.lwv.org/north-carolina-state/event/fair-maps-act-ending-partisan-gerrymandering-rep-wiley-nickel-and-lwvnc](https://my.lwv.org/north-carolina-state/event/fair-maps-act-ending-partisan-gerrymandering-rep-wiley-nickel-and-lwvnc)
- If you have capacity and would like to give input on topics for upcoming meetings, join our Roundtable Steering Committee to plan future topics and conversation. If interested, email me at kyle@nccounts.org and our first 30-minute meeting will occur in mid-June.

News

- In a rejection of fair maps in South Carolina, and in a decision that "usurps authority of trial courts to make factual findings of racial discrimination", the US Supreme Court ruled against Black voters in South Carolina, and have allowed racially discriminatory maps to stand. For an overview of the case, and its implications, please check out the post from our colleagues [at SCSJ here](#). [Another overview via the Democracy Docket is here](#). If you want to read the full decision, [it can be found here](#).

Other Updates

- We will continue to keep the light on for Redistricting and fair maps through our meetings, but with the need to save space for important election work in this election year - **we are moving from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings**. Please mark your calendars - **our next meeting will be on August 13th at 2:00pm** (still the second Tuesday of the month). We will send out email

reminders as the date approaches, and we will continue to provide updates via email on redistricting as they occur.

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Selected News and Opinion Stories

American Freakshow: ["Felon" - by Nina Burleigh](#)

Axios: [VinFast's North Carolina Plant Could Be Delayed Again, Report Says](#)

BBC: [What Trump's guilty verdict means for the 2024 election](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Why no one should sleep on the 2024 race for NC secretary of state](#)

Carolina Forward: [The Carolina Forward May Poll](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Every Region of NC Facing Affordable Housing Crisis, Seeking Solutions](#)

Chapelboro: [What You Should Know About North Carolina's Race for Governor](#)

Chapelboro: [UNC Students for Justice in Palestine: 'There is Something Bigger Than Us'](#)

CNN: [Right-wing media figures vow revenge after Trump's conviction](#)

County-to-County: [Poverty is a policy choice](#)

County-to-County: [Reject high conflict to win swing voters](#)

Daily Beast: [This QAnon Candidate Could Cost Trump a Key Swing State](#)

Forbes: [First Polls After Trump Conviction: Warning Signs for Republican](#)

FWIW: [Trump's Conviction Reverberates Across the Internet](#)

Heather Cox Richardson: Letters from an American: [May 31, 2024](#)

Heather Cox Richardson: Letters from an American: [May 30, 2024](#)

Heather Cox Richardson: Letters from an American: [May 29, 2024](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Trump is a Rapist, Fraudster, Traitor, Felon. Now We Have an Election to Win, Together.](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [My Memorial Day Walk on the Mall, Info Warrioring on C-Span, Do More and Worry Less](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Joe Biden is a Successful President, Why I Am Optimistic, So Much BS on Gas Prices](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Dr. Jill Biden On the Choice, Biden's Strength With Likely Voters Matters, Dems Need a Big Reform & Renewal Agenda](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Making June Count, Check and Checkmate, Winning the Blue Dot](#)

Lucid: [When Peace is the Enemy](#)

Lucid: [A Fateful Time in Our Nation's History](#)

Lucid: [MAGA Leader Cult Damage Control Talking Points Guide; Video May 26 Q&A](#)

Lucid: [Trump Convicted By a Jury of the People; The Political Theater of the Trump Trial](#)

NC Health News: [Affordable internet program faces likely demise](#)

NC Newsline: [North Carolina Republicans Rush To Defend Trump Following Guilty Verdict on 34 Felony Counts](#)

NC Newsline: [Gov. Cooper Vetoes Transportation Bill That Would Have Led to a Loss of More Trees, Native Plants](#)

NPR: [4 political takeaways from Trump's historic felony conviction](#)

NPR: [Trump verdict would likely move only a small number of votes, poll finds](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Eyeing Trump, but on the Fence: How Tuned-Out Voters Could Decide 2024](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Opinion | Three Opinion Writers on the Trump Verdict: 'If We Think There's a Trump Cult Already ...'](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: Into the Unknown](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: The Ecstasy, Agony, and Awkwardness of the Trump Conviction](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Trump Guilty On All Counts in Hush-Money Case](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: The Dark Rhetoric After Trump's Conviction](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Perhaps Lost in the Polling: The Race for President Is Still Close](#)

NY Times: [Trump on Trial: After 6 Weeks, It's Over to the Jury](#)

NY Times: [Trump on Trial: 'Guilty,' and History is Made](#)

Politico: [Biden campaign on Trump guilty verdict: He still could win](#)

Politico: [Guilt Complex: Trump's Felony Convictions Are a Big Political Problem](#)

Politico: [Dems in Full-Blown 'Freakout' Over Biden](#)

Politico: [Donald Trump found guilty in New York hush money trial](#)

Politico: [Biden's Black voter troubles are setting off alarm bells](#)

Politico: [The Alito Scandal Is Worse Than It Seems](#)

Public Notice: [Sometimes, the system works - by Lisa Needham](#)

Reuters: [Exclusive: One in 10 Republicans less likely to vote for Trump after guilty verdict, Reuters/Ipsos poll finds](#)

Reuters: [Trump supporters call for riots and violent retribution after verdict](#)

Reuters: [Biden wants to talk abortion, Trump immigration in CNN debate](#)

Stop The Presses: [The media's Supreme Court coverage is a long-running scandal](#)

The Atlantic: [Mark Robinson Is Testing the Bounds of GOP Extremism](#)

The Bulwark: [Trump Convicted: A Just, Sad Day for America](#)

The Bulwark: [Trump's Conviction Clarifies Things - by Nicholas Grossman](#)

The Bulwark: [Donald Trump Is Now a Convicted Felon](#)

The Bulwark: [We're Nearing the Home Stretch. Can Biden Close the Gap?](#)

Time: [Trump Is Now a Felon. What Voters Do With That Will Write This Era's History](#)

Washington Post: [The Campaign Moment](#)

WECT: [In their words: NC leaders react to former President Donald Trump's guilty verdict](#)

WRAL: [Convictions threaten Trump's lead in North Carolina](#)

WRAL: [As state government vacancies remain high, NC lawmakers look for solutions](#)

WUNC: [As NC Democrats convene state convention, a look at their strategy for the November election](#)

WUNC: [Purple Ballot: North Carolina's history of "ticket splitting"](#)

WUNC: [North Carolina's Asian American electorate is growing and building political power](#)