



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

Greetings, Chatham Dems:

As I am sure everyone has heard, President Biden withdrew from the presidential race on Sunday and endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to replace him atop the Democratic ticket. In taking those steps, he modeled how leaders in a democratic

society are expected to behave—putting the needs of the country above their own personal needs. It was the selfless act of a true patriot.

And this is our moment.

The following excerpt was taken from President's Biden's campaign website a few months ago.

“I know America. I know we're good and decent people. I know we're still a country that believes in honesty and respect, and treating each other with dignity. That we're a nation where we give hate no safe harbor. We believe that everyone is equal, that everyone should be given a fair shot to succeed in this country. Every generation of Americans have faced a moment when they have to defend democracy. Stand up for our personal freedom. Stand up for the right to vote and our civil rights. And this is our moment.”

I am thrilled to report that the North Carolina Delegation to the Democratic National Convention (168 delegates) has unanimously endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to be the next President of the United States. I look forward to her receiving the nomination at the Convention next month.

At the same time, we cannot forget that there are crucial races up-and-down the ballot this year. We are working tirelessly to support 28 candidates running for office in November – folks like Josh Stein, Jeff Jackson, Mo Green, Allison Riggs, Robert Reives.....and the list goes on. [Click [here](#) for a complete list of the candidates we support.] The outcome of these races will shape the future of North Carolina for decades.

This is our moment. I know that Chatham Dems will rise to the occasion.

Want to help us write history? Click [here](#) to learn more about volunteer training opportunities.

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Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Join Young Democrats in Chatham County With a Special Guest! July 25, 6 – 8 p.m., Breakaway Café, 58 Chapelton Court, Chapel Hill

Join the NC Coordinated Campaign and special guests for a discussion about how young people can take action to stop NC Republicans and Donald Trump in the 2024 election! Enjoy a night of fun, fellowship and free food at Breakaway Cafe. This event will be an amazing way to meet like-minded young folks who are fired up about electing NC Democrats!

We encourage folks who are older than 40 to be considerate about the purpose of this event before signing up. Young families are welcome at this event! Sign up [here](#).

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](#)

Chatham Dems Are Fired Up! An Evening With Jeff Jackson, Mo Green, and Robert Reives, Benefitting CCDP, August 6, 6:30 p.m., Chapel Hill

Join Chatham County Democratic Party and Rep. Robert Reives for Chatham Dems Are Fired Up!, an evening with Rep. Jeff Jackson, candidate for NC Attorney General; and Mo Green, candidate for NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, August 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m. (remarks at 7 p.m.), Governors Club, 11000 Governors Club Drive, Chapel Hill.

Enjoy elegant nibbles, dessert, and wine and hear the candidates seeking to lead North Carolina into a bright, fair, safe, and prosperous future. All proceeds fuel dynamic voter education and vital get-out-the-vote efforts. [Tickets](#) start at \$125.

Seats are almost gone for this event. Don't miss this exceptional chance to learn how we all can make an impact now and this November. All proceeds from this special event fund the work of the Chatham County Democratic Party in supporting ALL Democratic candidates up and down the ballot in Chatham County.

And speaking of impacts, see how your contributions make a significant difference. [Check out our Semi-Annual Report!](#)

Thank you for your support and hope to see you August 6th!

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](#), July 24, August 7, August 21, @Zoom

[Volunteer Orientation](#), July 26 @Zoom

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

[Introduction to Voter Registration and Voter Education](#), July 27, August 10, August 24, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

[Staffing Tent Events](#), July 27, 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

“Smart Policy, Stellar Candidates” Panel Discussion, July 24, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom), Sponsored by Neighbors on Call and County-to-County

[Join Education Leaders and Candidates](#) for another **“Smart Policy, Stellar Candidates”** panel, on Wed., July 24, at 7:30 p.m. What's at stake for NC's students and educators in this election? How can we achieve the free, well-funded, world-class public education system all children deserve? The panel for this episode features [Mo Green](#) (Democratic candidate for NC Superintendent of Public Instruction), [Safiyah Jackson \(HD 37\)](#), [Claire Kempner \(HD 9\)](#), and [Dr. Lorenza Wilkins \(HD 25\)](#). Join us early at 7 p.m. for a quick introduction to canvassing!

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 NC Governor Roy Cooper, July 12, 2024

[North Carolina Celebrates More Than 500,000 Enrolled in Medicaid Expansion](#)

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

NC Democratic DNC Delegation Unanimously Endorses Vice President Kamala Harris for President, Thanks President Biden for His Service, Press Release, July 21, 2024

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

“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."

Trump Picks J.D. Vance as his Running Mate

Trump picked J.D. Vance as his running mate because Vance will do what Mike Pence wouldn't on January 6: bend over backwards to enable Trump and his extreme MAGA agenda, even if it means breaking the law and no matter the harm to the American people.

- Vance has called Donald Trump's Project 2025 agenda full of "good ideas," and as a vice president would make it his mission to implement Project 2025.
- Here's what else America needs to know about J.D. Vance and his extreme agenda:
 - Vance's views on reproductive freedom and women's rights would take us back decades. He supports a nationwide ban on abortion, and criticizes exceptions for rape and incest survivors – saying "two wrongs don't make a right" and calling those circumstances "inconvenient."
 - He's admitted he would not have certified the 2020 election results, echoes Trump's baseless election denial lies, and has repeatedly attempted to whitewash the January 6 insurrection.
 - He's railed against the Affordable Care Act, which provides protections for millions of Americans with preexisting conditions.
 - He's called Social Security and Medicare "the biggest roadblocks to any kind of real fiscal sanity."
 - Vance has a reputation as one of the most far-right extremists in Washington, calling MTG "a friend" and endorsing a January 6 rally attendee for Congress.
- Americans now have a choice between two starkly contrasting visions for our future: the Biden-Harris ticket, which is focused on uniting the country, creating opportunity for everyone, and lowering costs; or Trump-Vance – whose harmful agenda will take away Americans' rights, hurt the middle class, and make life more expensive – all while benefiting the ultra-rich and greedy corporations.

Mark Robinson Raising Eyebrows for Speaking at RNC After "Some Folks Need Killing!" Comments

As prominent leaders in both parties are calling for tempers to cool and civility to be restored, Mark Robinson's appearance at the RNC is raising eyebrows online. In the last few weeks, Mark Robinson has made headlines for declaring that "some folks

[need killing](#)” and then [refused](#) to answer who exactly needed killing. He even [hid](#) in an elevator and berated reporters that asked him for clarification.

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District 20 Updates from NC State Senator Natalie Murdock (Highlights), July 19, 2024

Coffee and Conversations at the Chatham Rabbit

Next Friday, July 26th I will be at The Chatham Rabbit from 1 pm to 4 pm to connect with constituents and community partners to discuss the issues they care about. Sign up here to schedule a time to talk with me! If you are unable to attend this time, keep on the lookout for future dates! I'm planning to make these a regular occurrence!

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Updates from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson, July 15 and July 22, 2024

[Suddenly, it's a whole new race](#)

[The assassination attempt](#)

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Consumer Alert from Attorney General Josh Stein, July 19, 2024

[Take Action to Protect Your Information After a Data Breach](#)

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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, 7 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

America, America (Steven Beschloss): [Reflections on Patriotism Now](#)

Cardinal & Pine: (1) [Biden ends campaign, passes torch to Kamala Harris for Democratic nominee for president](#); (2) [Kamala Harris has a lot to run on. Here's what to watch for.](#) (3) [Trump assassination attempt shines light on Mark Robinson's violent rhetoric](#)

Carolina Forward: [Making the innocent whole](#)

Carolina Public Press: (1) [Elections directors in NC counties talk about job, why they left](#) (2) [What if Gov. Cooper Wins the Veepstakes?](#)

Chapelboro: [Stein, Other North Carolina Democrats Have Fundraising Leads Entering Summer](#)

FWIW: [The Internet Reacts to J.D. Vance](#)

Heather Cox Richardson: Letters from an American: [July 14](#), [July 15](#), [July 18](#), [July 19](#)

Hopium Chronicles: (1) [It's Vice President Kamala Harris Now, And We Have An Election To Go Win!](#) (2) [In It To Win It In North Carolina!!!!](#) (3) [Yes, Trump Is The Ugliest Political Thing We've Ever Seen. That's Why We Have An Election To Go Win and Cannot Let Up](#) (4) [House Dems Bringing It, Powerful New Biden Ad, Trump Is Unfit and Unwell, On The Greatness and Goodness of the Democratic Party](#) (5) [Voters in Europe, The UK and France Just Denied The Far Right Power. It's Our Turn Now](#) (6) [Trump's Pick of JD Vance, A Pro-Russia Extremist, Was A Huge Mistake](#) (7) [The Campaign Goes On And We Cannot Let Up](#) (8) [Vice President Kamala Harris Starts Her Campaign Strong, Confident and Kicking Ass](#)

Inside Climate News: [Trump's Environmental Impact Endures, At Home and Around the World](#)

Lucid (Ruth Ben-Ghiat): (1) [The Trump Attack and Authoritarian History](#) (2) [Silence Enables the Autocrat; Talk about Policy Outcomes, not Personalities](#)
(3) [Harris Brings Hope; Remarks for Today's Anti-Autocracy Conference at NYU](#)

Murmur: [Gen Z Research](#)

Navigator A.M.: [Project 2025: A Guide for Advocates](#) (pdf)

NC Health News: (1) [No state budget this year means Medicaid could run low](#)
(2) [North Carolina regulators pass on establishing standards for PFAS.](#)

NC Newslines: (1) [NC Democratic convention delegates vote unanimously to endorse Vice President Harris](#) (2) [Democrats praise Biden for a tough decision, and some, including Cooper, endorse Harris](#) (3) [Stein, Robinson Raise Millions in NC Governor's Race as Democrat Holds Fundraising Lead](#) (4) [What to know about Vice President Kamala Harris, endorsed by Biden as his successor](#) (5) [NC elections board approves a new party, allowing Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on the ballot](#)

NPR: [Harris Hits the Campaign Trail in North Carolina as Biden Isolates for COVID](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Harris Clinches Majority of Delegates as She Closes in on Nomination](#)

NY Times: (1) [On Politics: A campaign that started slowly gets its inevitable upheaval](#) (2) [On Politics: Biden is out, and Democrats have a whole new set of questions.](#) (3) [On Politics: Trump can't help himself. Will that help him win?](#) (4) [On Politics: Republicans get pumped for Trump's muscular finale](#) (5) [On Politics: There's no zealot like a convert for Trump](#) (6) [On Politics: For Milwaukee, the R.N.C. is an unloved houseguest](#) (7) [On Politics: The good mood in Milwaukee](#) (8) [On Politics: How Democrats Learned to Love the Smoke-Filled Room Again](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [The Editorial Board -- Opinion: Donald Trump Is Unfit To Lead](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Judge Dismisses Classified Documents Case Against Trump](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Donald Trump's First Term is a Warning](#)

Public Notice: [Project 2025 *is* the GOP platform](#)

Red, Wine, and Blue: [Heather Cox Richardson Talks Project 2025 \(YouTube Video\)](#)

Scientific American: [What to Know About Project 2025's Dangers to Science](#)

The Assembly NC: (1) [10 Things To Know About Roy Cooper, Potential VP Pick](#) (2) [How Blue-Collar Candidates Could Change Politics](#) (3) [A Heated Political Moment](#)

The Atlantic: [The Gunman and the Would-Be Dictator](#)

The Bulwark: [Seven Lessons from Joe Biden's Candidacy](#)

The Bulwark: [Trump Emerges from Convention a Republican Caesar](#)

The.Ink: [What Should Have Been Said After the Trump Shooting](#)

The Liberal Patriot: [The GOP's Big Working-Class Bet](#)

The Message Box: [Donald Trump Can \(and Must\) Be Defeated](#)

Time: [Project 2025's Plan to Eliminate Public Schools Has Already Started](#)

USA Today: [NC Leaders Respond to Shooting at Donald Trump's Pennsylvania Rally](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [Opinion: Trump's Economy vs. Biden's – In 17 Charts](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [Biden Makes Stunning Decision to Pull Out of 2024 Race](#)

Washington Post: [The remarkable contrast between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump](#)

Washington Post: (1) [The Campaign Moment](#) (2) [The Campaign Moment](#), (3) [The Campaign Moment](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [What Key-State Voters Think About Kamala Harris Replacing Joe Biden](#)

WRAL: [In their words: NC political leaders respond to Biden's withdrawal](#)

WRAL: [Top NC Elections Officials Testify Under Oath About RFK Jr., Cornell West Ballot Access](#)

WUNC: [Mark Robinson's incendiary pattern](#)