



**Chatham County Democratic Party
News You Can Use
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Sign Up To Rally With Vice President Kamala Harris This Thursday!

The Harris - Walz North Carolina Team is excited to extend an invitation to you and your county party members to join Vice President Kamala Harris for a campaign rally on September 12th in Greensboro, NC!

The link to the RSVP form is [here](#). The event will take place in the evening. Final event time and location will be announced to confirmed guests only 24-36 hours before the event. This RSVP is required for the event, but does not guarantee admission.

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New CCDP Office Opening in Downtown Siler City

I am most pleased to announce we are opening an office in downtown Siler City!

It will be operating for the next two months to cover the general election in the West for this cycle. There have many changes in Town with poll locations, process and requirements. Our goal is to ensure every voter knows when, where, and how to vote!

The location is **235-A North Raleigh St**, across from Caviness Printing, and we are moving in on September 9th. We plan to be open from **10-2pm, Mon-Fri**, and with some volunteers willing to staff it we can do evening and weekend hours as well. There are a few items coming in to get up and running on Monday, but there is still a need for chairs, desks, tables (especially one of those tall types), refrigerator, coffeemaker, etc. If you have something you think we could use, please contact Jesse or me.

We hope to have a 'opening' party as soon as possible so please come by to check it out, say hello and help us plan and organize. We will make history once again if we **DO SOMETHING!** I look forward to the journey together with my neighbor. See you soon, and we will be publishing the office number after Monday.

Pam Hawe, CCDP WSC Precinct Chair; & Jesse Scotton, CCDP ESC Precinct Chair

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Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Meet Ed Eldred, NC Appeals Court Judicial Candidate, September 25, 5 - 6:30 p.m., Sponsored by West Williams, Farrington Village (Location To Be Provided)

Over the past decade, Democrat Ed Eldred has been one of the most well-respected appellate attorneys in North Carolina. He has stood up for people from all over our state. 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. 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!

Electing Ed 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.

Meet Ed in a relaxed and informal setting where you can listen to his plans for the office and ask your questions. Wine and refreshments as well!

Sign up at: [Meet Ed Eldred, Candidate for NC Court of Appeals](#)

Volunteer at PEPPERFEST at the Plant, September 29, 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., 192 Lorax Lane, Pittsboro

We need volunteers to staff the Chatham County Democratic Party's Tent at the 17th Annual Peppercorn at the Plant in Pittsboro. This fun event features music, food and beverages, a pop-up market, and of course peppers! There will be a pepper condiment competition, a pepper patch and a chili cook off!

Volunteer at: [PEPPERFEST at the Plant](#)

Meet Justice Allison Riggs, NC Supreme Court and NC Representative Robert Reives, Democratic Leader, October 7, 6 - 7:30 p.m., CORA Food Pantry

Join us for this exciting event to meet NC Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs and NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives, two of NC finest, running to keep their seats.

Justice Riggs was appointed to the NC Supreme Court in 2023 by Governor Roy Cooper. She has spent her entire career fighting for equal justice under the law for every person, regardless of wealth or skin color. Justice Riggs is an accomplished litigator, having argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in several landmark redistricting cases. Prior to her current position on the NC Supreme Court, she served on the NC Court of Appeals, and beforehand, served as Co-Executive Director for Programs and Chief Counsel for Voting Rights at the Southern Coalition for Social Justice in Durham. She's a strong advocate for our constitutional and voting rights.

Minority Leader Reives has served in the North Carolina House of Representatives since 2014. He represents House District 54, which includes all of Chatham County and portions of Randolph County. Rep. Reives is known for his skills working across party lines and has sponsored legislation to strengthen public schools and to help protect children, the disabled, the environment, and property rights. He listens to the needs of the constituents and has championed specific legislation to help Chatham County meet its vision of tomorrow.

At this event you can hear more from both of them (they are great speakers!) and ask questions in a relaxed informal setting. There will be refreshments too!

Sign up at: [Meet NC Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs and Rep. Robert Reives](#)

Join Our Phone Banking Team

Now is the time to ramp up enthusiasm and engagement! Early voting for the November election begins on October 17th. The Chatham County Democratic Party has set a goal of delivering 28,000 votes for all of the 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. As Larry Sabato has said: "Every election is determined by the people who show up."

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](#)

Become an Election Influencer

We all influence the results of elections when we vote.

Our Election Influencers kick it up a notch. They make a commitment to educate themselves about the upcoming election (for example, when Early Voting starts and where folks can vote) and the candidates running for office. They also make a commitment to help spread the word -- making sure other people they know:

- Are registered to vote (if eligible),
- Know how to vote,
- Are able to either get to the polls or vote by mail, and
- Have accurate information about all the candidates on the ballot so that they can make informed choices too.

We make it easy for Chatham County residents to become Election Influencers. We will send you information about: important election rules (for example, Photo ID); days, times, and places people can vote; and candidates we endorse. Your job is to share the info with family and friends, and encourage them to become Election Influencers too!

Sign up at: [Become an Election Influencer](#)

Upcoming Canvasses

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

In addition, a new canvass in conjunction with the Coordinated Campaign has just been added in North Williams Precinct on Saturday, September 14, from 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Sign up at: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncvictory2024/event/647221/>

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

[Canvassing Orientation and Training](#), September 18 and 24, @Zoom

[Volunteer Orientation](#), September 13, 18, 20, 27 @Zoom

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Other Upcoming Events

National Day of Service Volunteer Fair, September 11, 3 - 6 p.m., 79 Degrees West Coworking Space & Innovation Hub, 120 Mosaic Boulevard #120, Pittsboro

Join us at the **National Day of Service Volunteer Fair** at 79°West Coworking Space & Innovation Hub! Connect with local organizations and find opportunities to give back to the community. Event will include refreshments, trivia, and prizes! This is a drop-in event, so stay for as little or long as you like.

This fair is organized by the **Chatham Community Engagement Task Force** - made up of Chatham Literacy, Chatham Partnership for Children, Chatham County Aging Services, CORA, and Second Bloom - an alliance of organizations working toward the betterment of our community.

Think of this event as a one-stop shop for volunteer opportunities in which you will have access to many agencies that have an immediate need(s) for volunteers.

As a prospective volunteer, you'll engage with representatives from different agencies, learn about their missions, and explore how your skills and interests align with their needs. At the end of the event, you'll fill out a card indicating which organizations you'd like to volunteer with, and they will follow up with you within a week to get you started.

This lively event promises to be both fun and rewarding, featuring trivia, prizes and light refreshments. It's an easy, perfect way to get involved in the community.

There is no fee for volunteers to attend. Simply bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to make a difference. We look forward to welcoming you and helping you find the perfect volunteer opportunity!

Register [here](#).

Taking Back the Courts 101: A Crash Course for Volunteers and Voters, September 11, 7 p.m. (Zoom Event)

Join Anderson Clayton and our statewide judicial candidates for the civics lesson you wish you'd had in high school!

Judges are the backstop to protect democracy and our freedoms, but Republican-led courts are trampling our rights and rubber-stamping the right-wing legislature's unconstitutional policies. We CAN have nice things -- IF we take back the courts.

Meet our fantastic statewide judicial candidates, Justice Allison Riggs, Judge Carolyn Thompson, Commissioner Martin Moore, and Ed Eldred. And find out how to help get them elected!

Sign up at: mobilize.us/ncdems/event/671978/

**Kids Voting Chatham Kick-off Event for Families with Children Ages 5+,
September 13, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Chatham Community Library, Holmes Family
Meeting Room, 197 NC-87, Pittsboro**

Families with children and teens are invited to join us for the Kids Voting Chatham kick-off event. Enjoy crafts, activities, videos and more that will familiarize young people with the electoral process in Chatham County, North Carolina, and the United States.

Kids Voting Chatham is a non-partisan effort to help youth under 18 understand and believe in the power they have as engaged citizens and informed voters. Kids Voting Chatham builds civic skills, knowledge, and agency & identity in Chatham's young people well before they turn 18. We nurture each of these elements through: educational tools, family engagement, youth voice, and authentic kid elections.

Partnering with [NC Cooperative Extension](#) and [4-H Youth Development](#), Chatham Community Library will host the kick-off event in the Holmes Family Meeting Room. Free and open to the public, no registration required.

For more information, contact Youth Services at (919) 545-8085 or youth.services@chathamlibraries.org. Members of the media interested in attending/covering this event must notify Public Information Officer Kara Lusk in advance at 919-542-8258 or kara.lusk@chathamcountync.gov.

**2024 NC Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidate's Forum, September 14,
10 a.m. (Virtual Event)**

Democratic candidate Mo Green and Republican Candidate Michele Morrow will participate in a candidate's forum sponsored by Public Schools First NC and moderated by Jeff Tiberii, co-host of WUNC's "Due South."

Please [register](#) and we'll send a link to the livestream the morning of September 14th. Download a [promotional flyer](#) and share with your friends!

**Western Chatham NAACP Candidate Forum, September 26, 6 p.m., Chatham
County Agricultural and Conference Center, Pittsboro**

Meet 20 candidates (all political parties) at the Western Chatham NAACP Candidate Forum, Thursday, September 26. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m, for a 6 p.m. start at the Chatham County Ag Center in Pittsboro. Light refreshments will be provided.

Candidates for these contested races will attend: U.S. Congressional Districts 4 and 9; six Council of State offices; three NC Supreme Court and Court of Appeals judges; our NC House District 54 and NC Senate District 20 representatives; and one Chatham Board of Education seat, District 2.

The Western Chatham NAACP is sponsoring this event with the Hispanic Liaison to reach all Chatham voters. Spanish translators will be available.

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

Her-Story - Vice President Kamala Harris is going to make history this November, and millions of little girls are no longer going to have to “just believe” they could be President one day, they will be able to see that they can be President of the United States.

9/11 - Twenty-three years ago, our nation was forever changed. We will never forget the bravery and sacrifice of our law enforcement, fire departments, and emergency responders. In a moment of such tragedy, we witnessed the extraordinary actions of so many ordinary people, many of whom simply thought September 11 would be another day on the job. We will never forget.

Jeff Jackson - Representative [Jeff Jackson](#) is running for North Carolina Attorney General. We need to have someone with integrity to follow our current AG Josh Stein when he becomes Governor of NC! Jeff Jackson is qualified, honorable, and cares about all North Carolinians. His opponent, by contrast, put North Carolina in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons with that horrible bathroom bill that he created (hb2). Jeff Jackson is bringing politics to the people rather than forcing people to come to politics. He’s known nationally for his ability to take complex bureaucratic issues and explain them to everyday Americans who don’t have time to watch hours of C-Span every evening. We deserve to have an Attorney General who sees us, is accountable to us, and fights for us! We deserve Jeff Jackson.

NC Strong - In 2021, President Joe Biden inherited a country that was in chaos and panic. He committed to bringing stability and decency back to the White House and that’s exactly what he delivered. The Biden-Harris Administration has brought our jobs back and created more, and continues to fight inflation. Caring for American families wasn’t just a campaign slogan for the Biden-Harris administration, it was a commitment to the people who keep our country running.

Debate Night - Mark your calendars for the first presidential debate! We will finally have the opportunity to see what we’ve all known to be true. Donald Trump represents chaos and instability, and Kamala Harris represents security, hope, and justice. Don’t miss the Presidential debate on Sept. 10 at 9PM EST on ABC.

NC Democrats Call on Justice Phil Berger Jr. to Recuse Himself from Cases Involving his father, Senator Phil Berger Sr.

- At a press conference held at Goodwin House, NC Democrats called on Justice Phil Berger Jr. to recuse himself from two high-profile cases involving his father, state Senate leader Phil Berger Sr

- The calls for recusal follow a ruling by the North Carolina Supreme Court on Friday, which denied Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's motion seeking Berger Jr.'s recusal.
- In the two cases, Cooper is challenging laws passed by the General Assembly that remove his authority to appoint members to various boards and commissions. One of these laws, currently under injunction by a lower court, would significantly redesign state and local election boards, transferring all appointments to legislative leaders, including Senator Berger, who is named as a defendant in both cases.
- The law in question does not represent the first time Republicans have sought changes to election boards. Following Cooper's election in 2016, Republican lawmakers introduced a similar bill, which the state Supreme Court struck down, ruling that it violated the state constitution's separation of powers clause.
- In 2018, Republicans proposed a constitutional amendment to restructure election boards, but more than 61% of voters rejected it. And last year, Republicans overturned Cooper's veto and enacted a bill that overhauled the boards
- Even if Berger Jr. had recused himself, the cases would still have been heard by a majority of Republican justices, as the party holds a 5-2 majority on the state's high court. That should have made the obvious choice to recuse himself even easier. But doing the right and honorable thing doesn't come easy to Berger Jr. or his father.
- The Bergers aren't even trying to hide it. This is blatant. This is intentional. And most importantly, this is calculated.
- Folks across the country are looking at the U.S. Supreme Court and they're seeing the corruption, witnessing partisan judges taking away their rights, and they're feeling helpless. While our state Supreme Court is just as corrupt, if not worse, we at least have a say in who sits on our state Supreme Court. We as NC voters have the power and the vote to break the cycle of corruption we're witnessing on the Paul Newby-led court.
- That's why it is a priority of the NC Democratic Party that we tell folks across our state just how important it is to keep Justice Alison Riggs on the bench.
- "By trying to take control of them, Senator Berger is trying to further rig our election system against the voters. They see the writings on the wall that they're going to lose their supermajority and lose the governor's race in November, and now they are hell bent on passing and locking in legislation and court rulings that take away the power of our vote and coronate themselves," said Chair Anderson Clayton.
- "When you have a justice sitting on that court listening to his father, who is a party in a

case, argue his side should win, that is not impartial, that is not unbiased, that is a real detriment to the fairness of our system,” said Rep. Marcia Morey.

- Rep. Morey, a former chief district court judge, said she ordered recusals even if judges were Facebook friends with lawyers involved in cases before them. Morey said Berger Jr.’s involvement in the case damages public confidence in the judicial system.

Take Action: [Call on Justice Phil Berger To Recuse](#)

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Sign Up for Newsletters from U.S. Rep. Valerie Foushee

Her Summer Update is now available. Sign up [here](#) to receive her newsletters.

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Update from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson

[Shutdown, Bribery, and Kindergarten](#)

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Consumer Alert from Attorney General Josh Stein

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

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

[Democracy North Carolina](#) ; [2024 Voter Education Resource Order Form \(Free\)](#)

[MegaphoneNC](#)

[NC Counts Coalition](#)

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[New North Carolina Project](#)

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

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