



**Chatham County Democratic Party
News You Can Use
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Message from CCDP Chair Sue Blalock

Greetings Chatham Dems,

Like many of you, I am having difficulty processing the results of the election on Tuesday, especially the presidential and judicial races. The losses are bitter and difficult to swallow.

But **we also have a lot of victories to celebrate.** We elected or reelected:

- NC Governor - Josh Stein
- NC Lt. Governor - Rachel Hunt
- NC Attorney General - Jeff Jackson
- NC Secretary of State - Elaine Marshall
- NC Superintendent of Public Instruction - Mo Green

NC State Senator - Natalie Murdock

NC House Representative and Democratic Leader - Robert Reives

NC District Court Judges - Samantha Cabe, Hathaway Pendergrass, Sherri Murrell, and Joal Broun

Chatham County Commissioners - Karen Howard and Amanda Robertson

Chatham County Board of Education Members - Ana Carlson and David Hamm

Chatham Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor - J. Lynn Mann

Finally, our financial contribution to the NC House Caucus helped **break the supermajority in the NC General Assembly. Governor-elect Stein will have the power of the VETO!**

And, **Vice President Harris Carried Chatham.** Chatham delivered 28,818 votes for Vice President Harris, representing 55.4% of the total votes cast in Chatham. That surpassed our goal of delivering at least 28,000 votes for every candidate we supported. It also surpassed the performance of President Biden in 2020 (26,787 votes representing 55.1% of the votes cast in Chatham) and Hillary Clinton in 2016 (21,065 votes representing 52.9% of the votes cast in Chatham). **We are proud to join the other 21 counties in NC where Harris received the majority of votes cast.**

Unofficial Turnout Statistics. A total of 52,224 of the 63,252 registered voters in Chatham County voted in the 2024 Election, **giving us the highest overall turnout in North Carolina at 82.6%.** You can check out at the stats here. I expect Democratic turnout in Chatham to be a few percentage points higher, but the data are not yet available to determine the exact percentage.

And that brings us to the 2024 Chatham Turnout Contest. Remember that the contest goal was to guess the number of people who would vote in the 2024 Election, without going under. We had a total of 67 entries. 22 people were eliminated because they under-estimated us. And the winner is (drum roll, please): Ann Willis who estimated that 52,975 people would vote! Great job, Ann.

I have ended many of these messages with the phrase, Forward together! And, that is how I will end this one as well. I am disappointed with America, but I am certainly not disappointed with Chatham Dems. We did what we set out to do and we left it all on the field. In the next few weeks, we will regroup and hit the ground running in 2025. It is clear that we have much more work to do.

Forward together!

Sue

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Upcoming Events

North Carolina Chase and Cure Training and Phone Bank, November 11 - November 14, 12:30 - 3 p.m., (Virtual Event)

We're calling North Carolina likely Democratic voters who had to cast a provisional ballot or whose absentee ballots were rejected by their County Boards of Election, to give them the information they need to get their votes counted! The folks we're calling have already cast their ballot and are committed to making their voices heard in this election, so these calls are less about persuasion than information and guidance. Nevertheless, the calls can be sensitive, as voters may be hearing for the first time that there was a problem with their absentee ballot. But as long as you remain reassuring and informative, voters are nearly always appreciative that somebody reached out to help them.

No experience necessary, though you will need to use your computer, an online script/calling platform, and your phone to make these calls, so comfort with computers is important. We will train you for the first 30 minutes, stay on to support you along the way, and debrief for 10 minutes at the end.

You'll need a computer with internet and a phone; tablets/iPads aren't recommended for compatibility issues.

Sign up for as many shifts as you can at: [North Carolina Chase & Cure Training and Phone Bank](#)

Redistricting Roundtable/ Reunión de Redistribución de Distritos, November 12, 2 p.m. @Zoom

I know it's been a challenging week, and we're all feeling the weight of it. To respect your time and energy, we'll keep this meeting to one hour (or less). During the meeting we will share how we can best support each other, both individually and collectively. We'll briefly dive into a discussion on how redistricting has influenced the recent legislative elections. And we're also excited to have colleagues from the Union of Concerned Scientists present [their findings](#) on improving the redistricting process. Consider this meeting a chance to come together, reflect, and offer one last opportunity to connect as a community before the year ends. I hope you can join us.

[Join us via zoom through this link -](#)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoduGrrj4oE9M0Bpnrls0_ofkiZnouT8XN](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8445122060)

*Espero que este mensaje te encuentre bien. Nuestra próxima reunión de Redistribución de Distritos se acerca **Martes 12 de noviembre, a las 14:00 horas.***

*Sé que ha sido una semana desafiante y todos sentimos su peso. Para respetar su tiempo y energía, mantendremos esta reunión para **una hora (o menos)**. Durante la reunión compartiremos cómo podemos apoyarnos mejor unos a otros, tanto individual como colectivamente. Nos sumergiremos brevemente en una discusión sobre cómo la redistribución de distritos ha influido en las recientes elecciones legislativas. Y también estamos entusiasmados de tener presentes a colegas de la Unión de Científicos Preocupados. [sus hallazgos](#) para mejorar el proceso de redistribución de distritos. Considere esta reunión como una oportunidad para reunirse, reflexionar y ofrecer una última oportunidad para conectarse como comunidad antes de que termine el año. Espero que puedas unirte a nosotros.*

Únase a nosotros vía zoom a través de este enlace:

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

Board of Elections Provisional/Supplemental Absentee Meeting, November 14, 4 p.m., 984 Thompson St, Suite D, Pittsboro

The public may view the meeting online at <https://meet.goto.com/764519141>.

**Board of Elections Canvass – Finalize Election, November 15, 11 a.m.
November 15, 2024, 11:00 a.m.**

The public may view the meeting online at <https://meet.goto.com/737102813>.

CORA Turkey Tuesday Food Bank Collection Day, November 16, 5 - 7 p.m., Food Lion, 70 Ballaentrae Ct., Pittsboro

We will be helping CORA collect food for those most needy this holiday season in front of the Food Lion on 15-501. As shoppers enter the store, we will provide a list of the most needed foods for the coming holidays. Then, if they want, shoppers can purchase item/s from the list and deposit them in a CORA box as they leave the store.

Come join us to help the needy. It's such a fun and rewarding day! You may wear your CCDP tee shirt, hat, and/or volunteer name badge to the event. People of all ages are encouraged to participate in this event!

Sign up at: [CORA Turkey Tuesday Food Bank Collection Day](#)

CORE November Community Dinner, November 19, 5:30 p.m., Mt. Sinai AME Church, 176 Chatham St., Pittsboro

Community Dinner is a year event where we come together to share a warm meal, exchange stories, and enjoy the company of our community before the holiday rush. Register [here](#)

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

Statement from NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton, November 6

NCDP Chair Statement on Election Night Results

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

“Last night, the country did not go the way we wanted. We all wanted to see this country choose a new way forward. Vice President Harris ran a bold, hopeful, joyful campaign and I remain thankful for her service to our country and our values. Our role as Democrats just got that much more important. Our neighbors - the world - are looking to us to hold Donald Trump accountable during his presidency.

Here’s what gives me hope: despite the national trends, North Carolina Democrats were able to fend off the red wave here at home and reject the most extreme candidates our state has ever seen.

North Carolinians turned the page on Mark Robinson and elected Josh Stein as our next Governor.

North Carolinians chose Jeff Jackson as our next Attorney General over Dan Bishop, who lost our state millions with his harmful HB2 bill.

North Carolinians flipped the Lieutenant Governor seat to Democrats by electing Rachel Hunt.

North Carolinians sent Michele Morrow a message that our public schools are worth fighting for and protecting by electing Mo Green.

Don Davis will stay in congress thanks to folks on the ground in NC-01 choosing experience over extremism.

And in spite of the GOP’s best effort to draw the most aggressive gerrymander in the country, Democrats, Independents, and Republicans came together to break the supermajority through competitive races like Lindsey Prather, Dante Pittman, Beth Helfrich, and Bryan Cohn to hand the veto pen to Governor-elect Stein.

While Tuesday’s results were not all we wanted, this is also not the time to panic. This is the time to plan. Democrats in our state should be proud of what we were able to accomplish. We defied the odds and we showed that when there’s pushback, there’s always progress. We all helped move our state forward, together.”

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Message from NC Governor-Elect Josh Stein

North Carolina, I am incredibly honored to have been elected as your next Governor. Last week, we came together to embrace a vision for our state that is optimistic, forward-looking, and welcoming — and I couldn't be more excited.

Now, I'm ready to hit the ground running. But first, I need a winning team that is ready to tackle the tough issues for North Carolinians on day one. Are you or someone you know interested in joining my team?

JOIN OUR TEAM

As your next Governor, I'm determined to build a safer, stronger North Carolina — but to do that, I need the best team possible. I'm counting on folks stepping up to serve our state.

If you are interested in helping move North Carolina forward, learn more about how you can apply to join my administration now: stein2024transition.org

Together, I know we can deliver on North Carolina's promise.

Thanks,

Governor-elect Josh Stein

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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](#); [Non-Partisan Voter Guides](#)

[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

American Freakshow: [The Unforgiven](#)

Axios: [Top MeckDems Executive Resigns, Alleging Racism and Hostility Within the Organization](#)

Axios: [Democrat Josh Stein defeats Republican Mark Robinson in North Carolina governor's race](#)

Axios: [Election results map: Trump wins 2024 presidential election](#)

Axios: [North Carolina voters once again split their tickets for Trump and a Democrat for governor](#)

Axios: [NC Democrats break GOP legislative supermajority](#)

Axios: [The North Carolina races that broke the GOP's legislative supermajority](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Despite Trump's victory, Democrats have big night in North Carolina](#)

Carolina Forward: [Three Big Answers](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Turnout on track for record in NC for 2024](#)

CNN: [Pentagon officials discussing how to respond if Trump issues controversial orders](#)

FWIW: [How the internet shaped Trump's victory](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [New Post-Election Pods and Posts](#); [Vice President Harris's Concession Speech](#); [Early Thoughts On The Election](#); [Bynum Flips OR-5, Hopium Thank You Event in LA Friday, Ballot Curing, Post-Election Pods, Posts and Video](#); [New Hopium Series on What Happened and What Comes Next](#)

Indy Week: [Incumbents hold NC house, senate seats, GOP picks up two](#)

Inside Climate News: [Despite Climate Concerns, Young Voter Turnout Slumped and Its Support Split Between the Parties](#)

Inside Climate News: [Climate Initiatives Fare Well Across the Country Despite National Political Climate](#)

Inside Climate News: [Why Didn't Climate Change Come Up More in the Presidential Campaign?](#)

Letters from An American: Heather Cox Richardson: [November 6](#), [November 7](#), [November 8](#)

Lucid: [Checking In](#); [Video of Nov. 3 Q&A w/Sherrilyn Ifill](#), [The Aftermath](#).

NC Health News: [How the election will shape health policy in NC](#)

New York Times (Gift Article): [Opinion: The Democratic Blind Spot That Wrecked 2024](#)

New York Times: [Which North Carolina counties voted for Trump and Harris](#)

New York Times: [Trump on Trial alert: Election win helps Trump fight off legal charges](#)

New York Times: [On Politics: Democrats consider an autopsy, but who's the coroner?](#)

New York Times: [On Politics: The second pandemic election](#)

New York Times: [On Politics: The short campaign may have been Harris's undoing — and Biden's fault](#)

New York Times: [The Evening: Trump makes his first moves](#)

New York Times: [The Evening: Trump's America](#)

New York Times: [The Morning: Democrats Who Won](#)

New York Times: [The Morning: How inflation shaped voting](#)

New York Times: [The Morning: President Trump](#)

New York Times: [Why Trump's connotations beat Harris's "kumbaya"](#)

NPR: [See how world leaders reacted to the 2024 Trump win](#)

NPR: [Ballot results: Voters weighed in on abortion access, marijuana legalization and voting rights](#)

Politico: [Democratic governors, AGs plot 2025 Trump resistance](#)

Politico: ['We know what is coming': Federal bureaucrats wrestle with fight-or-flight response to Trump election](#)

Politico: [The Stunning Geography of Trump's Victory](#)

Politico: [Trump Dodged the Law. Blame Merrick Garland, Mitch McConnell and the Supreme Court](#)

Politico: [Donald Trump wins 2024 presidential election](#)

PoliticsNC: [What happened](#)

Popular Information: [Through the darkness, some rays of light](#)

Public Notice: [The wreckage Merrick Garland leaves behind](#)

Public Notice: [The global anti-incumbent backlash doomed Kamala Harris](#)

Stop The Presses: [The fascists want us to shut up. Don't.](#)

The Assembly NC: [What Happened to the Youth Vote?](#)

The Assembly NC: [Democrat Mo Green Defeats Michele Morrow To Lead N.C. Public Schools](#)

The Assembly NC: [Mark Robinson's Predictable Implosion](#)

The Assembly NC: [Jeff Jackson Maintains Democratic Hold on Attorney General's Office](#)

The Assembly NC: [Mike Causey Wins Insurance Commissioner Race](#)

The Assembly NC: [Luke Farley Wins N.C. Labor Commission Race](#)

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The Assembly NC: [The State's Democrats Ask: What the Meck?](#)

The Atlantic: [Trump Has Won, but Democracy Is Not Over](#)

The Status Kuo: [Hard Truths](#)

Time: [Democrats Are Playing the Blame Game. Leave Trans Kids Out of It](#)

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Washington Post (Gift Article): [Democrats Face a Reckoning and a Long Rebuilding. There is No Quick Fix.](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [How Women Feel About Another Trump Term: Despair, Anger, Relief, Elation](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [How Kamala Harris – And Joe Biden – Lost to Donald Trump and Left Democrats in Shambles](#)

Washington Post: [The Post Most](#)

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