



**Chatham County Democratic Party  
News You Can Use  
July 15, 2024**

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**Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events and Volunteer Opportunities**

**Meet Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs, July 15, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Chapel Hill. Introductions from NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives and Rep. Wesley Harris, Candidate for NC State Treasurer**

You are invited to meet Justice Allison Riggs, who is running to keep her seat on the NC Supreme Court and win back our courts for justice. Justice Riggs is an experienced judge, appointed to the NC Supreme Court by Gov. Cooper in 2023. Prior to this, she served on the NC Court of Appeals and, prior to that, she was Co-Executive Director for Programs and Chief Counsel for Voting Rights at the Southern Coalition for Justice in Durham. She is an accomplished attorney who has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in several landmark redistricting cases. She’s spent her entire career “fighting for equal justice under the law for every person, regardless of wealth or skin color.”

Join us at the home of Lily Brabble, 352 Rolling Meadows Lane, Chapel Hill, to hear from Justice Riggs and ask your questions in a relaxed, informal setting. Wine and refreshments, too! Bring your friends. Please RSVP as soon as possible at:

<https://www.mobilize.us/chathamcountydems/event/640419/>

**Join Young Democrats in Chatham County With a Special Guest! July 25, 6 – 8 p.m., Breakaway Café, 58 Chapelton Court, Chapel Hill**

Join the NC Coordinated Campaign and special guests for a discussion about how young people can take action to stop NC Republicans and Donald Trump in the 2024 election!

Enjoy a night of fun, fellowship and free food at Breakaway Cafe. This event will be an amazing way to meet like-minded young folks who are fired up about electing NC Democrats!

We encourage folks who are older than 40 to be considerate about the purpose of this event before signing up. Young families are welcome at this event!

Sign up [here](#).

**Chatham Dems Are Fired Up! An Evening With Jeff Jackson, Mo Green, and Robert Reives, Benefitting CCDP, August 6, 6:30 p.m., Chapel Hill**

Join Chatham County Democratic Party and Rep. Robert Reives for Chatham Dems Are Fired Up!, an evening with Rep. Jeff Jackson, candidate for NC Attorney General; and Mo Green, candidate for NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, August 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m. (remarks at 7 p.m.), Governors Club, 11000 Governors Club Drive, Chapel Hill.

Enjoy elegant nibbles, dessert, and wine and hear the candidates seeking to lead North Carolina into a bright, fair, safe, and prosperous future. All proceeds fuel dynamic voter education and vital get-out-the-vote efforts. [Tickets](#) start at \$125.

**Upcoming Canvasses**

Five canvasses are currently planned throughout Chatham County before the end of July! For more information and to sign up, go to: [Volunteer Opportunities, Events, and Petitions Near Me](#) .

**CCDP Volunteer Trainings**

[Canvassing Orientation and Training](#), July 24, August 7, August 21, @Zoom

[Volunteer Orientation](#), July 19, July 26 @Zoom

**Join Our Office Crew**, July 31, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

**Introduction to Voter Registration and Voter Education**, July 27, August 10, August 24, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

**Staffing Tent Events**, July 27, August 24, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

### **Donate to the CCDP School Supply and Book Drive!**

We're sparking some love for our children in Siler City with a school supply and book give-away on August 10. Click a link to go to one of the gift list registries: [Book Drive Registry](#) or [School Supply Registry](#), or [Self-Shopper](#). Sign up here to [Volunteer](#).

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### **Other Upcoming Events**

**Board of Elections Regular Meeting, July 16, 5:30 p.m. Board of Elections Office, 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro**

The Chatham County Board of Elections will hold its regular meeting on July 16, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

The public may view the meeting online at <https://meet.goto.com/812665701>.

**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 NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton for our main event! Sign up [here](#).

**“Smart Policy, Stellar Candidates” Panel Discussion, July 24, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom), Sponsored by Neighbors on Call and County-to-County**

**Join Education Leaders and Candidates** for another “**Smart Policy, Stellar Candidates**” panel, on Wed., July 24, at 7:30 p.m. What's at stake for NC's students and educators in this election? How can we achieve the free, well-funded, world-class public education system all children deserve? The panel for this episode features [Mo Green](#) (Democratic candidate for NC Superintendent of Public Instruction), [Safiyah Jackson \(HD 37\)](#), [Claire Kempner \(HD 9\)](#), and [Dr. Lorenza Wilkins \(HD 25\)](#). Join us early at 7 p.m. for a quick introduction to canvassing!

**Community Discussion: Chatham County 2050, August 15, 3 p.m., Chatham Rabbit, Siler City**

Chatham County has surpassed 80,000 residents. We will rapidly exceed 100,000 as approved economic and residential development plans are completed across the county. This event asks residents to engage in structured discussion with each other to jointly envision the high quality of life we want for Chatham County in 2050. Here's some background to consider:

- Since 2017, Plan Chatham's strategic vision includes diverse goals like these: 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.
- The county's Unified Development Ordinance is nearing completion, TriRiver Water will serve growth needs in Siler City, and Pittsboro is seeking satellite annexation authority to better manage growth and environmental issues.
- The conversation occurs as communities nationwide consider ways to reduce 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. Mayor Matthews and Commissioner Delaney are confirmed participants. Seating is limited.

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### **Request a Voter Education Seminar from NC State Board of Elections**

The NC State Board of Elections is offering voter education seminars on voter photo ID, accessibility in voting, and voter registration. Use this [form](#) to request a seminar.

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### **Sign Up to Receive U.S. Rep. Valerie Foushee's Newsletter!**

Sign up [here](#) to receive regular updates from U.S. Rep. Valerie Foushee. Her June newsletter is now available!

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### **News from the North Carolina Democratic Party**

**Biden 2024** - Democrats are standing with Biden. President Biden has consistently declared he will be on the ballot in November and top democrats are standing behind him. The President hasn't slowed down since the debate in June visiting over 10 states including North Carolina. Despite the media's attempt to sow doubt, one thing is certain: Democrats are overwhelmingly in support of **"FOUR MORE YEARS!"**

**Jobs in June** - The month of June saw a whopping **206K** jobs created adding to Biden's **15 million** jobs created during his presidency. Under President Biden, job

growth is up, and unemployment is down. A stark contrast to the state of the nation when he took office in 2021. President Biden continues to fight to make sure all Americans have access to good paying jobs to put food on their tables.

**Save North Carolina** - This week, Mark Robinson shouted, ["Some folks need killing!"](#) from the pulpit of a church in North Carolina. Radical Republican candidates like Robinson and Trump are saying the quiet part out loud. They are letting voters know that they do not value democracy and freedom, they seek to control voters with force. Mark Robinson doesn't exemplify the values of North Carolinians, he represents a group of people whose political ideology is centered on hate and control, and our great state deserves to be represented by someone who fights for all North Carolinians.

### **Trump Tries to Distance Himself from Project 2025, Written by His Own Advisors**

With growing backlash as the public learns more about Project 2025, Trump is trying to distance himself from it

Despite claiming he "knows nothing about it," Project 2025 is led by two former Trump administration officials: Paul Dans, who was chief of staff at the Office of Personnel Management and serves as director of the project, and Spencer Chretien, former special assistant to Trump and now the project's associate director.

NBC put it best, "even for Trump, someone who lies easily and without remorse, the suggestion that he has "no idea who is behind" Project 2025 is laughably false."

Overseen by the conservative Heritage Foundation, the [multi-pronged initiative](#) includes a detailed blueprint for the next Republican president to usher in a sweeping overhaul of the executive branch.

Project 2025 would do the following if implemented:

- Gut checks and balances to give Trump total power to use the presidency for revenge and retribution and be a dictator on "day one."
- Consolidate power in the Oval Office and defund government agencies like the Department of Education.
- Ban abortion nationwide and punish women who have an abortion.
- Raise taxes for the middle class while giving handouts to billionaire donors.
- Slash Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security.

### **500,000 North Carolinians Now Enrolled in Medicaid**

North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Anderson Clayton released the following statement:

"Governor Cooper and Democrats fought for years for Medicaid expansion, to grant access to lifesaving healthcare for folks all across North Carolina. When it went live in December, it was estimated it could take up to two years to help educate the over

600,000 North Carolinians who qualified for Medicaid about their new right to access. Now, less than a year later, we have 500,000 North Carolinians enrolled for the first time. These are 500,000 lives changed and lives saved thanks to Governor Cooper fighting for years to give everyone in our state a fighting chance.”

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## **Links to Events, Trainings, and Actions by Affiliate Organizations**

[Common Cause North Carolina](#)

[Community Organizing for Racial Equity \(CORE\)](#)

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

[Democracy North Carolina](#)

[MegaphoneNC](#)

[NC Counts Coalition](#)

[Neighbors on Call; Upcoming Events, Canvasses, NC Policy Update.](#)

[New North Carolina Project](#)

[Red, Wine, and Blue; <https://redwine.blue/events/>](#)

[Swing Left Durham/Chapel Hill/Chatham](#)

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## **Selected News and Opinion Stories**

ABC 11: [Vaping Regulations, DMV Changes Among Bills Signed by Gov. Roy Cooper](#)

ABC 11: [Pay Raises for North Carolina Teachers To Kick In After Senate Bill Signed by Governor](#)

America, America: [We Will Not Comply](#)

America, America: [A Time of Anxiety](#)

Axios Raleigh: [NC GOP Pours \\$5.6 Million Into Three Swing-State Senate Seats](#)

Ballotpedia: [North Carolina Citizenship Requirement for Voting Amendment](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [New Video Shows Mark Robinson, the Republican Candidate for NC Governor, Advocating for Violence](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [In Greensboro, Kamala Harris Denounces Project 2025, Trump's Call to 'Terminate' the Constitution](#)

Cardinal & Pine: ['This Should Not be a Partisan Issue': The Political Tug-of-War Over Rural Broadband NC Internet Gaps](#)

Carolina Forward: [The Smashing Success of Virginia's Wage Hike](#)

Carolina Forward: [Are North Carolina's Public Schools "Failing"?](#)

Carolina Public Press: [What Happens if Roy Cooper is on the Democratic Ticket?](#)

Chapelboro: [Chatham County Commissioner Shares Latest on Bynum Contamination, Wolfsped Development](#)

FWIW: [Project 2025 Breaks Through](#)

Heather Cox Richardson: Letters from an American: [July 8](#); [July 11](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [President Biden's Powerful NATO Speech, Making July Count, One Guy Had a Bad Debate and Disappeared -- Trump](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Why I Am Optimistic We Can Win – My Latest Take on the 2024 Election \(Video\)](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Inflation FELL in June, Joe Biden is a Successful President, Trump is a Traitor and Putin's Lap Dog](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [The Far Right Underperforms in Europe \(Again\), New Biden Ad, Legit Questions About Biden's Health, No Letting Up](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [No Putting Lipstick on the Terrible Trumpian Pig, Making July Count, Helping Biden-Harris Win This November](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Biden Brings It in Michigan, Good Week of Polling for Ds, Doing More and Worrying and Less](#)

IndyWeek: [Ahead of the Election, New Music Festival CAROLINADAZE Brings Momentum to North Carolina Voters](#)

Joe Biden.com: [Project 2025](#)

Lucid: [U.S. Media and the 2024 Election](#)

Lucid: [Biden's Resiliency; Meta's Masochistic Trump Decision; Guardian Q&A With Me](#)

Lucid: [MAGA Narratives About the Trump Assassination Attempt](#)

NBC News: ['It's Already Disastrous': Biden Campaign Fundraising Takes a Major Hit](#)

NC Health News: [N.C. House Wants to Spend Opioid Money on Multiple Abstinence-Based Recovery Centers, While Experts Stress Access to Medication](#)

NC Newslines: [Cooper Vetoes Bills on Building Codes and Digital Currency](#)

NC Newslines: [NC Elections Board Again Defers Recognition of RFK Jr.'s and Cornell West's Political Parties](#)

NC Newslines: [NC Lawmakers Question Their \\$500 Million Investment in a Private Nonprofit](#)

New Branchhead: [Harris-Cooper 2024](#)

NPR: [With Just One Mention of Abortion, Republican Party Lays Out its 2024 Platform](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Trump is Safe After Assassination Attempt. Suspected Gunman is Dead.](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Election Updates: Biden Faces More Calls to Drop Out as Allies Remain Uneasy](#)

NY Times (Gift): [Biden Advisors Weigh How To Convince Him To End His Campaign](#)

NY Times (Gift): [At High-Stakes News Conference, Biden Vows to 'Finish the Job'](#)

NY Times: [Opinion: Trump is...A Bit Calmer. Which Freaks Me Out.](#)

NY Times: [Trump on Trial: A Changed Landscape](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: What Republicans Have Been Up to While Biden's Drama Has Unfolded](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: What's in Biden's Survival Kit?](#)



NY Times: [On Politics: Biden Digs in as Democratic Fears Deepen](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: The Messages from Biden That Are Understood, and Not](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: A Fine Joe-Mance](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: The Call is Coming from Inside the White House](#)

NY Times: [The Morning: Next in Line](#)

NY Times: [The Morning: The Democrats' Unhappy Indecision](#)

Politico: [Playbook: What Obama and Pelosi Are Doing About Biden](#)

Politico: Playbook PM: [Biden Goes On Offense](#)

Politico: [Playbook: Some in Biden World Eye the Off-Ramp](#)

Politico: [Playbook PM: Haley Releases Delegates to Trump](#)

Politico: [Playbook PM: Crunch Time for Jeffries and Schumer](#)

Politico: [Playbook PM: Watch Nancy Pelosi](#)

Politico: [Playbook: The Democratic Split to Watch](#)

Politico: [Playbook: Why Capitol Hill Is Stuck on Biden](#)

Politics NC: [Kill Thy Neighbor](#)

Politics NC: [Convince the Young People](#)

Politics NC: [Deep Thoughts By Michele Morrow](#)

Popular Information: [What Trump Doesn't Want You To Know About Project 2025](#)

Popular Information: [The Alarming New Power Trump Will Claim in a Second Term](#)

Popular Information: [Trump's Tip Trick](#)

Red, Wine, and Blue: [Project 2025 Explained \(Download\); Video](#)

Stop the Presses: [Stop Saying "Conservative" When You Mean Fascist](#)

The Bulwark: [The Bonfire of the Democrats](#)

The Bulwark: [Will Biden Hear the People Sing?](#)

The Bulwark: [Inside Trump's Lizard Brain](#)

The Bulwark: [The Democratic Party Will Decide If Biden Steps Aside](#)

The Bulwark: [The Lesson Biden Didn't Learn from 2020](#)

The Bulwark: [The Art of Saying Nothing at All](#)

The Hill: [Biden Dares Other Democrats To Challenge Him at the Convention: 'I'm Getting Frustrated By the Elites'](#)

The Liberal Patriot: [It's Only Going To Get Harder for Biden from Here](#)

The Message Box: [Biden's Gamble: The High-Stakes Decision To Stay in the Race](#)

The Status Kuo: [2024 Isn't Nearly Done With Us](#)

Time: [The D.C. Brief – As Biden Vies To Salvage Nomination, Growing Chorus in Party Say It's Too Late](#)

Time: [The D.C. Brief – Biden Advisors Point to Access Hollywood Scandal as a Model for Survival](#)

Vanity Fair: [After Killing Roe v. Wade, Trump Pretends To Be a Moderate on Abortion](#)

Washington Post: [The Campaign Moment](#); [The Campaign Moment](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [Watching Biden, Many See the Heartbreaking Indignities of Aging](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [Trump Says He Knows 'Nothing' About His Party's Dystopian Plans. Right.](#)

WFAE: [To Stop Guns in Schools, NC Superintendent Candidate Morrow Called for Security Cameras in Bathrooms](#)

WRAL: [Cooper Approves Child Care Funding, Teacher Pay Bills, Vetoes Court Docs Measure](#)

WRAL: ['You Should Be Ashamed,' Robinson Tells Reporters as He Declines To Answer Questions](#)