



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

Meet NC Court of Appeals Judge Carolyn Thompson! Saturday, July 13, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Ferrington Village, 32 McDowell, Pittsboro; and 5 – 6:30 p.m., 307 Old Piedmont, Chapel Hill

Summertime hospitality, Chatham County Democrats (and friendly Unaffiliateds), and the opportunity to meet Judge Carolyn Thompson, incumbent and candidate for the NC Court of Appeals - what an enticing package! It is very important to elect Democratic judges this year. Come meet Judge Thompson, learn about her extensive legal and

judicial experience and have the opportunity to ask her your questions in an informal setting. Space is limited so sign up early!

For 3 p.m. event, sign up [here](#). For 5 p.m. event, sign up [here](#).

Chatham Dems Are Fired Up! An Evening With Jeff Jackson, Mo Green, and Robert Reives, Benefitting CCDP, Tuesday, 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.

Canvasses

[Goldston Canvass](#), June 29, 9-11:30 a.m.

[West Chapel Canvass](#), June 30, 1-3:30 p.m.

[East Williams Canvass](#), July 13, 9-11:30 a.m.

[West Williams Canvass](#), July 14, 1-3:30 p.m.

[West Pittsboro Canvass](#), July 21, 1-3:30 p.m.

[East Pittsboro Canvass](#), July 27, 9-11:30 a.m.

[East Chapel Canvass](#), July 28, 1-3:30 p.m.

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

[Canvassing Orientation and Training](#), July 3, July 24, @Zoom

[Volunteer Orientation](#), June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, more dates @Zoom

[Join Our Office Crew](#), July 13, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

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

[Staffing Tent Events](#), June 29, July 27, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

Volunteers Needed to Staff CCDP Tent at Pittsboro Summer Fest 2024, July 7, 3:30 – 9 p.m., Downtown Pittsboro

Food, Drink, Music, BBQ contest, Decorated Bike parade and so much more! We need volunteers to staff our tent at this fun event! Sign up at: [Summer Fest 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

North Carolina Democratic Party Unity Dinner, July 20, VIP Reception 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 7 p.m., Raleigh Convention Center

Join Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Governor Roy Cooper, Attorney General Josh Stein, and NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton for our main event! Sign up [here](#).

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Chatham County Board of Commissioners Approves FY 24-25 County Budget

On June 17, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the County budget for fiscal year 2024-25. The \$278 million budget prioritizes support for education and public safety while also focusing on growth. The budget includes some revisions staff made at the request of the Board. More info: <https://tinyurl.com/mwfrkr46>

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

- [Presidential Debate Watch Party](#) — June 27 @ 8 p.m. in Raleigh

Fair maps: North Carolina Republicans are now claiming that it's impossible to define what "fair" means, so that means there's [no such thing as "fair elections."](#) Y'all, that shakes the foundations of our very democracy. We have to let folks know we demand a legislature elected by the people, not with legislators choosing their electorate.

SCOTUS Strikes Down Ban on Bump Stocks

The conservative majority on the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 to strike down the Trump-era ban on bump stocks

The ban, which went into effect in 2019, came after a gunman, who used semi-automatic rifles equipped with the accessories, killed 60 people at a Las Vegas music festival in one of the deadliest mass shootings in modern U.S. history.

Bump stocks allow a shooter to convert a semi-automatic rifle into a weapon that can fire hundreds of rounds a minute.

Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM) is introducing a bill in the Senate to ban bump stocks but it's expected to be blocked by the Senate Republicans.

Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) says the Supreme Court seems poised "to fundamentally rewrite" the Second Amendment with this reversal

States like Illinois, who have enacted a state law banning bump stocks, have said that their law will stay in place despite the ruling by the Supreme Court.

Statement from Chair Clayton

"This ruling by the Supreme Court is shameful and horrifying. Bump stocks increase an AR-15's rate of fire from 180 rounds per minute to 400-800 rounds per minute. They inflict mass carnage by allowing the gunman to shoot automatically, without pulling the trigger. I'm terrified by what the Supreme Court's decision today could lead to."

NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton Statement on Republican Infighting Over Budget

"North Carolina taxpayers shouldn't have their money caught up in Republican political theater. This sham proposed House budget is not only a sign of the Republican leadership's inability to govern, the money in it shows the wrong priorities. Half a billion dollars of taxpayer funds should not go to a private school voucher scheme that benefits only the wealthiest in North Carolina. This is yet another example of Republicans putting politics and their own power over the people."

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District 20 Updates from NC State Senator Natalie Murdock (Highlights)

Black Maternal Health Day of Action!

The House and Senate have spent the past several months at a standstill over budget disagreements, and unfortunately, despite the amount of time and effort my colleagues devoted to budget adjustments, the outcome is not at all what North Carolinians deserve.

Both the House and Senate versions of the budget fail to make the necessary investments in public education and childcare centers we need to improve teacher retention and ensure parents have access to quality early childhood education.

The budget also continues the trend of taking taxpayer dollars and diverting them to private schools through the general assembly's voucher program without any attempt to ensure that these private institutions are held to the same educational standards as public schools.

Governor Cooper Signs Four Bills and Vetoes One

Today, Governor Roy Cooper signed the following bills into law:

- Senate Bill 124: [Predatory Roofing/Ins. Rebate Reform.](#)
- House Bill 1020: [Retirement Admin. Changes Act of 2024.](#)
- House Bill 989: [Retirement Service Purchase Rewrite Part III.](#)
- House Bill 988: [2024 Retirement Technical Corrections.](#)

Governor Cooper made the following statement on his signing of SB 124:

“This bipartisan legislation is an important step to provide necessary protections for North Carolinians and helps ensure that residents across the state are protected from unethical businesses which prey upon vulnerable people, particularly after storms when they need help the most.”

Today, Governor Roy Cooper vetoed the following bill:

- House Bill 237: [Various Criminal and Election Law Changes.](#)

Governor Cooper made the following statement on his veto of HB 237:

"This legislation creates a gaping loophole for secret, unlimited campaign money in the middle of an election year. While voters are kept in the dark, this scheme allows anonymous out-of-state billionaires to flood North Carolina with campaign contributions to rescue extreme right-wing candidates that Republicans now fear will lose. The legislation also removes protections and threatens criminal charges for people who want to protect their health by wearing a mask."

Discharge Petition – Right To Use Contraception

I introduced a discharge petition for [Senate Bill 808 - The Right to Use Contraception Act](#). This petition, if successful, would mean this bill would be taken out of committee and go straight to the floor for a vote. This decision was made in light of threats to contraceptive access in other states. We have seen other states threaten access to IUDs and emergency contraceptives and it is paramount that North Carolina establish protections that preserve our right to contraceptives.

Black Maternal Health Day of Action Advocacy Meetings

Our advocates had a productive conversation with Rep. Kristin Baker MD about MOMnibus 2.5, and the importance of addressing disparities in black maternal health care. I greatly appreciate Rep. Baker for taking time out of her extremely busy schedule to welcome these Black maternal health advocates and listen to their stories.

To kick off Black Maternal Health Day of Action, I had the chance to welcome all our advocates to the General Assembly and thank them for the hard work they do to address this important issue. I learned more about each of their connections to the issue of inequity seen in black maternal healthcare, and why they are committed to this cause. I am very grateful that I had this time to speak to the advocates and that they joined us in lifting up this critical issue.

Thank you all for your time, and your hard work. I could not do the work I do in the maternal health space without all of your hard work.

Legislative Updates

Bill Action Snapshot 6/17-6/21

Ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate: SB 630 - Constitutional Amendment/Citizens-Only Voting; HB 207 - Discipline Changes; HB 263 - 2024 Appropriations Act.

Com Substitute Adopted: HB 317 - Adjustments to the 2023 Appropriations Act.

Special Message Sent to House: HB 38 - Education Omnibus Changes

Passed Second Reading: HB 199 - DMV Proposed Legislative Changes.-AB

Don't see the bill you're looking for? [Search for it here!](#)

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Updates from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson

[Should We Draft Women?](#)

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NC Department of Justice May Highlights from Attorney General Josh Stein

<https://ncdoj.emailnewsletter.us/mail/util.cfm?gpiv=2100168221.93571.593&gen=1>

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Links to Events, Trainings, and Actions Sponsored by Affiliate Organizations

Common Cause North Carolina: [Common Cause NC Events ; Take Action on SB 88 and SB 630!](#)

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

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

[Democracy North Carolina](#)

[NC Counts Coalition](#)

Neighbors on Call: [Upcoming Events, Canvasses, NC Policy Update.](#)

[New North Carolina Project](#)

Red, Wine, and Blue: <https://redwine.blue/events/>

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Selected News and Opinion Stories

Associated Press: [Democrats Put a Spotlight on More Than 1 Million Pensions Saved Under a 2021 Law](#)

Associated Press: [Many Voters in Swing-State North Carolina Are Disengaged. Party Activists Hope to Fire Them Up.](#)

BBC: [Biden is Walking Immigration Tightrope – But He’s Under Fire No Matter What](#)

Carolina Forward: [The New Segregation](#)

Carolina Forward: [Getting Local Governance Right](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Polling Shows Affordable Housing Shortage Could Be Potent Political Issue in NC in 2024](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Seriously and Severely Unaffordable. Report Rates Charlotte and Raleigh Housing Markets.](#)

Chapelboro: [North Carolina Judges Grapple With Defining ‘Fair’ Elections in Redistricting Suit](#)

Chapelboro: [One on One: Wall St. Journal Report Shocks N.C. Democrats](#)

CNN: [How Biden and Trump Are Preparing for Their First Presidential Debate](#)

Heather Cox Richardson: [Letters From An American, June 16](#) ; [June 18](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [With Thursday's Debate, and Biden's Clear Gains in New Polling, the Election is Entering a New Phase](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Dobbs at 2, The Threat of MAGA, The Success of Biden – Let's Keep Making June Count](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Biden Gains 3 and Takes Lead in Fox Poll, New With Dems Presentation \(Video\), Making June Count!!!!](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Establishing the Choice, My Interview With Kirsten Engel \(AZ-6\), Making June Count!](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Biden's Polling Gains Matter, A Very Big Week Coming Up, Making June Count!!!!](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Freedom and Dominion, Keeping Immigrant Families Together, Reform and Renewal, Making June Count!](#)

IndyWeek: [Effort To Save a Historic Water Tower Put Lead in Chatham County Town's Soil](#)

Inside Climate News: [Blue Cross of North Carolina Decided Against an Employee Screening of a Documentary That Links the State's Massive Hog Farms to Public Health Ills](#)

NC Newslines: [Governor Cooper Vetoes Bill That Targets Mask Wearing, Alters Campaign Finance Laws](#)

New Branchhead: [The NCGOP Has Evolved Into a Corruption Machine](#)

Newsweek: [Joe Biden Makes Aggressive Play To Take North Carolina From Trump](#)

NY Times: [The Morning: Biden's Distrust Challenge](#)

NY Times: [Trump on Trial: The Expanding Fake Electors Cases](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Biden's Lead With Women is Smaller Than Trump's With Men, A Warning for Democrats](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): Opinion: [Something's Rotten About the Justices Taking So Long on Trump's Immunity Case](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: The Other Showdown To Watch Next Week](#)

Politico: [Why Democrats Think Biden's Problem is Biden](#)

Politico: [Trump Raised So Much Last Month He Erased Biden's Cash Advantage](#)

Politico: [Biden Unloads on Trump in Ad: 'A Convicted Criminal Who's Only Out for Himself'](#)

Politico: [Trump Tries Some Debate Prep on the Campaign Trail](#)

Politico: [Black Voters in This City Could Determine 2024. And It's Not Looking Good for Biden.](#)

Politico: [Biden Taking Sweeping Election-Year Action Shielding Estimated 550,000 from Deportation](#)

Politico: [Why the Biden Campaign Finally Decided To Whack Trump on His New York Verdict](#)

PoliticsNC: [How Reverse Coattails Might Work in NC](#)

PoliticsNC: [North Carolina's Rural Voters](#)

Popular Information: [Sinclair Floods Local News Websites With Hundreds of Deceptive Articles About Biden's Mental Fitness](#)

Popular Information: [These 25 Rainbow-Flag Waving Companies Donated \\$18 Million to Anti-Gay Politicians Since the Last Election](#)

ProPublica: [North Carolina Supreme Court Secretly Squashed Discipline of Two GOP Judges Who Admitted to Violating Judicial Code](#)

Public Notice: [Don't Be Gaslit: Trump's Corruption is Unparalleled](#)

Public Notice: [Democrats Need To Push Back Harder on Trump's Immigration Hate](#)

Reuters: [Undecided Voters Await Biden-Trump Debate With Eye on Economy, Border, and Age](#)

Stop the Presses: [Disturbing Facts About Trump's VP Options](#)

The Assembly NC: [At a Crossroads](#)

The Assembly NC: [How Jewish Democrats Are Navigating a Difficult Year](#)

The Bulwark: [How Not to Diffuse the Biden Age Question](#)

The Bulwark: [Trump Is Haunted By Abortion – He Should Be](#)

The Bulwark: [Trump’s Ground Game is No Longer in Our Hearts](#)

The Bulwark: [Why Dictators Want Trump](#)

The Liberal Patriot: [The Enduring Power of the Feminist Revolution](#)

The Liberal Patriot: [No, Elites. Rural Voters Aren’t a Threat to Democracy](#)

The Liberal Patriot: [Four Factors That Could Decide the 2024 Election](#)

The Liberal Patriot: [‘Greenlash’ Is Here](#)

The Message Box: [Did Biden Just Take the Lead in the Polls?](#)

The Message Box: [Trump’s Econ Agenda: Higher Prices for You; Lower Taxes for the Rich and Corporations](#)

The Message Box: [Why Trump’s Plan for Revenge is Very Real \(And Scary\)](#)

Time: [Louisiana’s Ten Commandments Law Could Not Have Happened Without Trump](#)

Time: [Trump is Harnessing Voter Anxiety About Electric Vehicles](#)

Washington Post: [The 2024 ‘Deciders’: Who Are They and What Makes Them Tick?](#)

Washington Post: [Meet the ‘Double Haters’ Who Could Decide the Election](#)

WRAL: [‘So Many Demands’ On State Spending, as GOP-Led NC House Pushes Record Spending Plan](#)

WRAL: [Constitutional Amendments Could Be on NC Voters’ 2024 Ballots, Top GOP Leader Says](#)

WUNC: [House Bill Would Let a Politically Connected Charter School Open Without State Review](#)

WUNC: [State Employees, Teachers Would Get Extra Raises Under NC House Budget Proposal](#)