



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

Upcoming Canvasses

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

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

[Canvassing Orientation and Training,](#) August 13, August 21, @Zoom

[Volunteer Orientation](#), August 16, 23, 30 @Zoom

[Join Our Office Crew](#), August 21, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

[Staffing Tent Events](#), August 24, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

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Other Upcoming Events

Board of Elections Special Meeting, August 13, 1 - 3 p.m., Board of Elections Office, 984 Thompson St, Suite D, Pittsboro

The Chatham County Board of Elections will meet for a closed -session meeting and to conduct a preliminary hearing on a voter challenge. The board will go in closed session, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(3) to consult with an attorney to preserve attorney client privilege at 1 pm. At 2 p.m., the board will conduct a preliminary hearing on a voter challenge filed with the Board to determine whether the challenge was properly filed and if there is probable cause to believe the person is not properly registered to vote. The preliminary hearing is open to the public.

Agenda: [Notice of Preliminary Hearing Voter Challenge - 8.13.24](#)

If you have any questions or concerns about this notice, please contact the Chatham County Board of Elections at 919-545-8500 during regular business hours Monday – Friday.

NC Redistricting Roundtable/Redistribución de distritos de Carolina del Norte, August 13, 2 p.m. (Virtual event sponsored by NC Counts)

In our August call we will focus on some of the election efforts and resources being pushed. After a brief update/recap of the 2024 legislative session, we will be joined by Mr. Allen Blackwell who is the Partnerships Coordinator for the National Voter Registration Day. He will provide information and resources on National Voter Registration Day which is September 17. We will also dive into some of the voter toolkits you all can use in your work, and we'll have updates on our ongoing efforts for a NC Independent Redistricting Commission. The Zoom link to join the meeting is here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoduGrrj4oE9M0Bpnrls0_ofkiZnouT8XN

En nuestra convocatoria de agosto nos centraremos en algunos de los esfuerzos y recursos electorales que se están impulsando. Después de una breve actualización/resumen de la sesión legislativa de 2024, nos acompañará el Sr. Allen Blackwell, quien es el Coordinador de Asociaciones para el Día Nacional del Registro de Votantes; brindará información y recursos sobre el Día Nacional del Registro de

Votantes, que es el 17 de septiembre. También profundizaremos en algunos de los kits de herramientas para votantes que todos pueden usar en su trabajo, y tendremos actualizaciones sobre nuestros esfuerzos continuos para una Comisión Independiente de Redistribución de Distritos en Carolina del Norte. El enlace de zoom para unirse a la reunión está aquí:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoduGrrj4oE9M0Bpnrls0_ofkiZnouT8XN

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.

NCDP and County-to-County Reception with Congressman Jamie Raskin in Raleigh, September 4, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening with Congressman Jamie Raskin (D-MD) to benefit the North Carolina Democratic Party and County-to-County! Hear from NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton and learn about innovative programs to knock doors and engage young voters in 2024. Doors open to ticket holders at 7:15 pm for a 7:30pm start. Address will be provided to attendees.

Donors who contribute at the Host level are invited to a VIP reception at 6:45 pm. There will be a photo line in the VIP reception.

Register at: [Reception with Congressman Jamie Raskin in Raleigh](#)

NOTE: If you purchased a ticket for this event for the original October, 2023 date, your ticket is still valid for the September 4, 2024 event.

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

VP Kamala Harris picks Governor Tim Walz as her running mate

On Tuesday, VP Kamala Harris announced the exciting news that she had picked Minnesota Governor Tim Walz as her running mate.

Governor Walz has been a champion/delivered results on many issues that North Carolinians prioritize: public education, veterans affairs, and agriculture/rural issues.

Tim Walz' Accomplishments as Governor:

- Stronger labor protections
- Universal school meals for every student
- Expanded background checks for gun purchases
- Cannabis legalization
- Paid leave
- 100% clean energy by 2030
- \$1 Billion for housing
- Cut child poverty by $\frac{1}{3}$
- Banned conversion therapy

Walz spent 24 years in the Army National Guard before retiring as a command sergeant major, making him the highest-ranking enlisted soldier to serve in Congress when he joined the House in 2007.

North Carolina used to be known as the public education state before Republicans began their attacks on public schools. As a former public school teacher, Governor Walz prioritizes public education and educators. Walz has devoted much of his term to improving funding and support for the state's young residents. Walz budgeted an over [**\\$2.2 billion increase**](#)— or over 10% — in funding for K-12 schools.

Minnesota has also [**championed free college tuition**](#) for low-income families earning less than \$80,000 a year, which the state predicts will impact between 15,000 and 20,000 students. The budget also increased eligibility for the state's student grant and provided more funding to Indigenous students and universities.

In March 2023, Walz, a former teacher, signed into law a universal free school lunch bill giving students a free breakfast and lunch each day, regardless of income. The bill filled the gap in funding from the National School Lunch Program, which didn't cover the full cost of meals. In addition, the program axed additional paperwork that parents and administrators needed to sign to secure free or reduced-priced meals for students. The program, which costs Minnesota [**nearly \\$300 million**](#) annually, increased the number of

breakfasts served by 30% and lunches by 11% between September 2022 and September 2023.

More Highlights from Governor Walz' background:

- Governor Walz is a champion for America's working families. A former football coach who took his team to the state championship for the first time in the school's history and a Command Sergeant Major in the Army National Guard who went to college on the GI Bill, he won his first race in a Republican district by representing the needs of farmers and rural America. In Congress, he took action for veterans and forged compromise to get things done. As governor, he has done more to help middle class families get ahead than any other statewide leader in recent memory.
- Governor Walz fights and delivers for working families like the one he grew up in. He signed the largest tax cut in state history. He lowered the cost of insulin to \$35 per month. He eliminated junk fees. And, he signed paid leave into law so that parents can take care of sick families without losing their job.
- Governor Walz has stood up for our fundamental freedoms: making Minnesota the first state to pass a law codifying abortion rights after the Supreme Court overturned Roe.
- Governor Walz knows that safe communities mean more cops on the street for accountable community policing. He funded Minnesota police departments, helping hire more cops and invest in body cameras. And, he banned chokeholds to build trust between officers and communities.
- Governor Walz is a gun owner, avid pheasant hunter, and supporter of the Second Amendment - and he, like millions of gun owners, believes that Congress must do more to tackle gun violence in our communities. As governor, he established universal background checks for gun purchases.
- For six terms, Governor Walz represented Minnesota's First Congressional District - a conservative-leaning district where he was only the second Democrat elected since 1890. The son of an Army veteran and a retired Army National Guard member himself, Walz was the ranking member on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, where he passed legislation to help stem veterans' suicides.
- A lifelong Midwesterner, Governor Walz grew up working on his family farm. A former union member, Governor Walz taught high school for two decades. Governor Walz and Mrs. Walz have two children, Hope and Gus. Governor Walz and Mrs. Walz struggled with years of fertility challenges and had their daughter, Hope, through reproductive health care like IVF - further cementing his commitment to ensuring all Americans have access to this care.
- Governor Walz will never stop fighting for America's working families.

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Update from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson, July 31, 2024

[Straight up bribery](#)

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North Carolina Department of Justice Alert

[Attorney General Josh Stein Alert: Storm Watch is Ending, but Scam Watch is On](#)

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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

America, America: [You Can See the Fear - by Steven Beschloss](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [North Carolina Dems rally behind Kamala Harris' VP pick, Tim Walz](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Voting FAQ for NC 2024 election](#)

Chapelboro: [Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson Elected President of NC Sheriffs' Association](#)

CNN Politics: [GOP nominee to run North Carolina schools advocated pro-Trump military coup in January 6 video](#)

Heather Cox Richardson: Letters from an American: [August 4](#) , [August 5](#) , [August 6](#) , [August 7](#) , [August 9](#) ,

Hopium Chronicles: (1) [Harris Leads By 4 in MI/PA/WI In New NYT Polls, Trump Is Melting Down, Time To Go For It Everyone!!!!](#) , (2) [New Harris Ads, Good New Battleground Polls, Working From Joy, Trump Is Melting Down](#) , (3) [Why I Am Optimistic We Will Win \(Video\), Voting on Day 1, Come Call Or Postcard Tonight!](#) , (4) [Harris and Walz Soar, Trump Melts Down, Winning The House Thursdays, Working From Joy](#) , (5) [Harris-Walz - Here We Go People!!!!!!!!!!!!!!](#) , (6) [Vice President Harris Leads, The Democratic Party Is Strong - Let's Put Our Heads Down And Go Win This Thing, Together](#) , (7) [Come To Our Thursday Event for Will Rollins \(CA-41\), It's a New, Bluer Election](#)

Inside Climate News: [Climate Advocates Rally Behind Walz as Harris' VP Pick](#)

Inside Climate News: [North Carolina Environmental Regulators at War Over Water Rules for 'Forever Chemicals'](#)

NC Newslines: [Black voters in swing state NC balance enthusiasm with pragmatic politics](#)

NC Newslines: [Democrats are outraising Republicans in competitive NC legislative districts](#)

New Branchhead: [How the Harris-Walz ticket could play in each of North Carolina's regions](#)

News & Observer: [NC Latino voters are up for grabs, advocates say. Here's why.](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [5 Takeaways From Kamala Harris's First Week With Tim Walz](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Harris Leads Trump in Three Key States, Times/Siena Polls Find](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Inside the Worst Three Weeks of Donald Trump's 2024 Campaign](#)

NY Times: [LULAC Endorses Harris-Walz Ticket, Breaking With Its History](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: House Republicans pivot scrutiny from Biden to Harris](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: Harris has a big campaign launch — and big tests ahead](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: The Tim Walz guide to winning prairie progressives](#)

NY Times: [The Morning: Why Harris picked Walz](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: Harris and Walz Hold First Rally in Philadelphia: Takeaways From Their Speeches](#)

NY Times: [On Politics special edition: Tim Walz is the veep's pick for veep](#)

Politico: [Harris promises to go tough on border security](#)

Politico: [Why Roy Cooper Didn't Want to Be Vetted for Vice President](#)

Politics NC: [I love this ticket](#)

Politics NC: [Tim Walz helps Harris in NC](#)

Politics NC: [Robinson on the run](#)

Public Notice: [Republicans aren't beating the weirdness allegations](#)

Public Notice: [The world has a lot to lose from a second Trump presidency](#)

The Assembly NC: [Lee Roberts is UNC's New Chancellor. Here's What To Know.](#)

The Assembly NC: [North Carolina's \\$55 Million Olympic Dream](#)

The Bulwark: [Get Ready Now: Republicans Will Refuse to Certify a Harris Win](#)

The Liberal Patriot: [Five Key Groups Harris Needs to Rebound With](#)

Time: [How Kamala Harris Got To Yes on Tim Walz](#)

Time: [Politics](#)

Washington Post: [Trump's focus on Georgia election board raises fears for November vote](#)

WRAL: State Health Plan could be unable to pay bills as soon as 2026, NC Treasurer says