

Chatham County Democratic Party News You Can Use October 21, 2024

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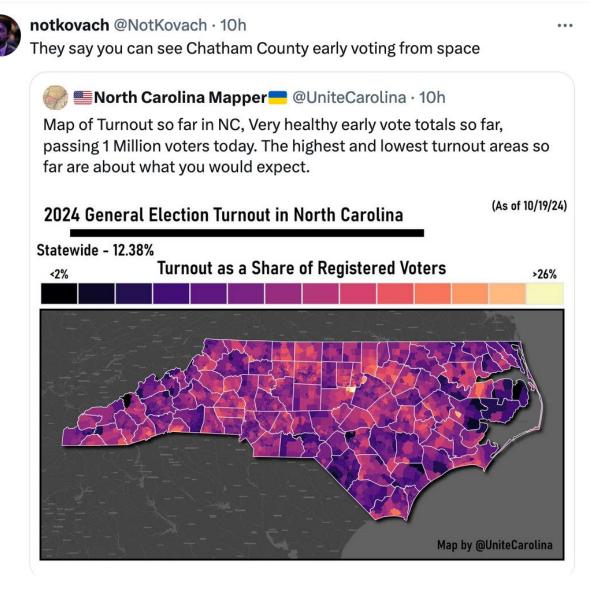
Keep Track of NC Election Turnout Statistics

Want to track NC election turnout statistics? Check out this Vote Tracker dashboard developed by Civitas/The John Locke Foundation.

Vote Tracker helps people better understand early "one stop" and absentee-by-mail turnout numbers. The data comes straight from the North Carolina Board of Elections, where it is refreshed each morning during the early voting period with the previous day's data. Vote Tracker's data filter allows you to examine turnout in individual counties or districts and take a closer look at turnout for parts of the electorate with searches based on age, sex, party registration or several other factors.

https://carolinaelections.com/tracker/61.

And speaking of early voting turnout, Chatham voters can practically be seen from space!



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Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Canvassing, Canvassing, and More Canvassing (Multiple Dates)

Sign up for one of our upcoming GOTV canvasses!

Siler City -- October 22, 27; November 3, 4, 5

https://www.mobilize.us/chathamcountydems/event/711289/

Northeast Chatham -- October 26, 27, 29; November 2, 3, 4, 5

https://www.mobilize.us/chathamcountydems/event/713833/

CCDP Poll Observer LBJ Training, October 21, 7 p.m. (Zoom)

If you a Poll Observer volunteer, this training is for you. This training covers how to best use LBJ - the online issue reporting platform for Democrat Poll Observers.

Focus of this training

- How to login to LBJ for the first time
- How to check in and see your assignments
- How to report an issue in LBJ
- How to track an issue in LBJ
- Questions

This training is typically less than 30 mins but there is additional time allotted for questions.

I'll be adding shifts as needed so I you don't see a time you can attend please check back at a later time

Sign up at: https://www.mobilize.us/chathamcountydems/event/726971/

2024 General Election Early Voting Poll Greeting (Multiple Dates)

Poll greeting is one of the most important activities volunteers do. We greet voters at the polls, offer them the Sample Democratic Ballot, encourage them to vote for the candidates on BOTH SIDES of the ballot, and thank them for voting. We also provide a friendly face for folks who may not be entirely comfortable or who may be unsure about the process of voting in person.

Sign up at <u>2024 General Election Early Voting Poll Greeting Sign Up</u>. After you sign up, Mobilize will send you a confirmation email with a link to download CCDP's 2024 Poll Greeting Guidelines and a link to optional, but highly recommended, Poll Greeters Training Zoom sessions for both new and experienced poll greeters.

Be a Poll Observer

Interested in being a poll observer on Election Day? This year more than ever CCDP Poll Observers watch for any missteps in the election processes inside each polling place. They've been in use for at least a hundred years as a way to promote election

integrity, with the idea that if both parties are watching, it's much harder for either to tamper with the votes. If something goes amiss, poll observers contact a central incident reporting operation.

Poll observers are approved by the Chatham County Board of Elections before they are allowed to be an observer. The Board of Elections requires us to submit name, address, and telephone number, and therefore we must collect that information here.

Names must be submitted to the Board of Elections in advance so sign up will end on Oct 31st. Please sign up for as many shifts as you can before that date.

You must be a registered voter of Chatham County to be a poll observer in Chatham County.

Sign up <u>here</u>.

Join Our Phone Banking Team

Now is the time to ramp up enthusiasm and engagement! Early voting is under way! CCDP has a goal of delivering 28,000 votes for all 28 Democratic candidates on the ballot in November. To reach that goal, we are calling registered Democrats and left-leaning Unaffiliated Voters to make sure they know that their vote matters. Please volunteer TODAY - By talking to voters on our call lists, you will help make sure that our side shows up in November.

Sign up at: Join Our Phone Banking Team

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

Volunteer Orientation, October 25, November 1 @Zoom

Updates from Siler City

Fellow Siler City Precinct Members, Volunteers and Friends,

Wanted to get another update for the election. As most of you probably know EARLY VOTING started on Thursday, October 17th! We are in the stretch ladies and gentlemen, and far from a sure thing for many candidates.

We want to say thank you, thank you, thank you to those who have helped get us this far! And if you've already signed up to help with future efforts, definitely, thank you. But if you are still thinking about jumping in, now would be the time. We have an office to keep open, ongoing canvasses and polls to maintain. And in the middle of all of that activity are requests for events, projects and phone banking! Can we do it all, sure we can, with a little help from our friends...

The office does make a difference and has resulted in many concerned or excited citizens coming in and prepared voters going out... Up until now the office has been open M-F 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. thanks to a handful of individuals with daylight hours to spare. But if we want to meet all of the GOTV requirements and support the interests being expressed it will take evenings and weekends going forward.

So far, we have had an excellent turnout this year and now we need to finish STRONG! There are so many things going on in Siler City, but also collectively for Chatham in Pittsboro. So, whatever your talent or interest let us know and I'm sure there is effort happening somewhere!

Check it out! Here are the sign-up links for all the opportunities available to participate and get us a WIN!

Siler City Office Slots:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA9AC29A1F8C61-51887249-siler#/

Siler City Canvassing Dates:

https://www.mobilize.us/chathamcountydems/event/711289/

Siler City Early Voting (EV) Poll Greeter Slots:

https://www.mobilize.us/chathamcountydems/event/711299/

Poll Greeter Training Date:

https://www.mobilize.us/chathamcountydems/event/600366/

CCDP Election Night Watch Party, November 5, 6 – 11 p.m., The Plant, Pittsboro

Calling all party animals! Come join your fellow Democrats as we watch the live election results come in! There will be games, prizes, and a cash bar. Participating businesses include bmc Brewing, JDubs Poboys, Lily Den Food Truck, and Fair Game Beverage Company. Sign up at:

https://www.mobilize.us/chathamcountydems/event/717429/

Want to help with Election Night Watch Party decorations? Sign up.

Election Night Watch Party Helpers are needed! Sign up.

Election Night Watch Party Clean-up Detail sign up.

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Other Upcoming Events

Board of Elections Business/Absentee Meeting, October 22, 5 p.m., Board of Elections Office, 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro

The Chatham County Board of Elections will hold its business/absentee meeting on October 22, 2024, 5 p.m.

The public may view the meeting online at. https://meet.goto.com/435738069 .

Coffee With CORE, October 25, 9 – 11 a.m., Chatham Literacy, 1002 W. Third Street, Siler City

Don't miss an opportunity to have a cup of coffee with CORE organizers, partners, and friends. Be a part of the conversation and get connected with the people who share your values for community, family, and justice.

The Climate Food Puzzle: Why We Must Act Now on Food Waste and Food Insecurity, October 29, 6 to 8 p.m., Pittsboro Presbyterian Church, 95 East Street, Pittsboro

Join us to learn more about the interconnections between climate change, food waste, and food insecurity in Chatham. Hosted by the Chatham Climate Action Network.

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

POLLS ARE OPEN! Get out and make your voice heard **EARLY!** You can meet the candidates, find voting locations, check your registration status and make a plan using **candidates.ncdp.org**. Please share this tool so everyone can feel confident voting.

Our digital messages this week are:

Polls are OPEN! - Early voting opened on Thursday in North Carolina and will continue **until 3 p.m. on November 2nd.** Please take this opportunity to vote before Election Day to avoid lines and precinct requirements. Do not forget your **valid photo ID!** We are in the homestretch, y'all! We will show up in masses to the polls and ensure that North Carolina goes blue from the top of the ticket to the bottom! It's time to turn the page on chaos.

Happy Birthday Madam VP - We want to take this opportunity to wish our future Madam President a wonderful birthday! We all know her birthday wish is for everyone in North Carolina to get out and VOTE early so on *November 5th*, it's the blue wave of the century! Let's send the first woman to the White House with record numbers! Happy Birthday, Madam Vice President! North Carolina is sending you all the love (and votes!).

900K Knocks - 900,000 - that's how many doors have been knocked by Democrats for this election, and <u>we need YOU</u> to help us reach **1 MILLION!** Elections are won by grassroots efforts on the ground by everyday people just like you.

Disaster Don - North Carolina is still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Because of <u>misinformation spread online</u> and fueled by Trump, FEMA has struggled to do their jobs in places that desperately need assistance. Time and time again, we see how Trump handles a crisis. Instead of being a stabilizing force, he incites chaos and fear. It's also worth mentioning that Project 2025 calls for cuts to FEMA. When disaster strikes, whether it's a global pandemic, a mass shooting, a violent mob attacking our US Capitol, or a natural disaster, Donald Trump has proven himself to be the absolute worst person to hold an ounce of power. We have to turn the page on MAGA.

See y'all on the Internet, Team NCDP

Early Voting Began in North Carolina Last Thursday!

- Early voting began on Thursday (October 17th) in North Carolina!
- Important reminder for folks in your communities: if they haven't registered to vote yet, they can still register in person!
- This past Sunday, Vice President Kamala Harris made her 19th trip to the Tar Heel State where she rallied over 7,000 North Carolinians in Greenville
- When it comes to early voting sites, the 25 western counties most impacted by Helene had planned for 80 early voting sites. Seventy-five of them will be operational when early voting begins.

New voter ID rules

- Due to Republicans in our legislature, this is the first presidential election where
 residents of our state will be required to present identification when they show up
 to vote. Acceptable forms of ID include a driver's license, passport and student
 photo IDs that have been approved by the state election board.
- There are exceptions if a voter is unable to provide identification and one of those exceptions is a natural disaster. In that case, voters fill out an ID exception form that accompanies their ballot. The state election board notes that county election boards are required to count provisional ballots that include ID exception forms.

No more grace period for mail ballots

- Voters considering casting a ballot by mail should note that, unlike 2020, their ballots need to be received by 7:30 p.m. ET on Election Day.
- During the last presidential race, there was a three-day grace period for ballots to arrive, which has since been eliminated due to our Republican-led legislature.

NC Democratic Party Voter Protection Training to Chase & Cure Ballots

Wednesday, November 6, 12-1pm Wednesday, November 6, 7-8pm via Zoom

If the polls close and there are any races with slim margins - where provisional ballots could make the difference - the NC Democratic Party will call on volunteers to help with the "ballot chase and cure" process.

There's no way to know now which races will be in question or where ballot curing will be needed. Let's be ready to jump in.

In 2020, both canvassers and phone bankers were needed for ballot chasing and curing.

RSVP with NC Democrats for this training **HERE**

Candidate Spotlight Series: Martin Moore

Martin Moore is ready to put his years of experience fighting for the people of North Carolina to work on the appellate bench. He is proud to be the youngest candidate on the statewide Democratic slate this year and will work to deliver just outcomes for every person who steps into our courts.

Raised by two working parents, Nadine and Michael, Martin learned the importance of public service at an early age. He is a proud graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the UNC School of Law. During his time in Chapel Hill, he worked with the North Carolina Supreme Court, NC Attorney General's Office, and The Innocence Project.

He started his legal career as a public defender, helping Western North Carolinians through some of the toughest moments of their lives and fighting for just outcomes in the criminal justice system. He went on to practice at one of the largest firms in Western NC and fought for his clients in complex civil cases in state, federal, and appellate courts. Now, he runs his own law firm that focuses on appellate cases and mediation.

As a Buncombe County Commissioner and policymaker, Martin has seen first-hand the impact the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court have on the lives of North Carolinians. He recognizes the education, healthcare, and justice challenges our communities face and the pivotal role played by the courts in ensuring just outcomes.

Martin knows that fairness and impartiality aren't just concepts: they require an active commitment to integrity and the rule of law and the promise that we will treat every person who steps into our courtrooms with dignity and respect. With years of experience in civil and criminal cases, he understands that the Constitution should

protect all the people of North Carolina and that if we want equal justice under the law, we have to elect judges who are committed to integrity and transparency.

Vote for Martin Moore and send him to the Court of Appeals to defend our freedoms. You can meet all the Democrats on your ballot and make a plan to vote at <u>candidates.ncdp.org</u>. Early voting is underway—you can vote early until November 2nd!

Candidate Spotlight Series: Judge Carolyn Thompson

Judge Carolyn Thompson is a seasoned jurist who is committed to the Constitution and the rule of law. She was appointed to the North Carolina Court of Appeals by Governor Roy Cooper in 2023. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Hampton University and her Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central University School of Law. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Before her appointment to the appellate bench, she served as a District Court Judge, Superior Court Judge, and Deputy Commissioner for the Industrial Commission, accounting for over 26 years of combined legal and judicial experience. During her career as an attorney, she successfully maintained a family law practice for 13 years while simultaneously representing the Department of Social Services in prosecuting petitions of abuse, neglect, and nonsupport of children. Her practice always included representing victims of domestic violence and their children.

Judge Thompson has been active in her community as a volunteer Teen Court Judge and a youth mentor for over ten years to help first-time youth offenders accept responsibility for their conduct while learning about the court system. She is also an ordained minister, where she provides domestic violence awareness workshops for the faith community.

Her judicial philosophy is to interpret the law and apply the same to the facts of each case without bias or influenced agendas. For Judge Thompson, true justice is independent of divisive ideologies and social differences. As a public servant, she is a firm believer in the idea that "to whom much is given, much is required." She is mindful that she stands on the shoulders of generations who paved the way for her academic and legal career and is committed to honoring their sacrifices through service to others.

Judge Thompson and her husband have a blended family of five adult children and six grandchildren. She is also a dog mom to Bo, Zeus and Ollie.

We must keep Judge Carolyn Thompson on our Court of Appeals. Our courts are often the last line of defense against political corruption, and we need someone we can trust to be a voice for us!

You can meet all of the Democrats on your ballot and make a plan to vote at candidates.ncdp.org. Early voting begins on Thursday, October 17!

Campaign Spotlight Series: Ed Eldred

Edward "Ed" Eldred's entire legal career has prepared him to serve the people of North Carolina on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Having grown up and raised his family here, Ed knows our state and brings extensive experience to his judicial candidacy.

Over the past decade, as one of the most well-respected appellate attorneys in North Carolina, Ed has stood up for people from across North Carolina. His commitment to justice is rock-solid, as evidenced by his passionate advocacy for his clients who had no one else to fight for them. In addition to appeals, Ed has represented hundreds of parents in DSS court, and is a board-certified specialist in Child Welfare Law. Ed's successful and extensive work in front of both the North Carolina Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals ensures he is ready to serve on the bench as a judge on day one!

Over fifty years ago, then-Justice Susie Sharp wrote, "The entire judicial system is based upon the faith that a judge will keep his oath." That's never been truer than it is right now. Ed believes we need an independent judiciary to be the co-equal branch of government the Constitution says it is, not a branch beholden to any one person or the other branches' politics. Electing Ed Eldred is pivotal to restoring balance to the Court of Appeals. With his strong and thoughtful dedication to fair, equitable rulings and extensive legal experience, Ed stands as a beacon for safeguarding the rights and liberties of all North Carolinians.

Vote for Ed Eldred and send him to the Court of Appeals to defend our freedoms. You can meet all the Democrats on your ballot and make a plan to vote at candidates.ncdp.org. Early voting is underway—you can vote early until November 2nd at 3pm. Election Day is November 5.

Young Democrats of North Carolina GOTV Phone Bank

We're excited to invite you to join the Young Democrats of North Carolina and the North Carolina Democratic Party for our weekly **Get Out the Vote Phone Bank** every **Tuesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m.** at the NCDP Headquarters!

Whether you're a seasoned pro or new to phone banking, we welcome everyone to help us reach voters across the state. Remember, every call you make brings us closer to electing Young Democrats from Murphy to Manteo!

When: Every Tuesday, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Where: NCDP Headquarters

Virtual Option: Can't join in person? We have a hybrid component via Zoom!

Please email us at dfranch@ncdp.org to receive the Zoom link.

Let's work together to energize our communities and ensure that every voice is heard in this election. We can't wait to see you there!

SIGN UP

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Update from NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives

Reives Report: Helene Recovery Passes; Wolfspeed Secures Federal Investment

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Update from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson

We All Know Who Might Lose

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Links to Events, Trainings, and Actions by Affiliate Organizations

Common Cause North Carolina and Common Cause

Community Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE)

County-to-County; Volunteer Opportunities, Events, and Petitions Near Me

Democracy North Carolina; 2024 Statewide Voter Guides

MegaphoneNC

NC Counts Coalition

Neighbors on Call, Upcoming Events, Canvasses, NC Policy Update.

New North Carolina Project

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Swing Left Durham/Chapel Hill/Chatham

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Cardinal & Pine: <u>Hurricane Helene Will Not Hamper Early Voting</u>, <u>Election</u>

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Indy Week: Tim Walz, Bill Clinton Visit Durham on the First Day of Early Voting

Inside Climate News: <u>Election Throws Uncertainty Onto Biden's Signature</u> Climate Law

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