



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

Meet and Greet Jessica Holmes, State Auditor, July 31, 5:30 - 7 p.m., at a home in northeastern Chatham County (sign up for location details)

Join us to meet Jessica Holmes, who is running to keep her seat as NC State Auditor. She has served as the 20th North Carolina State Auditor since December 16, 2023.

Jessica received her B.A. and law degrees from the University of North Carolina and has spent her career fighting for working families as a lawyer, a county commissioner, and now as the first Black woman to serve on the North Carolina Council of State. At this event you can hear more from her and ask questions in a relaxed, informal setting. Wine and refreshments, too!

Sign up at: [Meet Jessica Holmes](#)

Pittsboro First Sunday, August 4, 12 - 4 p.m.

Have fun meeting and interacting with voters at the First Sunday in Pittsboro! To sign up to staff the CCDP tent, go to: [Pittsboro First Sunday August 4](#)

Upcoming Canvasses

Five 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 7, August 21, @Zoom

[Volunteer Orientation](#), August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @Zoom

[Join Our Office Crew](#), July 31, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

[Introduction to Voter Registration and Voter Education](#), August 10, August 24, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

[Staffing Tent Events](#), 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

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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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

The Biden Presidency – To President Biden: Thank you for once again showing us why you were the man we needed to beat Donald Trump in 2020. You are a man of decency, and your love and respect for our country cannot be overstated. Not only has this been exemplified by your policymaking, record job creation, Infrastructure Bill, and expansion of broadband internet, but it's also seen in your faith that we can carry the torch you are passing to the next generation. Under your administration, North Carolina has had lower unemployment levels, rural communities have internet access, and roads and bridges are being repaired at this very moment. North Carolina Democrats thank you.

Harris 2024 - After a glowing endorsement from our President, Vice President Kamala Harris accepted the enormous task of rallying Democrats around her to defeat Trump in November. The North Carolina Delegates voted UNANIMOUSLY in favor of Kamala Harris, and she broke fundraising records in the first 24 hours following her endorsement. North Carolina Democrats are proudly supporting Kamala Harris for President 2024!

Sarah Taber - Sarah Taber is running for NC Agriculture Commissioner! [Sarah Taber](#) is a crop scientist and farm operations specialist who wants to prioritize North Carolina's rural farm communities. Her opponent has had five terms to grow North Carolina's agricultural economy. It's time for someone new to fight for North Carolina's farmers! *Remember, local elections have the most direct impact on our lives. Don't skip out on the bottom and back of your ballot!*

Forward - Trump wants to take us back! But we're not going! The direction of progress

and success is always FORWARD. Trump has declared he will reverse every Biden - Harris policy, and we all know what that means - Americans, especially those in rural communities will suffer. If Trump wins, North Carolinians will lose.

By the way: if you're looking for a way to really turn up your involvement for Democrats this cycle, the North Carolina Democratic Party team and the Coordinated Campaign [have a lot of job opportunities open in every department!](#) Come organize with us!

North Carolina DNC Delegation Unanimously Endorses Vice President Kamala Harris for President, Thanks President Biden for His Service

Statement from Chair Clayton:

"North Carolina Democrats are deeply thankful to Joe Biden. He is a true public servant and history will know him as being one of the most consequential and legislatively successful presidents in our nation's history. During his administration, President Biden made historic investments in people – from our jobs, to our health care, to our infrastructure. As always, he has been a champion of our Democratic belief that every American in every community deserves to thrive.

Tonight, our North Carolina Democratic DNC delegation held an emergency meeting and we discussed how to best chart a path forward, build on his success, and unite, ready to win in November.

Our DNC Delegation is thrilled to announce that we unanimously endorse Vice President Kamala Harris to be the next President of the United States. This November it'll be a prosecutor going up against a felon. It will be experience going up against extremism. We know that with the infrastructure and the organizing powerhouse we have spent years building, North Carolina will send VP Harris to the Oval Office.

On a personal note, I got my start in politics working for Vice President Harris' presidential campaign in 2019. I knocked on doors in rural Iowa and got to share the message of why I believe Kamala Harris would be an incredible President. I have carried that belief and conviction with me ever since and I am incredibly moved and thrilled that I get to work hard to make that a reality this November."

VP Harris is the most qualified person to serve as President._

- VP Harris has spent the past four years as a governing partner to the most experienced president in American history.
- She has helped pass and implement historic legislation, and strengthen America's national security through her travels to more than 20 countries and meetings with over 150 world leaders. If elected President, she would enter that office with more significant national security experience than any of the four presidents prior to President Biden.

- Her record as VP builds on a distinguished career as District Attorney, Attorney General, and United States Senator from the nation’s largest state.

VP Harris is the candidate best positioned to beat Donald Trump.

- No one is better prepared than VP Harris to prosecute the case against Donald Trump.
- She is the party’s leading messenger on reproductive freedom and will ensure that Trump’s role in overturning *Roe* is front and center in this election.
- Her work as a prosecutor makes her the ultimate contrast to Trump, the convicted felon.
- She represents the next generation of the Democratic Party and can make the issue of age and fitness a liability for Trump.
- Vice President Harris has already generated strong support from advocates for reproductive rights, democracy, young voters, LGBTQ+ rights, and unions.

VP Harris is best positioned to hit the ground running with the campaign’s existing resources and infrastructure, rather than waiting months to take the fight to Trump.

- She can immediately tap the campaign’s nearly \$96 million in cash-on-hand.
- The campaign has already filed paperwork to re-designate the committee as “Harris for President,” and our campaign is committed to supporting VP Harris and defeating Trump.
- Harris for President has raised \$100 million in less than 36 hours. That includes 1.1 million unique donors – 62% first-time donors.

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District 20 Updates from State Senator Natalie Murdock (Highlights)

Recent Toll Scams

The North Carolina Turnpike Authority was alerted that a text message-based scam, also known as smishing, is fraudulently claiming to represent tolling agencies from across the country. The scammers are claiming to represent the tolling agency and requesting payment for unpaid tolls.

The targeted phone numbers seem to be chosen at random and are not uniquely associated with an account or usage of toll roads.

NC Quick Pass customers can verify a valid text notification in several ways:

- NC Quick Pass will never request payment by text
- All links associated with NC Quick Pass will include ncquickpass.com or secure.ncquickpass.com

This smishing scam is part of a series of smishing scams that the FBI is aware of. The FBI recommends individuals that receive the fraudulent messages do the following:

File a complaint with the IC3, www.ic3.gov, be sure to include:

- The phone number from where the text originated.
- The website listed within the text
- Check your account using the toll service's legitimate website.
- Contact the toll service's customer service phone number.
- Delete any smishing texts received.
- If you clicked any link or provided your information, take efforts to secure your personal information and financial accounts. Dispute any unfamiliar charges.

We encourage all customer to stay alert to these types of scams and to contact us at ncquickpass.com with any questions about NC Quick Pass notifications.

[Read The NCDT Press Release Here](#)

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North Carolina Department of Justice June Highlights

<https://ncdoj.emailnewsletter.us/mail/util.cfm?gpiv=2100168254.93091.0&gen=1>

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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/>

July 29, 6:30 p.m.: [RSVP now for Project 2025: We Have a Plan for That with Senator Elizabeth Warren! \(Zoom Event\)](#)

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

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[Selected News and Opinion Stories](#)

ABC11: [Donald Trump Turns His Full Focus on VP Harris at First Rally Since Biden's Exit From 2024 Race](#)

America, America: [A Joyful Campaign Ahead](#) ; [Will the People Save Democracy in November?](#)

American Freakshow: [Our Laughing Hero](#)

Associated Press: [Kamala Harris Smashes Fundraising Record With Stunning \\$81 Million Haul Over 24 Hours](#)

Axios: [Trump Campaign Plays Defense Amid Harris Honeymoon](#)

Ballotpedia: [Withdrawal of Joe Biden from the 2024 Presidential Election](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Could Gov. Roy Cooper Be the Next Vice President?](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [NC Women Share Why They're Excited to Support Kamala Harris' Presidential Campaign](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [GOP VP Candidate Suggests a Person's Vote Should Count Less if They Don't Have Kids \(Video\)](#)

Carolina Forward: [Making the Innocent Whole](#)

Carolina Forward: [A Tax Policy to Put Working People First](#)

CBS17: [Young Voter Registrations on the Rise Nationwide, Including North Carolina](#)

Chapelboro: [Chatham County Roundup: Pittsboro Mayor Kyle Shipp Talks Town Hall Move, Downtown Streetscape, Parking Study](#)

Heather Cox Richardson: Letters from an American: [July 22](#) ; [July 23](#) ; [July 25](#) ; [July 26](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Why I Am Optimistic We Will Win, Kamala Harris Edition – My Latest Video on the 2024 Election](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [The President’s Speech, We Chose Freedom, My Interview W/Will Rollins, The Economy is Strong](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Kamala Surges, Democrats Rejoice, Mexico’s Most Important Drug Kingpin in U.S. Custody, The VP Meets With Bibi \(Corrected\)](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Hakeem Jeffries Joins Us Monday, My Interview With Laura Gillen \(NY-4\), We Choose Freedom!](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Reminder: Hakeem Jeffries Joins Us Tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. ET. The Program Itself Begins Promptly at 10:15.](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Winning the House With Leader Hakeem Jeffries, New Thursday Night Hopium House Phonebanks and Postcarding](#)

Lucid: [The New Global Wave of Anti-Authoritarianism](#)

Lucid: [Can Democrats Reach Rural Voters? Video from July 26 Q&A.](#)

Media Matters: [A Guide to Project 2025, the Extreme Right-Wing Agenda for the Next Republican Administration](#)

NC Health News: [NC’s Unique Medicaid Renewal Strategy Results in Minimal Issues During ‘Unwinding’](#)

NC Newslines: [DHHS Finds ‘Serious Deficiencies’ in Performance of Nonprofit Led By Wife of Lt. Governor Roberson](#)

New Branchhead: [Could Harris Reawaken the Democratic Coalition in North Carolina?](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Opinion: ‘A Fierce Capacity to Go Right After Trump’: Three Writers on Kamala Harris and the 2024 Shakeup](#)

NY Times: [The Morning: Four Leading V.P. Candidates](#)

NY Times: [The Evening: Harris Narrows Trump's Lead in Times Poll](#)

NY Times: [Election Highlights: Biden Says the Idea of America 'Lies in Your Hands'](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: Tackling the Falsehoods About Kamala Harris](#)

NY Times: [The Kamala Harris Vibe Shift](#)

Politico: [Playbook: The 2 Big Questions Harris Must Answer](#)

Politics NC: [Harris Could Fix Democratic Problems in North Carolina](#)

Public Notice: [The Kamala Harris Hype is Real](#)

Raleigh News & Observer: [If Harris Picks NC's Cooper for VP, Would That Hand the Governor's Job to Mark Robinson?](#)

The Assembly NC: [An Independent Candidate's Tough Battle](#)

The Assembly NC: [The Case for \(and Against\) Roy Cooper for Veep](#)

The Assembly NC: [Your Roy Cooper Starter Pack](#)

The Bulwark: [Trump Camp is Planning to 'Willie Horton' Kamala Harris](#)

The Bulwark: [Trump Camp Calls Harris Buzz 'A Great Wakeup Call'](#)

Time: [My Uncle Donald Trump Told Me Disabled Americans Like My Son 'Should Just Die'](#)

Time: [The D.C. Brief: The Scramble to Define Kamala Harris Before Republicans Do It for Her](#)

Washington Post: [The Campaign Moment](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [7 Options for Harris's V.P. Pick, Broken Down](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [Inside the Online Army Supercharging Kamala Harris's Campaign](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [Harris Embarks on Sprint To Find Democratic Running Mate](#)