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HISTORY

Following North Carolina's path to swing state

In past 20 years, voters chose one Democratic president

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North Carolina is just one part of an enumerated list that political commentators recite while talking about the presidential race on live TV. Pennsylvania. Ohio. Arizona. Georgia. Wisconsin. Nevada. North Carolina.

Rural voters, the liberal enclaves of Raleigh and Charlotte and the path to recovery for the western part of the state are all given an off-hand mention.

But, the only time North Carolina has voted for a Democratic president in the past 20 years was

in 2008, when Barack Obama won his first term. States like Florida, Virginia and Indiana were among some of the other swing states that went for Obama, perhaps because of high rates of first-time voters or mobilization efforts in underrepresented communities.

The margin of victory was a small .32 percent — just 14,177 votes. All of North Carolina's Republican presidential victories in the past 20 years were won by margins of a whole percent or more. In 2004, George W. Bush won the state by 12 percentage points.

The last Democratic presidential candidate to win the state was former president Jimmy Carter in 1976. Carter, a Georgia native who campaigned on a sort-of Southern populism, appealed to conservative, rural voters in states like North Carolina. He beat incumbent Gerald Ford by winning the South

— Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Texas, Alabama and Mississippi.

Now, both former President Donald Trump and Vice-President Kamala Harris have visited and fundraised in the state since the race ramped up after President Joe Biden dropped out.

The Harris campaign has set up numerous offices across North Carolina. Trump has taken a particular interest in the southeastern part of the state, promising the Lumbee Tribe full federal recognition if he wins re-election. Harris visited the western part of the state weeks ago after Hurricane Helene hit, while Trump has critiqued federal response to the crisis.

Harry Watson remembers when North Carolina wasn't an actor in national politics. He's a

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STATE CONSTITUTION

Citizens-only amendment appears on N.C. ballot

Language revision seeks to combat voter fraud, draws criticism

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In the upcoming general election, North Carolina voters will have the opportunity to vote on approving a citizens-only constitutional amendment.

On the ballot, the amendment is explained as a revision to the language of Article VI, Section 1 of the North Carolina state constitution. The amendment currently states that “every person born in the United States and every person who has been naturalized, 18 years of age, and possessing the qualifications set out in this Article, shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people of the State, except as herein otherwise provided.”

The proposed amendment would change the word “every” to “only,” and would remove the phrase including naturalized citizens' voting eligibility.

The bill received bipartisan support in the North Carolina House and Senate, and will need a majority vote in the general election to be passed as an amendment.

N.C. Rep. Kelly Hastings (R-Gaston), one of the co-sponsors of the bill, said the purpose of the amendment was to combat voter fraud.

“It is my understanding that some people who aren't here legally have been allowed to vote in certain elections,” he said.

If the referendum is passed, it will be a stronger way to enforce the state's voting regulations, because amendments carry more legal weight than laws and are more difficult to overturn, Hastings said.

“These amendments go before the people, and that's a pretty powerful signal,” Hastings said.

Gerry Cohen, a member of the Wake County Board of Elections, said state law and the current North Carolina Constitution already prohibit non-citizens from voting in elections.

“I know of no proposal ever in North Carolina in the last 50 years to allow non-citizens to vote, and in fact, I know of no credible information that any non-citizen has voted,” he said.

N.C. Rep. John Autry (D-Mecklenburg) voted against the bill and said he does not see how the amendment helps North Carolinians, or addresses voting-related problems in the state.

“No one ever produced any evidence that was compelling to guide me to say we need to put this in the state constitution,” he said.

Democracy N.C. Communications Manager Joselle Torres said the amendment ignores state and federal laws, which already require citizenship to vote. She said the

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Behind our 2024 general election coverage

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Since the day The Daily Tar Heel's Editor-in-Chief Laney Crawley chose me to be City & State editor, people have asked me about my election coverage plans. It seems like I've been told a million iterations of "If you can cover a general election as City & State editor, you can do anything!"

It's true, covering elections (general, midterm or municipal) is a big deal. And there's historically been pressure from both inside and outside the newsroom for the City & State editors to put together something more creative, more innovative than the year before.

But focusing on how to stand out from previous editors didn't feel right to me. I didn't become the City & State editor to prove something, but rather to serve two important groups: the writers on my desk and our audience. When I anchored my focus to how our coverage could best benefit those people, the pressure washed away and the ideas started to flow.

Focusing on our audience kept me grounded in making sure election coverage was accessible and helpful to readers. I know that finding and understanding the candidates, issues and voting regulations is time-consuming, so we focused on creating a product that takes the difficulty out of understanding how to cast your ballot and figuring out which candidate you support the most. In a year where the presidential election has garnered so much media attention, our coverage of state and down-ballot races becomes that much more important.

I also knew that I wanted our election coverage to reflect the efforts of our entire desk, not just the editors and a few senior writers. To me, The DTH shouldn't just be a place for already-impressive student journalists to showcase their talents, but rather stay grounded in its role as a teaching and learning newspaper. I knew I wanted every writer to have the chance to contribute to a project that will provide important coverage to the community they're reporting on.

So, here's what we've been up to.

Interactive quiz site

The head of DTH engineering, Leo Davidson, worked with his team to bring my idea of an interactive quiz site to life. The online site includes BuzzFeed-style quizzes that readers can take to find out which Democratic or Republican candidate they most strongly align with for every council of state race, as well as the North Carolina General Assembly and U.S. House of Representatives contests that appear on the Orange County ballots.

To create the quiz questions, we decided to assign candidate profiles to writers. For consistency, writers sourced the profiles, which you can find in this week's print edition and online, from applicable campaign materials and social media as well as any radio or TV appearances, rallies and debates. I made the editorial decision not to have writers conduct interviews with any candidate, because inevitably, some would've been interested and available to talk, while others wouldn't have.

I also decided not to include third-party candidates in the quizzes. Many candidates are running on single-issue campaigns, and don't have social media or websites to look through, which would've created a consistency issue in the quiz questions.

At the end of a quiz, readers will see how they align with candidates on the issues, and if every issue were weighed equally, which candidate they are most similar to. In order to remove bias and retain consistency, the quiz questions focus on policy, rather than a candidate's character. Please note that these quizzes are a good place to start when thinking about who you want to vote for, but not the be-all and end-all.

The Opinion desk's endorsements and other editorial content are completely separate from the City & State election coverage. We are not endorsing any candidate.

Election print edition

Our print product is a 24-page voter guide. Much of the paper includes a mix of shorter stories, like how to vote early and on Election Day, and longer enterprise stories that dive into some of the main tensions of the North Carolina election, including referendums on the ballot, AI in campaigns and North Carolina's history as a swing state. We also included Q&As with the candidates for judicial seats on Orange County ballots and with the candidates for Carrboro's special town council election.

The paper also includes a print version of the profiles City & State writers worked on to create the quizzes. Carrie-Anne Rogers and her design team created amazing profile cards for each candidate, including third parties, that readers can flip through in the print edition.

I hope our quiz site and special print edition are helpful in your voting endeavors, and I hope you share them with your friends and family. I hope that if you remember anything from this column, you remember that down-ballot and state races impact your daily lives just as much, if not more than, the presidential contest.

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City & State

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VOTING | GUIDE

What to know about casting your ballot early in Orange County

Six sites will be open from Oct. 17 to Nov. 2 with varying hours

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Early voting for the 2024 general election will occur between Oct. 17 to Nov. 2 throughout Orange County.

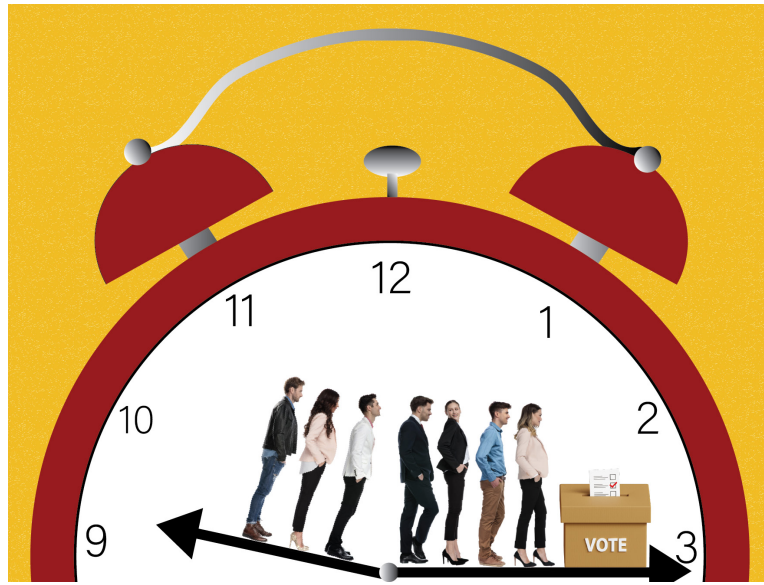
Orange County has six early voting sites: Orange Works at Hillsborough Commons, Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill Public Library, Carrboro Town Hall Complex, Seymour Senior Center and Efland-Cheeks Community Center.

The hours for early voting varies by day:

- Thursday and Friday, Oct. 17-18: 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 19: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 20: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Monday-Friday, Oct. 21-25: 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 26: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 27: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Monday-Friday, Oct. 28-Nov. 1: 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 2: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The voter registration deadline for North Carolina is 5 p.m. on Oct. 11. North Carolina residents can use the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles' online voter registration application.

Additionally, people may complete same-day voter registration at early



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voting sites during the early voting period. If you are already registered to vote but need to update your address, you can do so through the NCDMV online voter registration application through Oct. 11. Residents can report an address change within the same county during early voting.

North Carolina residents must bring an accepted photo ID to vote early. Accepted photo IDs include a North Carolina driver's license, a U.S. passport, a state ID, a North Carolina Voter Photo ID card or an approved college student ID. Any form of identification must be unexpired or expired for less than one year.

A UNC mobile One Card is not an acceptable form of photo ID, but a physical One Card will be accepted. UNC students and faculty can receive a free physical One Card at the One Card Office on the third floor of Student Stores.

The Orange County Board of Elections provides free photo ID for voting purposes at its Hillsborough office Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Chapel Hill Public Library will provide free photo IDs on Mondays until Oct. 14, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in library meeting room D.

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How to vote in person on Election Day

Assigned polling places will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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On Election Day, registered voters have the option to cast their ballots in person. Polling places will open at 6:30 a.m. and remain open until 7:30 p.m.

Voters can find their polling place by checking their voter registration. On Election Day, voters can only cast their ballots at their assigned polling place.

UNC students who live on campus and are registered to vote in Orange County will be able to cast their ballots at the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History.

Voter photo identification is required for both early and Election Day voting. Valid forms of identification include driver's licenses, passports and military and student identification cards, including physical One Cards.

Registered voters can also receive a free voter ID from their county board of elections by visiting during normal business hours, or a free non-driver's ID card from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. Due to a recent appellate court ruling, digital One Cards are not an acceptable form of voter identification.

There are some exceptions for the photo ID requirement. Voters

with a religious opposition to being photographed, as well as victims of recently declared natural disasters, can fill out an ID Exemption Form. Additionally, voters with barriers to providing identification, such as transportation issues or scheduling concerns, can fill out an exemption form.

If you arrive at your polling place and realize you forgot your ID, voters can fill out a provisional ballot. In order for a provisional ballot to be counted, voters must present their photo ID to their county board of elections the day before county canvass.

According to the N.C. Board of Elections, polling locations tend to be the busiest in the early morning and just before polls close. Voters in line prior to 7:30 p.m. will be allowed to vote even if their polling place closes while they wait.

For more information on how to vote, sample ballots and polling locations, visit the N.C. Board of Elections and Orange County Board of Elections webpages.

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COMMUNITY

RideShare2Vote gets residents to the polls

Volunteers organize rides throughout election season

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Orange County resident Kathleen Berdine knew she wanted to vote in the 2024 election, but she didn't have a way to get to the polls.

Berdine uses a walker and doesn't live close to any polling places. Due to her health, she said she can only walk about a block before having to stop. And, after past issues at the post office due to her address change, Berdine said she also worried about using an absentee ballot. She said she wanted to vote in person to make sure it counted.

On Oct. 19, Adam Wolk picked up Berdine and took her to curbside early voting. She said every little circle she filled in on the ballot was exciting.

"I'm 70 years old, and this is the most important election I've ever voted in," Berdine said.

Wolk is an organizer and driver for a rides-to-vote effort in Chapel Hill, which he said he first began during the 2020 election with a group of volunteers, his cell phone, spreadsheets and flyers.

Work said the effort was initially aimed at helping community members who traditionally face barriers

getting to the polls, including elderly and disabled individuals who lack transportation. As a physician, he said he works with disadvantaged communities every day and recognizes the importance of giving people a voice.

"It's unfortunate but, in some ways, the harder it is to access services, to access the polls, the less likely you are to have your needs met as a constituency," Wolk said. "So, it's really about getting people what they need through their elected representatives."

In 2020, he said the volunteers were able to get around 125 voters to the polls. This year, Jared Gallaher, another organizer for the program, said the group has increased the scale of operations to provide services to more people including acquiring an ADA wheelchair van and partnering with RideShare2Vote, an app that connects drivers to riders.

He said the software functions similarly to Uber, allowing drivers to put in their availability and match with voters who they take to the polls and return home. RideShare2Vote requires volunteers to go through a short training process that covers appropriate election laws and safety principles, Gallaher said. Drivers must also show their license and insurance on their car before being certified.

Currently, Gallaher said 20 drivers have been fully trained and the organization expects to have at least 50 more.



Early voting takes place at Chapel of the Cross on Monday, Oct. 21.

Although the organizers are working in collaboration with the Orange County Democratic Party, he said the program is for anyone who wants to vote.

"Even though we have a particular political leaning, this is open to anyone, and certainly no one's going to be asked who they're voting for or anything like that," he said. "We just think this is an important principle for the type of country we all want to live in."

Instead of canvassing and calling, Gallaher said the group wants to do everything they can to reduce barriers for everyone voting.

Every year, there is a turnover of volunteers meaning they must teach everyone again. Wolk said he would love to see a bipartisan effort to spread this initiative across North Carolina in future elections.

For residents like Berdine, she said this initiative is the only way they can vote. She said citizens need

to take advantage of their right to make a choice, and they need to ensure their choice is counted.

"I wouldn't have been able to vote at all," Berdine said. "It was absolutely essential."

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CAMPAIGNS

Experts discuss AI regulation in N.C. political ads

Some worry about lack of transparency and misinformation

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On Sept. 20, Americans for Prosperity, a Super PAC, ran an AI-generated TV ad that recreates Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson's image and voice to read quotes from his old Facebook posts, rallies and media.

The PAC also has four shorter 15-second YouTube ads that use AI to digitally recreate Robinson's voice.

Founder of Americans for Prosperity Todd Stiefel said the organization's goal was to portray all of Robinson's statements into one comprehensive ad — the first fully AI generated ad to run on TV in American history.

"We also wanted to lean really hard into not only mocking Robinson but mocking AI itself," Stiefel said.

He said AI is just a tool that can be used for good or ill, and that banning or condemning all AI-use in political advertising would be lazy thinking. Instead of a widespread AI ban, he said there should be a specific ban on the deceptive use of AI.

Shannon McGregor, an associate professor at the Hussman School of Journalism and Media, said the possibility of AI in political advertising could

increase fear about the technology because the extent to which people might use it is unknown.

She said most political advertising does not necessarily persuade people to vote differently — it usually has more of an effect on turn out and raising money.

"In smaller, down-ballot races — where there's less attention, where there's less knowledge, where there's less overall advertising, [where there's] familiarity with the candidates — that's where any type of political ad can likely have the greatest impact," McGregor said.

In these races, she said people should be more concerned about generative AI in political advertising because it has become much more accessible to use AI.

McGregor said at a minimum, there should be transparency for when political ads use any generative AI content, especially as the public gets used to encountering AI in all types of communication.

In a national survey conducted by Elon University's Imagining the Digital Future Center in May, Director Lee Rainie said the center found three-quarters of Americans expressed worry about AI being used to impact the election outcome.

He said some people think a disclosure about AI usage at the beginning of a political ad — like Stiefel's ad — is good enough. Others, though, worry that people

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do not read the fine print or do background research.

This year, the Federal Elections Commission has not proposed any new rules on using AI within political advertising, according to reporting from Axios. Rainie said he thinks the Federal Communications Commission wants to create new rules, but the FEC does not want to in the middle of the election campaign period.

Andrew Richards, the deputy executive director of the Mecklenburg County Democratic Party, said while his party does

not have an official position on using generative AI, his perspective as a political official is that if an individual is running a campaign, they need to think very carefully about the use of it.

Staff from the North Carolina Republican Party did not respond to The DTH's request for comment.

In late June, the N.C. House of Representatives passed a bill that would require a disclaimer for any political ad that uses generative AI, but it has been in the Senate's rules and operations committee since then.

Although there is no statewide regulation about using generative AI in political advertising, Richards said it is good to follow an ethical standard.

"It's often always better to focus the energy and time that you would into doing a scheme into actually trying to win the election, just running a good campaign, raising money and spending it in a way that's going to be effective," he said.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

County and Town propose bonds to improve public facilities

Voters to determine outcome of six referendums

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In the 2024 election, Orange County voters will have the opportunity to vote on a bond referendum for Orange County Schools and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. Voters in Chapel Hill will have five additional bond referendums on their ballots.

Bond referendums give voters the ability to decide if a town or city should be authorized to raise funds for its projects by issuing general obligation bonds — a long-term borrowing method where a local government

borrow money and promises to repay the debt with interest over time.

Orange County

All Orange County ballots will include a referendum to fund school replacements, upgrades and repairs with a \$300 million bond that would be split between OCS and CHCCS.

In 2023, Orange County commissioned Woolpert Strategic Consulting to conduct an assessment of both districts' school buildings to determine needed structural improvements, CHCCS Chief Communications Officer Andy Jenks said.

Based on the consultant's recommendation and conversations with elected officials in town, community members and the OCS

and CHCCS educational boards, \$175 million was allocated to CHCCS to rebuild three of its elementary schools, Carrboro, Estes Hills and Frank Porter Graham elementary schools, Jenks said.

"The bond is on the ballot because a lot of our schools are more than 70 years old, with aging systems and structures that make it difficult to provide a safe and comfortable learning environment," Jenks said.

OCS would receive \$125 million, which would be used to rebuild Orange Middle School, a currently undecided elementary school and an additional

major renovation to another school, OCS Chief Public Information Officer Kevin Smith said.

According to current projections by OCS, CHCCS and Orange County, the bond is projected to cost a property taxpayer roughly \$34 for every \$100,000 of assessed property value through an increase in taxes for Orange County taxpayers.

"Educated voters — not just on candidates, but also on these big decisions that are being made for our communities — are really important as part of healthy communities."

Jess Anderson
Chapel Hill Mayor

Jenks said if the bond does not pass, both districts can still use their operating budgets to perform day-to-day maintenance items and repairs, but it would not be enough funding to rebuild or construct new schools.

"Even if you don't have school-age kids, we think the bond impacts the entire county, because good schools improve property values, attract businesses and create a stronger community for everyone," he said. "So we're working on spreading the word that this matters to everyone, not just parents of kids who are in school."

The referendum will be the last item on the second page of ballots in Orange County.

Town of Chapel Hill

On May 15, the Chapel Hill Town Council adopted a resolution stating their intent to proceed with five referendums on affordable housing, public facilities, streets and sidewalks, parks and recreation facilities and open space and greenways for a total of a \$44 million bond.

Chapel Hill Mayor Jess Anderson said the bond orders were made

to align with the Town's Complete Communities Strategy, meant to promote sustainability and inclusion within Chapel Hill.

Town website, the affordable housing bond would be used to construct new affordable housing, preserve existing affordable housing and/or acquire property to be used for affordable housing. Meanwhile, the public facilities bond would be used to replace the town's ailing fire stations, Anderson said.

The other three bonds include a \$7.5 million streets and sidewalks bond to improve sidewalk connectivity, a \$4.5 million parks and recreation facilities bond to expand and improve existing facilities with community input and a \$2 million open space and greenways bond to construct the Bolin Creek Greenway extension from Umstead Park to Estes Drive Extension.

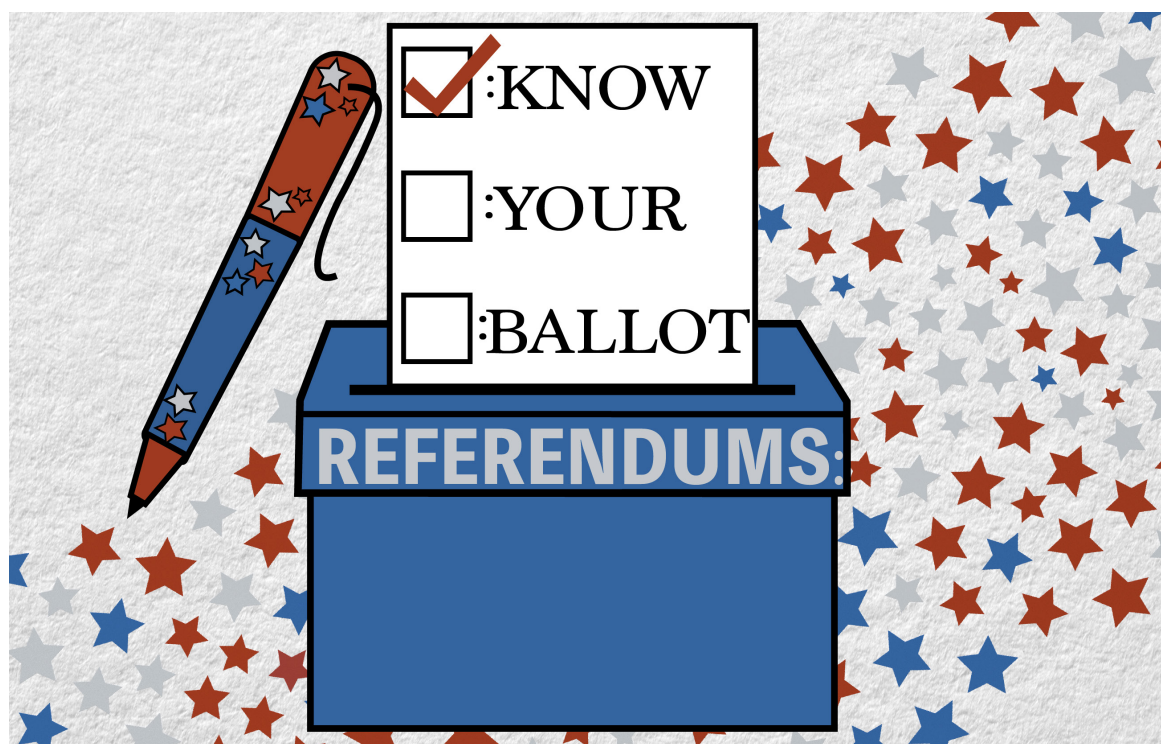
"Not only our housing, but our greenway initiatives are all about affordability," Anderson said. "So making sure that people who work here can live here, that the people who make our community run can be here and not have to commute."

The Chapel Hill bonds will have no impact on current taxes, she said.

Anderson said these bonds go on the ballot as referendums as opposed other types of bonds because the Town wants to affirm that its priorities are going in the direction that people want to see, which is why it is important for people to vote on them.

"Educated voters — not just on candidates, but also on these big decisions that are being made for our communities — are really important as part of healthy communities," she said.

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Q&A | CARRBORO TOWN COUNCIL



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Cristóbal Palmer poses for a portrait on Friday, Oct. 4 at Manning Hall. Palmer is currently campaigning as a candidate for the Carrboro Town Council special election.

Cristóbal Palmer discusses infrastructure, inclusivity

He plans to prioritize low housing supply, inaccessible crosswalks

The Daily Tar Heel's Sheridan Barry spoke with Cristóbal Palmer, a Carrboro Town Council special election candidate, about his experience and aspirations for the role. His opponent in the race is Isaac Woolsey.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

The Daily Tar Heel: In your opinion, what makes Carrboro a special place?

Cristóbal Palmer: I think the sort of values-based, welcoming to everybody attitude. ... That regardless of where you come from in the world, or what your family background is, regardless of who you are, you're welcome in Carrboro. I really value that experience of feeling free to be myself in different ways around so many different types of people.

DTH: Is there a specific issue or moment that inspired you to run for the Town Council?

CP: Thinking about my vision for what Carrboro will be like 10-15 years from now, a lot that I have done in the past has been building to this. This is my community, so it's my work. I've been here since elementary school, I've been a renter in town, I'm now a homeowner in Carrboro, I'm raising two kids here. I've been here long enough that I know how this town has changed over the decades, and I'm deeply invested in that work of making sure that Carrboro is ready to tackle issues.

One issue that I think we could talk about for a long time is the complicated mix of cultural and transportation policy, etc. — challenges that mean that a lot of our streets don't feel safe to cross. ... I see people dashing across traffic to get to their bus stop. ... Carrboro can and should work with NCDOT to fix the crosswalk safety issue.

DTH: What is your long-term vision for Carrboro, and what specific policies or initiatives will you push to achieve that vision?

CP: One of the things that I love about Carrboro is this value of inclusivity, but our policy hasn't adapted fast enough to the changing environment to be able to actually hang on to that. ... I want to

make sure that, as much as possible, we are adding to the housing supply so that we can hang on to those things that we already love about Carrboro. If we don't add housing supply, we are going to end up self-selecting into a different flavor of community that's going to push out people who can't afford to live here anymore.

DTH: How do your personal and professional experiences shape your vision for the community?

CP: Professionally, I wear several hats, but the ones that I would highlight are that I supervise students. ... I think that there are a lot of policy conversations that are similar, where you have different people that are at different current points in their learning path. Another hat that I wear is that I work with a range of technical systems that are distributed across different machines.

I think I also have a track record, whether it's volunteer work that I've done with the Triangle Bicycle Coalition or the Triangle Linux Users Group. I focus on what my contribution will be here that will outlast me. I'm looking for the work that I can do that can make the biggest difference and that will last for a long time. I think Carrboro Town Council is a place where I can definitely do that.

DTH: What are the top priorities you plan to address if elected, and how will you tackle them?

CP: There are a ton of opportunities for Carrboro to partner with the state and the federal government for infrastructure spending, but we have to do the work. ... As a policy matter, I'm focused on the people outside of cars because that is where we can have a huge climate impact. That's where we can have a huge quality of life impact. That's where we can then have an equity impact. ... Everybody deserves green spaces, everybody deserves opportunities for recreation and relaxation outdoors. ... If we put energy into completing our network of pedestrian and bike infrastructure in Carrboro, we get a lot of wins that don't just benefit those people who are directly using those trails.

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Isaac Woolsey talks accessibility and transit

He intends to advocate for equal resources among community members

The Daily Tar Heel's Joseph Cole spoke with Isaac Woolsey, a Carrboro Town Council special election candidate, about his experience and aspirations for the role. His opponent in the race is Cristóbal Palmer.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

The Daily Tar Heel: In your opinion, what makes Carrboro a special place?

Isaac Woolsey: It's one of the few towns in the country that has reliable public transit and resources to help out disabled people like me who can't get around because they can't drive.

DTH: Is there a specific issue or moment that inspired you to run for the Town Council?

IW: The fact that before the pandemic, the buses could run until 11 p.m., and I could actually enjoy the nightlife around Carrboro and Chapel Hill — I can't do that anymore. So that's one of the reasons why I'm running, and because nobody would listen to me when I was picketing with my signs made out of old pizza boxes. I would write letters to various press organizations — even The Daily Tar Heel — and no one would really pick up because I was a nobody. So I decided to run as a way to be a bully pulpit for disability rights, and I think I'm the only candidate locally that's talking about disability rights and transit issues that isn't just saying we need to put more bicycles and electric vehicles on the road.

DTH: What is your long-term vision for Carrboro, and what specific policies or initiatives will you push to achieve that vision?

IW: I want one word: accessibility. I want Carrboro to be more accessible to people who are low-income, people who are disabled, people who are immigrants, people who are minority homeowners or business owners. I want it to be accessible for all.

DTH: How do your personal and professional experiences shape your vision for the community?

IW: In Carrboro, they're building more and more parking lots and parking garages, but they're trying to cater more to people with a privately-owned vehicle than they are to

people who just take public transit. ... I'm all for people riding bikes and sharing the road, but you don't do that at the expense of buses. And there's also problems with affordable housing. Affordable housing is a main issue.

Most places in Carrboro wouldn't hire me because I was disabled. I've actually been turned down at a lot of jobs because they think I wouldn't have reliable transportation.

I've gotten a few raises at some jobs and some jobs they just put me at a basic level. They just want us as token mascots. That's why, if you ever go to a Walmart, you'll see someone in a wheelchair being a store greeter, but you never see them in a management position.

DTH: What are the top priorities you plan to address if elected, and how will you tackle them?

IW: My first thing is to solve the public transit issue with Chapel Hill Transit. I'll work with the UNC student government, Chapel Hill, Carrboro and to a small extent GoTriangle to try to make Chapel Hill Transit more accessible, and bring it back to its ordinary, normal operating hours.

The second one is affordable housing. My grant program idea, which I'm going to call the Accessible Town Affordability Project or Program, otherwise known as ATAP. Let's say there's a \$600,000 property for new homebuyers, we're going to pay \$350,000 while they pay \$250,000 and they sign a contract that says they can't for five years make it an Airbnb, VRBO or one of those sketchy rentals. ... I think this will be the best way to get the the marginalized people in our community a chance of getting a home and also deal with inequities about minority-owned homes.

The third thing is for job security and job opportunities for disabled people, which I'm going to do by giving some more incentives for job creation and job development. This may be a far stretch, but five or 10 years in the future, I want to see more big franchise brand names in Carrboro, not just hoity-toity, upscale eating establishments or stores that don't really hire the people in the community, minority homeowners or business owners. I want it to be accessible for all.

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Isaac Woolsey poses for a portrait by his neighborhood bus stop on Oct. 10. Woolsey is currently campaigning as a candidate for the Carrboro Town Council special election.

VOTER TURNOUT

'Make their voices heard': A history of student civic engagement at UNC

Experts say ease of voting and media coverage impact student voting participation

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UNC students stand in line at the voting area located in the Sonja Haynes Stone Center during election day on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

In 1971, the U.S. Congress passed the 26th Amendment, lowering the voting age from 21 to 18. In 1972, the first presidential election year since the change, UNC graduate student Gerry Cohen wanted as many students as possible to exercise their newfound right to vote.

He and some friends put together a group called Campaign for Young Voters and led a registration drive. At the time, the only place to register to vote in Chapel Hill was the municipal building on North Columbia Street, which was only open on weekdays and closed during lunch. Cohen's group drove students back and forth, and he even recalls going into a bar and herding people to register.

"We got registrars to come to campus several times a semester, and it was basically dragging people, and we were going door to door in dorms, knocking on doors and handing out information and voter registration and getting people, sort of like the Pied Piper, follow me to the pit where voter registration is going on," Cohen said.

In the end, Cohen helped over 7,000 students cast their first ballot.

While participation among voters aged 18 to 25 remains lower than older age groups, movements like these actively help students vote, Benjamin Waterhouse, UNC history professor, said.

"We like to imagine that voting is just this easy and obvious thing that everybody does, and they do it if they feel their overall engagement with political systems determines it — that's part of it," he said. "The ease of voting is historically really relevant."

Even since the 26th Amendment was passed, students still face barriers that limit the ease of the process. In the 10 years after the 1972 election, Cohen saw multiple court cases challenging college students' ability to vote, including one in 1978 where he acted as a defendant in a case that argued whether students were allowed to register with their college address.

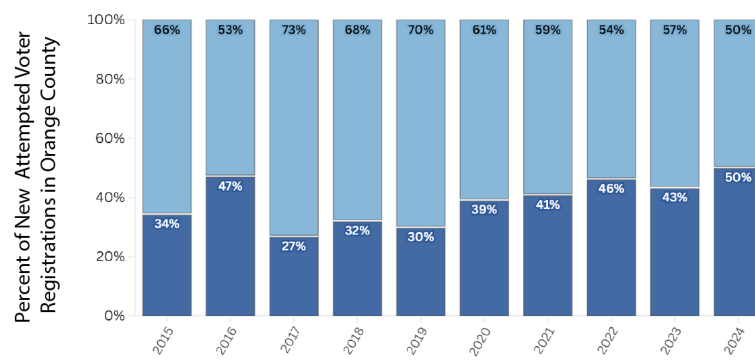
In 2020, when a historically high 60 percent of registered North Carolinians aged 18-25 voted, and more than 82 percent of eligible UNC students voted, Waterhouse said voting was particularly easy because of pandemic rule changes. UNC was also combined into a super precinct that year, meaning all students could vote at one location, the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History.

Waterhouse also said some of the elections with the highest young voter turnout have involved a generational shift, where a younger candidate symbolized significant change. These include Bill Clinton's 1992 "Rock the Vote" campaign with MTV, and Barack Obama's 2008 candidacy, when registered young voter turnout in N.C. was over 63 percent, compared to 53 percent in 2016.

Young adults compose of approximately 50 percent of attempted new voter registrations in Orange County

In 2024, attempted new voter registrations of people of ages 18 to 25 in Orange County near levels seen in 2016.

■ Percent of Voter Registrations (18-25) ■ Percent of Voter Registrations (26+)



Source: North Carolina State Board of Elections | This data includes those who are formerly registered or attempted to register but did not finish the process as part of the "registered" population. Age of voters was calculated by subtracting registration year and birth year. Note that 27 data points were omitted due to missing information and visualization uses data updated on Oct. 12 by the NCSBE.

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The way the media has covered young voters historically can also have an effect on their participation, UNC journalism professor Shannon McGregor said. When news outlets say students are apathetic or too lazy to vote, it can often be a self-fulfilling prophecy, she said.

"That could make you angry, and sometimes that can motivate people to want to do something, and make you more likely to vote, but it can also make you feel like 'it's not for me,' and that could lead to apathy, and could lead to people being less likely to engage because it doesn't look like it's for you," she said.

The relevant issues of the time can also affect when younger people choose to vote, McGregor said. This year, for example, students are driven by issues like reproductive rights. To capitalize on these issues, campaigns are using social media more heavily to appeal to a younger audience and push them to vote, she said.

UNC Young Democrats President Sloan Duvall said she sees more enthusiasm than ever among students for the upcoming election.

Cohen said over 7,000 new voters have registered in Orange County between July and October, with the median age at 21. Duvall's organization is at an all-time membership high, adding 300 members this year, she said. She said she's also seen more efforts by candidates to show up on campus or send representatives to speak to students.

"We know that college students in North Carolina can decide all of our statewide races and the presidential race if they turn out and make their voices heard," Duvall said. "So I think from the top of the ballot to the bottom of the ballot, both state parties and all the candidates have recognized that in order to win, they need young people on their side."

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Referendum aims to alter language around eligibility

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referendum's phrasing might confuse voters about what the current language in the constitution is.

"What this bill is doing is sowing division across our community in an effort to create mistrust in our elections and really perpetrate anti-immigrant hate and racism," she said.

Autry said maintaining the current language about naturalized citizens had been requested when the bill was being reviewed in the House, but was not included in the final version for approval.

"As a naturalized citizen, you're still a citizen," he said. "But folks are very concerned that this may be an opportunity for some election deniers and conspiracy enthusiasts to make life difficult for folks."

Autry said his office has received questions from constituents about if they are still eligible to vote as naturalized citizens.

Hastings said he believes the amendment will have no effect on eligible

voters, and that anyone who qualifies will still be able to register and vote.

"The primary focus here is to have people who are legally eligible to vote, be able to vote," Hastings said. "That's the overriding issue."

Because the proposed amendment lacks specific language about naturalized voters, Torres said, it could lead to courts potentially ruling against naturalized citizens' voting rights if approved in the election.

"When we look at the way the existing language stands with that part about naturalized citizens, this is going to impede and potentially scare folks who certainly have the right to vote through naturalization," she said.

Cohen said there are at least a dozen other states that have similar referendums on their ballots.

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North Carolina's political positioning through the years

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retired professor of history at UNC and lifelong North Carolinian. He specializes in the Jacksonian era of American politics in the South. To him, the state is moderate.

The state's always-strong geographical divisions and class divides have made it a political puzzle since the Civil War. During Reconstruction, the Republican Party of Lincoln gained support in the state, especially in the mountains and among freed slaves and poor white farmers.

From the late 1870s to 1898, Black and white tenant farmers in the eastern and western corners of the state became a political entity, while elites remained allegiant to the Democratic Party.

The Populist Party and the Republican Party — known nationally as the Farmer's Alliance — cooperated in state and federal elections from 1894 to the beginning of the Jim Crow era. While under Republican-Populist control, the N.C. General Assembly voted to increase ballot access for Black voters in 1895.

But it wasn't long until the state's electoral landscape drastically changed again.

In 1898, Democrats recaptured the General Assembly during the general election and days after led the Wilmington Coup, a race riot led by many former Confederates that left 60 Black North Carolinians dead.

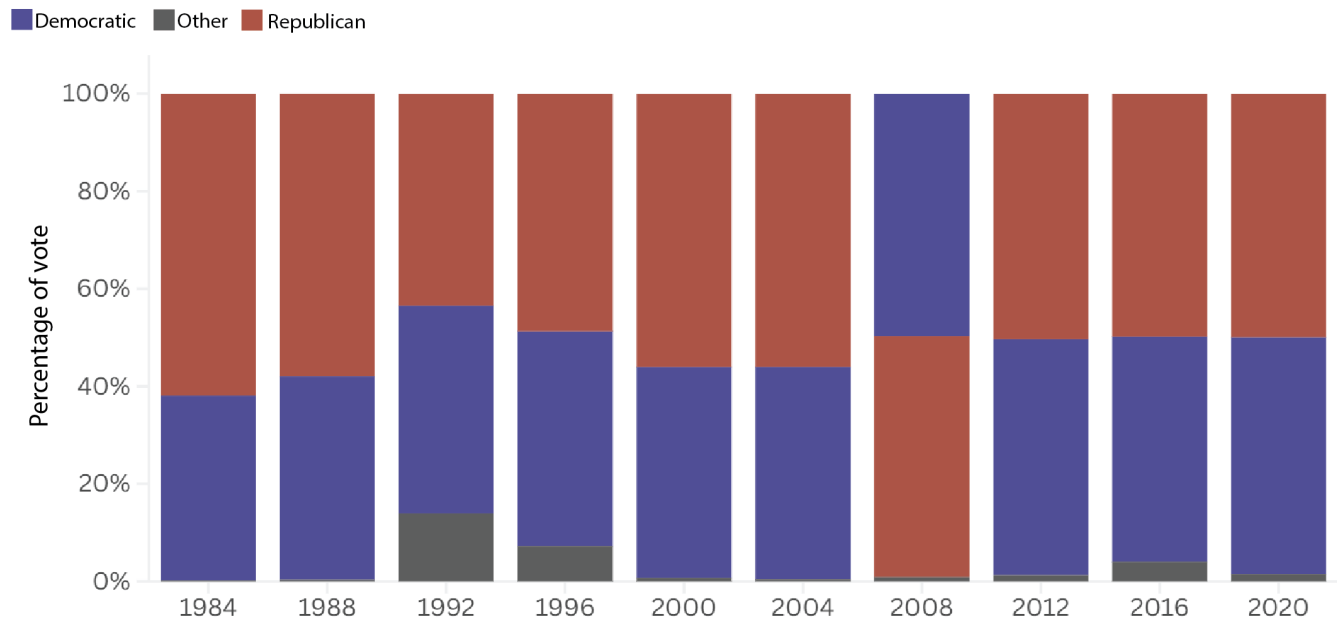
Two years after, Democrats put a constitutional amendment on the ballot mandating a poll tax and a literacy test. Watson said this weakened the power of the Republican Party's voter base and began a long trend of voter disenfranchisement in the state.

Fast forward to the Republican-Democratic party shift and the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964. Watson, now in his 80s, said that people his age will never forget that the modern N.C. Republican Party was founded on a silent reaction against the Civil Rights Movement.

Watson has served as an expert witness for

North Carolina has elected one Democratic president across the past 10 elections

The Democratic vote exceeded the Republican vote in 2008, the only presidential election in the last 10 where Democrats won in North Carolina. In 2020, the margin of victory for Donald Trump was 1.34 percent.



Source: Federal Election Commission

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a state supreme court case on gerrymandering, acted as a member of the University's Faculty Council and still sits on a number of state historical boards. He's observed the state's political maps and voting trends ebb and flow over the years.

With debates on Voter I.D. and this year's constitutional amendment around naturalized citizens, certain North Carolinians have struggled with access to the polls in decades past. But, the political coalitions and voting

blocks that led Carter and Obama to victory in the state are still present.

"That kind of change has crept in over the last generation, accelerated by things like the riots of the 1960s and so on," Watson said.

Michael Bitzer, a professor of politics and history at Catawba College, said that many times people conflate the idea of a swing state with political competition. Because North Carolina is the only "swing" state that Trump won in 2020, Bitzer said the state has a unique political environment that polls cannot quite capture. Most political precincts in North Carolina are overwhelmingly Republican or Democratic — when you combine these areas, you get a roughly 51-49 state.

"The margin of victory for the presidential race is probably going to be within the margin of error of all the polls leading into the election," he said.

Watson said that the "contagion" of outsiders moving to North Carolina doesn't mean the state is going to go bluer. He said that people from places like New York and New Jersey who move to the South for lower cost of living often think that their home states are too liberal.

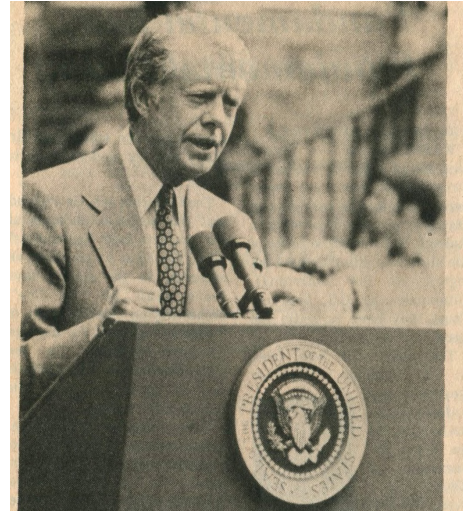
In the late 1970s, Ferrel Guillory, the founder of the Program on Public Life at UNC, found that North Carolina was the state with the lowest proportion of out-of-state births in the country while combing through the U.S. Census for an upcoming book. As of 2018, 44 percent of N.C. residents were born out-of-state.

"From about the 1800s to the 1980s, nobody moved to North Carolina — everybody moved out," Watson said.

Since 2020, the metropolitan population of the Triangle alone has grown more than five percent.

Numerous news outlets and magazines labeled the state as a top area to move to because of lower cost of living and job opportunities in the Research Triangle and other commercial centers. There's been a demographic change across the state as a whole, too. According to the N.C. Office of State Budget and Management, the Hispanic population has been the fastest growing demographic in the state since 1990.

The state is experiencing a kind of political reckoning with two-term Democratic Governor Roy Cooper exiting office and multiple contentious state races, like Michele Morrow's controversial bid for superintendent of Public Instruction. But, Bitzer said that party turn-out rates are what helps keep the state federally Republican. In 2020, 75 percent of registered Democrats voted in the general election, while registered Republicans were at 81 percent. Bitzer also said that the demographic of Black men that helped Obama win the state



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Jimmy Carter is photographed during his presidential visit to Wilson, N.C. on Aug. 5, 1978.

in 2008 have had lower turnout rates in years since.

"Prior to 2000 there wasn't early voting, there have been a lot of structural changes making it easier to vote," Gerry Cohen said.

Cohen, a member of the Wake County Board of Elections, has spent countless past election seasons mobilizing voters across the state. He said he expects voter turnout to be high this year because of the money spent by both parties on

door-to-door campaigning, advertisements and get-out-the-vote efforts.

"We've had Democratic governors almost continuously for 30 years or more, other than Pat McCrory," Cohen said. "It's purple to the extent that Democrats can carry state offices but have had trouble with federal offices."

Right now, political polling site FiveThirtyEight has reported three major polls from Quinnipiac University and Redfield & Wilton Strategies that show either Harris and Trump gaining the amount of the vote or Harris winning. News outlets and polls are continuing to label North Carolina as a swing state and campaigns will continue to court its voters until Nov. 5.

Still, North Carolina is a toss-up.

"We are a 51-49 Democratic state, so we're kind of on the knife's edge in terms of competitiveness," Bitzer said. "I think based on the polling, it is really a coin toss at this point."

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Lieutenant Governor

Serves as the acting governor when the governor is out of the state or during emergencies. Also a member of the Council of State, the N.C. Board of Education, the N.C. Capital Planning Commission, and the N.C. Board of Community Colleges, and serves as the Chairman of the eLearning Commission.

Attorney General

Represents North Carolina's government in legal matters, consults judges, and when requested, consults the North Carolina legislature.

Commissioner of Agriculture

In charge of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Responsible for regulating services in animal health; gas and oil inspection; crop and livestock statistics; USDA commodity distribution; state farm operations; food, drug and cosmetic testing for purity; agricultural marketing and promotion and much more.

Commissioner of Insurance

Regulates the insurance industry, handles complaints and licensing. Oversees building codes, fire departments and injury prevention.

Secretary of State

Oversees administrative procedures, in charge of regulating businesses, including registration, taxes and special filings.

Secretary of Labor

In charge of the health, safety and wellness of workers in North Carolina. Handles workplace discrimination, youth labor laws, drug testing and elevators and water boilers.

State Auditor

A check on the state budget, making sure departments and agencies are spending efficiently and correctly. Also looks at unnecessary spending.

State Treasurer

In charge of the state health plan, state retirement plan, etc. The administrator of budget programs.

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Oversees North Carolina public schools. Works with teachers, administration, etc. to uphold state standards.

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Vinny Smith

Constitution

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Background: served as a U.S. Naval Intelligence Officer, has written six Christian books and the co-owner of N.C. Esports Academy.

- **Economy:** We should create a skilled workforce through education and workforce development programs, to attract companies and businesses to the state.
- **Education:** We should advocate for parents who educate their children outside of public education by giving a tax credit equal to the cost of education that a child in the public school system would receive.
- **Reproductive health care:** Pro-life, against abortion in all cases.
- **Health care:** Aim to address disease management in schools through mandatory health and nutrition classes in grades K-12, only offering healthy foods in school and implementing a daily exercise program.

Profile by Sarah Clements

Mark Robinson



Republican

★★★★

- Background:** has served as North Carolina's lieutenant governor since 2021, raised in Greensboro, N.C., a U.S. army veteran.
- **Public safety:** Violent crime and terrorism are big concerns and should be addressed by providing increased support for law enforcement.
 - **Economy:** North Carolina should invest in infrastructure, lower taxes, support the agricultural industry and cryptocurrency, stop investing for ideological goals and improve state agencies.
 - **Education:** K-12 apprenticeship programs should be expanded to improve access to career and technical education.
 - **Reproductive health care:** Pro-life, would support at least a 6-week abortion ban.
 - **Health care:** Care for veterans should be expanded by providing more accessible care close to home.
 - **Environment:** Climate change as a concept isn't real, although the cycle of seasons is.
 - **Infrastructure:** North Carolina should invest in rural broadband services, coastal protections, rivers and ports and safe roadways.

Profile by Taylor Motley
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Wayne Turner



Green

★★★★

- Background:** co-chair for the North Carolina Green Party.
- **Public safety:** The prison system and criminal justice system are key public safety challenges in North Carolina, which should be addressed by abolishing prisons and reforming the criminal justice system.
 - **Economy:** Bring companies that treat employees fairly to North Carolina, support worker cooperatives and encourage the creation of a state-owned bank.
 - **Education:** We should stop funding private, for-profit schools and school resource officers, and redirect those funds toward resources like school counselors and arts instructors.
 - **Health care:** We should expand health insurance coverage by supporting federal Medicare for All bills and implementing a state-based universal health care program.
 - **Environment:** Supports increased funding for the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality as well as increased regulations regarding agricultural runoff, wetland protection and environmental permitting standards.

Profile by Taylor Motley
Photo courtesy of Wayne Turner

Josh Stein



Democrat

★★★★

- Background:** current N.C. attorney general, former state senator
- **Public safety:** Fentanyl crisis, violent crime and shortage of police officers should be addressed by working with law enforcement
 - **Economy:** Lower costs, raise minimum wage and cut taxes for working families; strengthen CTE and apprenticeship programs.
 - **Education:** Properly fund public education — ensure students have access to learning materials, raise teacher pay, invest in support staff.
 - **Reproductive health care:** Contraception, abortion and IVF are personal decisions that should not be made by politicians.
 - **Health care:** Build on Medicaid expansion, lower drug and hospital costs, expand telemedicine and the number of providers in rural areas.
 - **Environment:** Climate change and pollution should be addressed by pushing for clean energy and towards carbon neutrality.
 - **Infrastructure:** Deliver internet access; strengthen schools and community colleges; invest in water, sewer, roads and rail infrastructure.

Profile by Sarah Clements
Photo by Heather Diehl

Mike Ross



Libertarian

★★★

- Background:** businessman and CEO of an economic advising company.
- **Public safety:** We should protect the police, including a minimum salary of \$50k and providing them with psychological support, and protect the public, by having a minimum of 1 year training period for police officers and ending qualified immunity.
 - **Economy:** We should remove layers of taxation and unfair government intervention in the free market.
 - **Education:** We should address unfair government intervention in funding and curriculum by providing equitable funding across all schools, including home schools. We should allow schools to choose their own curriculum and parents to choose what education style works best for their children.
 - **Health care:** We should remove government intervention in health care by removing unnecessary regulations with the goal of reducing health care costs and improving the quality of care.
 - **Environment:** We should limit unnecessary environmental regulations that could prevent the implementation of new, environmentally-friendly technologies and practices, and protect the environment from corporations that do not wish to protect it.

Profile by Taylor Motley
Photo courtesy of Kimberly Acer

Hal Weatherman



Republican



Background: founder of a nonprofit focused on election integrity, served as chief of staff for Lt. Gov. Dan Forest and U.S. Rep. Sue Myrick, district director for former U.S. Rep. Madison Cawthorne.

- **Public safety:** Crime and fentanyl in both urban and rural areas are causes for concern. Armed school resource officers will keep our schools safer, and the disaster relief system should be reformed.
- **Economy:** We should expand the exportation of North Carolina agricultural products to other states and countries, and helping to funnel resources to businesses especially in rural areas of the state.
- **Education:** The public school system hasn't prepared students for the global economy and is more concerned with advancing cultural agendas. We should remove the stigma on working in the trades.
- **Reproductive health care:** Pro-life and will advocate for a bill banning abortion after 5-6 weeks in North Carolina.
- **Health care:** The price of health care is too high, veterans need increased access to mental health services, and we need more emergency pregnancy health clinics.

Profile by Joseph Cole
Photo courtesy of Ian Richardson

Rachel Hunt



Democrat



Background: current N.C. state senator, attorney

- **Public safety:** Gun violence should be addressed by prioritizing common sense red flag laws and supporting law enforcement officers.
- **Economy:** We should support small businesses and expand access to broadband internet in rural areas.
- **Education:** Lack of funding for public schools should be addressed by voting against attempts from the legislature to defund public schools and send funding to private school programs.
- **Reproductive health care:** Believes women should be able to make their own reproductive health care decisions without interference from politicians. Opposed to the state's 12-week abortion ban.
- **Health care:** We should increase affordability and lower drug prices.

Profile by Lola Oliverio
Photo courtesy of Rachel Hunt

Lieutenant Governor

Shannon Bray

Libertarian



Background: technology entrepreneur, ran to represent North Carolina in the U.S. Senate in 2020 and 2022.

- **Public safety:** Reduce unnecessary traffic stops, eliminate drug possession arrests, and abolish civil forfeiture and qualified immunity, as well as increase transparency with body-worn cameras, police retraining focused on de-escalation, and stricter accountability measures for police officers involved in fatal incidents. Licensed Clinical Social Workers should accompany police during mental health-related calls.
- **Economy:** We should legalize marijuana, and it could become a cash crop for North Carolina farmers.
- **Education:** Ideally, government is kept out of education. But, we should fund students rather than systems. In support of private school voucher programs.
- **Reproductive health care:** Supports the right to an abortion until 16 weeks with no restrictions. In cases of rape or incest, right to an abortion until 24 weeks. 3rd Trimester abortions not legal unless there is danger to the life of the mother, stillbirth, and if the baby is unlikely to survive after birth.

Profile by Joseph Cole

Wayne Jones

Constitution



Background: worked in the telecommunications industry for over three decades.

- **Public safety:** Schools should be kept secure, there should be no red flag laws and illegal immigrants should be arrested and deported. The death penalty should be enforced.
- **Economy:** We should stop wasteful government spending and end property taxes.
- **Education:** We should bring back prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance in schools. "Woke" universities should be defunded and community colleges and trade schools should be supported.
- **Reproductive health care:** All life should be protected, and Planned Parenthood should be "aborted."
- **Health care:** There should be no forced vaccine requirements and we should pass legal use of medical CBD, and encourage medical freedom.

Profile by Lucy Marques & Lola Oliverio

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THE ISSUES



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<p>ABORTION Ban or legal?</p>	<p>Legal. “Every woman should have the right to make decisions about her own body.” “This fight is about freedom.” With Biden, strengthened abortion pill access and abortion patient protections, overturned Trump Planned Parenthood federal funding ban. Would sign national abortion rights bill if Congress passed.</p>	<p>Ban. “After 50 years of failure, I was able to kill Roe v. Wade.” Did so by appointing three anti-abortion Supreme Court Justices. It was “a miracle.” States should decide for themselves, potentially monitoring women’s pregnancies and prosecuting women for getting abortions. Abortion is “really not that big of an issue.”</p>
<p>CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?</p>	<p>Yes. We’re seeing the climate crisis “every day...in real time.” “We must do more.” Cast the deciding vote to commit \$369 billion to climate and clean energy, the biggest investment in US history. Supported \$1.2 trillion in infrastructure; includes reducing greenhouse gas emissions. No longer would ban hydraulic fracking.</p>	<p>No. Climate change is a “hoax.” The world will “start getting cooler.” Withdrew from the Paris climate pact. Will expand coal and oil production. “I want to drill, baby, drill.” Asked oil and gas executives to donate \$1 billion so he could reverse Biden’s climate initiatives.</p>
<p>CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?</p>	<p>Police are dedicated public servants. As a prosecutor increased felony convictions by one third. But “public safety requires community trust.” Has supported better training, banning choke holds, and prosecuting police misconduct.</p>	<p>Police are “under siege.” Cut back active federal oversight of excess force, though supported a database to track it. Admires Chinese approach of quick trials and a death penalty for drug dealers so there will be a “zero drug problem.”</p>
<p>ECONOMY How to improve the economy and make daily life more affordable.</p>	<p>Expand child tax credit. Give tax credits for affordable housing builders and subsidize first-time home buyers. Restrict price gouging on groceries and lower drug costs by negotiating prices. Supported bipartisan infrastructure bill.</p>	<p>Increase taxes (tariffs) on imported goods. Cut housing demand with mass deportations. To lower prices, would deregulate businesses, rein in “wasteful federal spending” and unleash American energy. Opposed infrastructure bill.</p>
<p>EDUCATION Limit teaching about racism and gender identity?</p>	<p>No. In Florida “extremists... passed a law, ‘Don’t Say Gay,’ trying to instill fear in our teachers.” Now, “they want to replace history with lies,” teaching “that enslaved people benefited from slavery.” Children should be “taught the truth.”</p>	<p>Yes. Certify teachers who “embrace patriotic values.” Would “cut federal funding” for any school “pushing critical race theory, gender ideology.” Restricted diversity training for federal employees and contractors.</p>
<p>ELECTIONS Did Joe Biden win the 2020 Presidential election?</p>	<p>Yes. “The [election] results were certified by state after state and reaffirmed by court after court.” “On January 6, we all saw what our nation would look like if the forces who seek to dismantle our democracy are successful.”</p>	<p>No. Called the election a “Big Lie” and a “Massive Fraud” that would justify “termination” of parts of Constitution. Called those who stormed U.S. Capitol “unbelievable patriots.” Would pardon them fully.</p>
<p>GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun regulations?</p>	<p>Tighten. “Every person deserves the freedom to live safe from gun violence.” Supported the bipartisan gun safety bill and required background checks for gun show & online sales.</p>	<p>Loosen. To NRA, “no one will lay a finger on your firearms.” Plans to roll back Biden gun restrictions. Reversed Obama-era background checks for those with mental illnesses.</p>
<p>HEALTHCARE Repeal or expand the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare?</p>	<p>Expand. “Health care is a right, not a privilege.” Cast a tie-breaking Senate vote to expand ACA & lower Medicare drug prices, including a \$35 monthly insulin cost. Would link drug costs to costs that comparable wealthy nations pay.</p>	<p>Repeal. “Terminate.” “Obamacare is a catastrophe.” As President, promised to replace it with “something terrific,” but repeal failed in the Senate by one vote. Supported an unsuccessful lawsuit to overturn it.</p>

N.C. Senate District 23

Graig Meyer



Democrat ★★★

Background: currently represents the district in the State Senate, previously represented House District 50 in the General Assembly, worked for N.C. public schools for 16 years.

- **Top priorities:** Equal educational opportunities in public schools, climate change and cannabis legalization.
- **Education:** Promoting racial equity in the education system, extending school years to help lower-performing schools to catch up with other schools and increasing public school funding.
- **Health care:** Supports expanding the Federal Medicaid program to increase health care access in North Carolina, as well as the SAVE Act.
- **Economic development:** Supports passing legislation that cuts tax burdens and financial assistance for small businesses.
- **Environment:** Supports policies that promote renewable and efficient energy, as well as more sustainable public transportation options.

Profile by Caroline Horne
Photo courtesy of Graig Meyer

Laura Pichardo



Republican ★★★

Background: Republican Party candidate running for the District 23 North Carolina State Senate seat, previously served as Treasurer of the Caswell Republican Party, is a business consultant.

- **Top priorities:** Supporting small businesses and creating jobs, upholding constitutional rights and development for rural communities.
- **Education:** Wants to improve education by increasing teacher salaries and promoting vocational and technical education programs for students in both urban and rural communities.
- **Health care:** Supports providing better mental and physical health care in rural communities.
- **Economic development:** Supports providing grant funding for new businesses and reducing tax rates to encourage economic growth.
- **Environment:** Supports policies that cut electric vehicle mandates and promote sustainable agriculture.

Profile by Caroline Horne
Photo courtesy of Laura Pichardo

Allen Buansi



Democrat ★★★

Background: incumbent representative for District 56 in the North Carolina House of Representatives, previously served as Deputy Director of the UNC Center for Civil Rights.

- **Top priorities:** Improving public education, environmental justice, accessible health care.
- **Education:** Supports strengthening public schools, increasing teacher pay, closing the achievement gap.
- **Health care:** Opposes efforts to impose work requirements for Medicaid users, supports efforts to increase funding for local public health departments and supports passing the Whole Women's Health Act to remove restrictions on abortion services.
- **Affordable housing:** Prioritize affordable housing.
- **Social justice:** Believes the purpose of his work is to empower people to have equal opportunities to succeed in life, opposes the UNC system's vote against DEI.

Profile by Jessica Hudnut
Photo by Ashlyn Rhyne

Jeffrey Hoagland



Republican ★★★


Background: nuclear physicist and engineer who currently works for NHanced Semiconductors, born in Louisville, N.C. State in 2009.

- **Top priorities:** Crime, lowering taxes and clean and cheap nuclear energy.
- **Education:** Supports the use of public funds to cover the costs of attending private schools and giving parents increased information about their children's curricula and school related health.
- **Health care:** Supports abortions up to 22 weeks and protections for health care workers that refuse to participate in treatments that defy their personal beliefs.
- **Affordable housing:** Supports adding trains and improving roads to reduce housing prices by making it easier for people to live further out of town.
- **Social justice:** Believes his role is to listen to people, supports prohibiting transgender women from entering sex-separated spaces (ex. Bathrooms or locker rooms) and exempting faith-based organizations from rules that conflict with sincerely held religious beliefs.

Profile by Jessica Hudnut
Photo by Photo courtesy of Jeffrey Hoagland

N.C. House District 56

Eric Blankenburg



★★★

Republican

Background: has worked in the technology industry for over 30 years, a U.S. Air Force veteran.

- **Foreign policy:** The U.S. should keep out of foreign wars because the economic and humanitarian costs for Americans are too high.
- **Economy:** We should provide training in personal finances and work ownership and vocations for underserved communities and work with banks to provide loans to local businesses in low-income areas.
- **Health care reform:** The health care system is too costly for the country and doesn't produce good enough results, improvements to quality of care need to be made.
- **Educational disparities:** The education system should be reformed to meet the needs of the 21st century, by working to improve math and science outcomes.
- **Climate change:** We should introduce energy alternatives that work with the market, and not rely on solar and wind energy because they can be unreliable. We should consider nuclear energy as a potential future clean energy option.
- **Infrastructure:** We should create a more efficient transit system that combines ride sharing services and self-driving capabilities as well as provide tax incentives to providers to deliver internet services in areas without it.
- **Public Safety:** We should ensure that all federal programs keep the community safe by emphasizing and restoring law and order.

*Profile by Isaac Carter
Photo courtesy of Eric Blankenburg*

Valerie Foushee



★★★

Democrat

Background: U.S. House member (D-NC 4th) since 2022; previously N.C. state senator, state representative, chair of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners.

- **Foreign policy:** De-escalation efforts in the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, monetarily support Israel's efforts to defend itself; assist Ukraine's military; support allies in the Indo-Pacific region.
- **Economy:** Support unions, raise federal minimum wage, push for accessible credit for small business owners and new homeowners.
- **Health care reform:** Support Medicaid expansion in N.C., limit governmental restrictions on abortion, lower drug costs, address health disparities in minority communities.
- **Educational disparities:** Support free and universal pre-K programs and expand the Child Tax Credit.
- **Climate change:** Support Green New Deal, National Parks Services, legislation to combat carbon emissions, lowering clean energy costs.
- **Infrastructure:** Increase affordable housing initiatives and accessibility; fund road and intersection improvements.
- **Public Safety:** Value relationship between law enforcement and the community, decriminalize marijuana usage and possession for those over 21, strengthen anti-discrimination laws in the justice system.

*Profile by Sarah Smiley
Photo by Samantha Lewis*

U.S. House District 4

Guy Meilleur

★★★★

Libertarian

Background: arborist and educator.

- **Economy:** Supports the abolition of the ABC system on the basis that the system infringes on business owners and liquor manufacturers.
- **Educational disparities:** Supports expanding North Carolina's state-funded Education Savings Account program to allow better educational options for students with special learning needs and improving funding for the North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship program for families to enroll their students in private school.
- **Infrastructure:** Supports inclusive zoning practices for duplexes and triplexes to be incorporated in low-density areas with single-family homes. He has advocated for transportation funding to be allocated in urban centers for greater accessibility.

Profile by Sarah Smiley

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Jeff Jackson



Democrat

★★★

- Background:** U.S. House member (D-NC 14th), four terms in the N.C. senate, prosecutor, Major in the Army's National Guard.
- **Public safety issues:** Fentanyl and violent crime should be addressed by disrupting distribution cells within the state and advocating for effective forms of addiction treatment. Fraud attempts targeting seniors and veterans as well as Medicare and Medicaid fraud should be prevented.
 - **Law Enforcement:** Law enforcement deserves respect for the role they serve. Some state law enforcement agencies are currently underfunded and need to be properly paid.
 - **Criminal Justice system issues:** Given the increase in juvenile crime rates, juveniles accused of crimes should appear before a judge who has access to their criminal records. The judge should be able to place a juvenile in secure custody if they are a repeat offender.

Profile by Defne Önal
Photo courtesy of Tommy Cromie

Dan Bishop

★★★

Republican

Background: member of U.S. House representing North Carolina's 8th district, spent nearly three decades as a commercial litigator.

- **Public safety issues:** Violent crime should be addressed by reversing "woke" crime policies, like open borders and defunding of police departments.
- **Law Enforcement:** Policing should remain robust and present, and there should be collaboration between state and local law enforcement agencies and ICE, to assist with removing illegal immigrants more readily.
- **Criminal Justice system:** Restorative justice practices undermine consistent criminal prosecution. Violent criminals should be incapacitated and the focus should remain on the victims.

Profile by Defne Önal

Attorney General

Secretary of State

Chad Brown



Republican

★★★

- Background:** former mayor of Stanley, North Carolina, currently on the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.
- **Business registration:** The process should be streamlined by a reduced bureaucracy, empowered entrepreneurs who can succeed and work directly with small businesses to make the process faster and efficient and not allowing businesses to pay to expedite the registration process.
 - **Government administration:** There is a lack of urgency and access to office staff, lack of state offices across the region, and safeguarding the electoral process.
 - **State business:** North Carolina should function as a hub and spoke system where business owners know where their materials come from, how to get them and how to expedite the process by doing everything inside the state and bringing good companies to North Carolina that will benefit the community.

Profile by Maddie Policastro
Photo courtesy of Chad Brown

Elaine Marshall



Democrat

★★★

- Background:** current North Carolina secretary of state, former member of the state senate.
- **Business registration:** It should be easier for rural North Carolinians to start businesses through connecting entrepreneurs to resources and giving tax credits to small businesses.
 - **Government administration:** There is a need to increase state employee membership, keeping the Secretary of State department's technology up to date, requiring consistent and transparent lobbying reporting and not allowing tax breaks for millionaires and companies who ship jobs overseas.
 - **State business:** Because North Carolina is among the top most affordable states to do business, it is important to expand it to continue the trend of business creation over the years.

Profile by Sheridan Barry
Photo by Maya Carter

Bob Drach

Libertarian

★★★

Background: Certified Management Accountant and a former Peace Corps. volunteer.

- **Transparency and accountability:** A third party candidate, like himself, would be an unbiased auditor and avoid conflicts of interest that would arise if the candidate were to be a member of a major party.
- **Priorities in state audits:** Because a state auditor can't catch every instance of fraud, whistleblowers are essential to the office so they can find and report fraud.
- **Engagement in auditing process:** Believes in restoring credibility to the office of state auditor.
- **Performance metrics:** A state auditor independent in appearance and fact.

Profile by Brantley Aycock & Makenzie Mills

Dave Boliek



Republican

★★★

Background: former prosecutor, business-owner and UNC Board of Trustees chairman.

- **Transparency and accountability:** The office should utilize performance audits, as well as standard financial audits, to examine how state agencies are giving back to North Carolinians.
- **Priorities in state audits:** The Department of Motor Vehicles should be the first priority, because it's run inefficiently. That audit would set the tone for how the auditor's office should deal with state agency spending.
- **Engagement in auditing process:** The auditor's office should be proactive and engage with the public and their concerns.
- **Resource allocation:** Taxpayer dollars going toward programs that are not performing well should be reallocated to programs that are proven to deliver a stronger return on taxpayer investment.
- **Performance metrics:** Program results and operational efficiency.

Profile by Brantley Aycock & Makenzie Mills
Photo by Ira Wilder

Jessica Holmes



Democrat

★★★

Background: incumbent state auditor, Wake County commissioner, deputy commissioner in N.C. Industrial Commission.

- **Transparency and accountability:** The office should implement self-examinations and internal processes to hold the auditor's accountable and set an example for other state agencies.
- **Priorities in state audits:** Issues like hurricane relief, senior and disability care and SNAP benefits are important, and it's important that the auditor's office ensures that those offices use their funding for what they're supposed to.
- **Engagement in auditing process:** The auditor's office should work to build public trust and foster relationships with stakeholders.
- **Resource allocation:** It's important to ensure that state sources should be efficiently going toward vulnerable communities, and that every tax dollar goes where it is intended to go.
- **Performance metrics:** Integrity and unbiased perspectives.

Profile by Brantley Aycock & Makenzie Mills
Photo courtesy of Jessica Holmes

Auditor

Wesley Harris



Democrat

★★★

Background: member of the N.C. House since 2019, economic consultant, UNC graduate.

- **State Health Plan:** Raise state employee's wages and create a more sustainable state health care plan.
- **State Investments:** Invest in assets beyond cash.
- **Transparency:** Communicate what's happening with the finances with the public.
- **Retirement:** More diversified portfolio to invest in companies that represent the values of the state.

Profile by Lauren Zola
Photo Courtesy of Wesley Harris

Brad Briner



Republican

★★★

Background: Republican candidate for N.C. treasurer and a UNC graduate, worked for Willett Advisors, appointed a member of the UNC Board of Trustees in 2023.

- **State Health Plan:** Should instead focus on the underperformance of the state retirement system.
- **State Investments:** Less conservative investments and more longer term, higher investment returns.
- **Transparency:** Changing the governance structure of the office to create more board positions.
- **Retirement:** Staying away from values-driven investing and have the state focus on the net returns of companies to improve the pension plan.

Profile by Lauren Zola
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Treasurer

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Superintendent of Public Instruction

Michele Morrow



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Republican ★★ ★

Background: has worked as an ICU and ER nurse and taught students in parent-led micro schools, a midpoint between homeschooling and traditional schooling.

- **School safety:** Increase the presence of School Resource Officers (SROs) in "high-priority districts" to deter both threats to students and crimes committed by students.
- **Role of public schools:** Celebrate America and promote fairness, equality and unity.
- **Parents' rights:** Public schools should not keep any student information confidential and should have to disclose any information about students.
- **Voucher program:** Supports private school vouchers and believes that families should have more choices for education.
- **Top issues:** Reducing unnecessary spending in schools, reducing the influence of "political interest groups" in educational policy and emphasizing the family in decisions around student education.

*Profile by Walker Livingston
Photo courtesy of Team Morrow*

Mo Green



Democrat ★★ ★

Background: former superintendent of Guilford County Schools, previously served as legal counsel for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

- **School safety:** Increase student mental health services in schools, wants schools to work in tandem with law enforcement to create positive relationships with students.
- **Role of public schools:** Sees public schools as an opportunity to prepare students for whatever path they choose following graduation.
- **Parents' rights:** Believes that schools should be able to keep students' gender and sexuality information confidential.
- **Voucher program:** Opposes private school vouchers and believes the money should be used to address the existing needs of public school students.
- **Top issues:** Funding issues, such as teacher pay and a lack of support resources.

*Profile by Walker Livingston
Photo courtesy of Mo Green*

Braxton Winston



Democrat ★★ ★

Background: former mayor pro tempore of the Charlotte City Council, current member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Union.

- **Labor unions:** Maintaining a strong labor movement is important, and this happens by ensuring that workers understand their rights.
- **Workplace safety standards:** "Whole worker approach": there is a focus on both physical safety and fair compensation, especially in industries including agriculture, meatpacking and construction.
- **Working conditions:** Working with both businesses and employees is necessary to improve safety practices, must collaborate with the North Carolina General Assembly to strengthen the OSH.
- **Vulnerable workers:** There should be labor policies installed that protect workers from poverty and provide access to affordable housing, health care and transportation.
- **Labor law violation:** Violations should be addressed by increasing the number of inspectors to make sure that employers who break labor laws are held accountable and improving transparency and accountability within the department to rebuild public trust in its role of protecting workers.

*Profile by Reyna Drake
Photo courtesy of Braxton Winston*

Luke Farley



Republican ★★ ★

Background: workplace safety attorney with over 14 years of experience, a graduate of UNC and Wake Forest School of Law.

- **Labor unions:** Instead of having workers be forced to join a union, the state should foster a competitive business environment and keep North Carolina a right-to-work state.
- **Workplace safety standards:** Officials should utilize common sense enforcement and follow models employed by other conservative leaders.
- **Working conditions:** Medical freedom should be prioritized, including prohibiting employers from firing or disciplining workers who refuse to receive the COVID-19 vaccine or use a mask.
- **Vulnerable workers:** Labor laws should be maintained by using common sense enforcement.
- **Labor law violation:** Common sense enforcement and AI algorithms should be implemented to direct inspection at employees they see most likely to violate labor laws and regulations.

*Profile by Reyna Drake
Photo courtesy of Team Farley*

Commissioner of Labor

Mike Causey



Republican ★★ ★

Background: the current North Carolina commissioner of insurance, veteran of the U.S. Army where he served as a military policeman.

- **Insurance fraud:** Consumers and insurers should be protected by keeping insurance rates down, leveling the playing field and maintaining fair enforcement for insurance companies.
- **Homeowners' insurance:** Proposed increases on insurance rates for homeowners should be blocked.
- **Rental insurance:** Renters should receive personal property protection, additional living expenses if their home is uninhabitable, liability for injuries or damages to others and medical payments for guests injured on their premises.
- **Disaster insurance:** Residents should be provided with a guide for protecting insured entities before, during and after a natural disaster and DOI Consumer Assistance to help file insurance claims and aid with other insurance needs.
- **Claim settlements:** Insurance companies should be regulated and consumers protected, as well as ensuring a balance between consumer rates and insurance companies' claims.

Profile by Kristin Kharrat
Photo courtesy of Mike Causey

Natasha Marcus



Democrat ★★ ★

Background: current N.C. Senate member for three terms, former litigation attorney.

- **Insurance fraud:** Protect consumers and insurers through workers' compensation, develop strategies to address worker misclassification, investigate large-scale fraud, ensure employers provide employees with health care premiums.
- **Homeowners' insurance:** Accessible information about rate changes, insurance companies required to justify rate increase requests with evidence, target and closing loopholes.
- **Rental insurance:** Partnerships with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the N.C. Department of Commerce to increase insurance options for consumers
- **Disaster insurance:** Protect high-risk areas by modernizing building codes, supporting investments in renewable energy, appointing a member of the Coastal Resources Commission to address climate-related issues and expanding the FORTIFIED Roof program.
- **Claim settlements:** Require insurance companies to earn reasonable profit while also representing consumers and keeping rates low.

Profile by Kristin Kharrat
Photo courtesy of Natasha Marcus

Commissioner of Insurance

Sean Haugh



Libertarian ★★ ★

Background: long-time Durham resident, worked several jobs engaging with the community, including pizza delivery.

- **Farmland loss:** The legalization of marijuana will lead to increased profit for farmers and a more profitable use of farmland.

Profile by Sarah Lewisohn
Photo courtesy of Sean Haugh

Sarah Taber



Democrat ★★ ★

Background: farms operations specialist, 27 years in agriculture; helped launch series of vegetable greenhouses and indoor farms.

- **Agriculture issues:** Farmers don't make enough money per acre compared to other states, which should be addressed by introducing new, more profitable crops and investing in food processing infrastructure.
- **Resource protection:** There should be facilities to turn high-value crops into foods people use and give farms and food plants skilled workers a living wage.
- **Regenerative agriculture:** There should be an investment in rural farm infrastructure.
- **Water safety:** Funding should be increased to do more research into how PFAS affect water, soil, crops and livestock.
- **Farmland loss:** Loss should be addressed by adding processing facilities and supply chains to allow farmers to sell in wider market.

Profile by Annika Duneja
Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Taber

Commissioner of Agriculture

Steve Troxler



Republican ★★ ★

Background: the current North Carolina commissioner of agriculture, the former president of the National Association of State Departments.

- **Agriculture issues:** Loss of farmland and forests should be addressed by working with the U.S. Department of Defense to prevent military base encroachment on farmland.
- **Resource protection:** Protecting military bases and restoring hemlocks in the state is necessary.
- **Regenerative agriculture:** There should be a focus on enforcing regulations and compliance.
- **Water safety:** Conservation projects should be prioritized including the French Broad River as a backup water source for Asheville and Hendersonville.
- **Farmland loss:** The diversity of what farms can do regardless of farm size should be prioritized, including raising poultry, growing grains, sweet potatoes, tobacco and vegetables.

Photo courtesy of North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Profile by Annika Duneja

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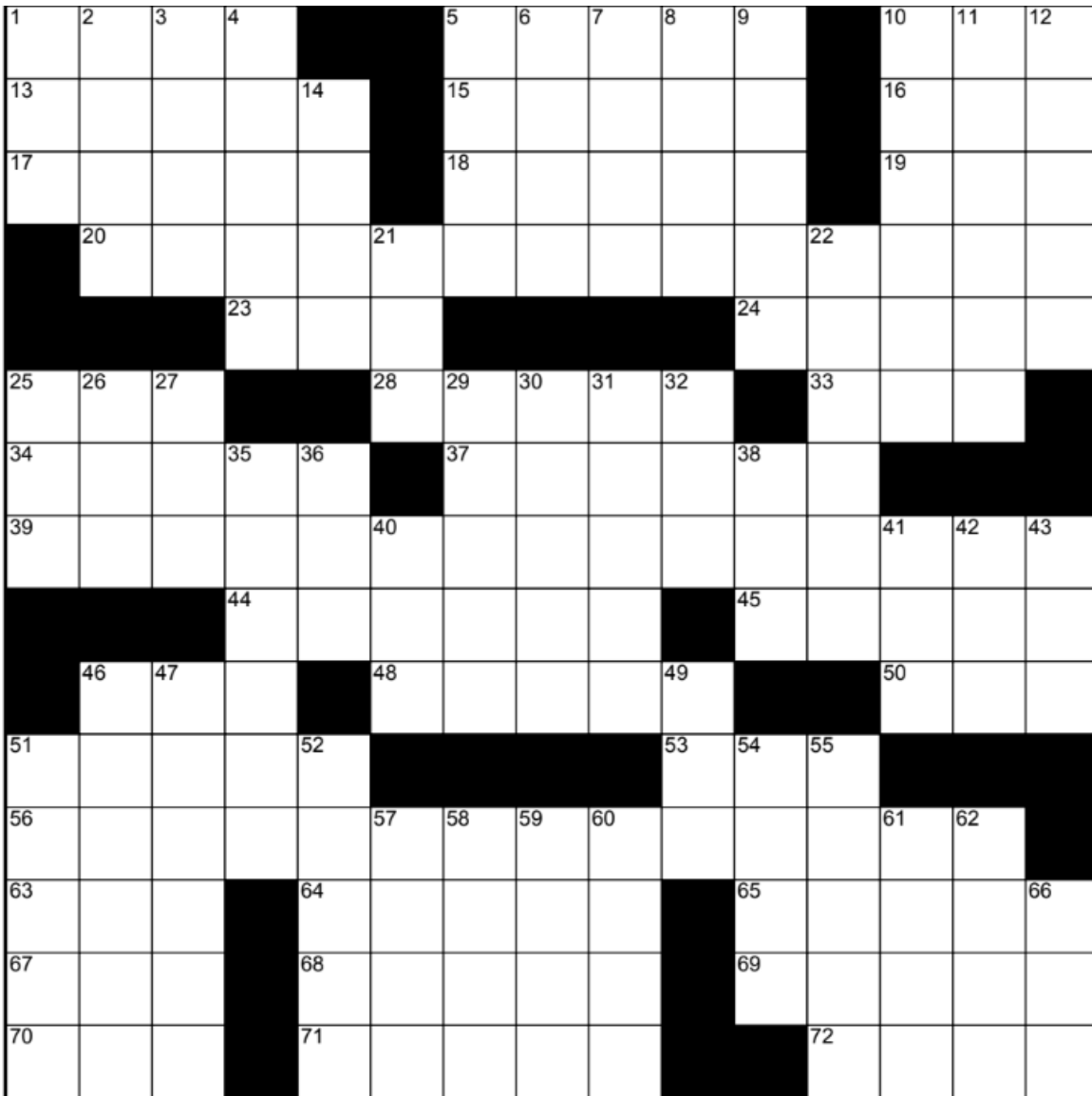


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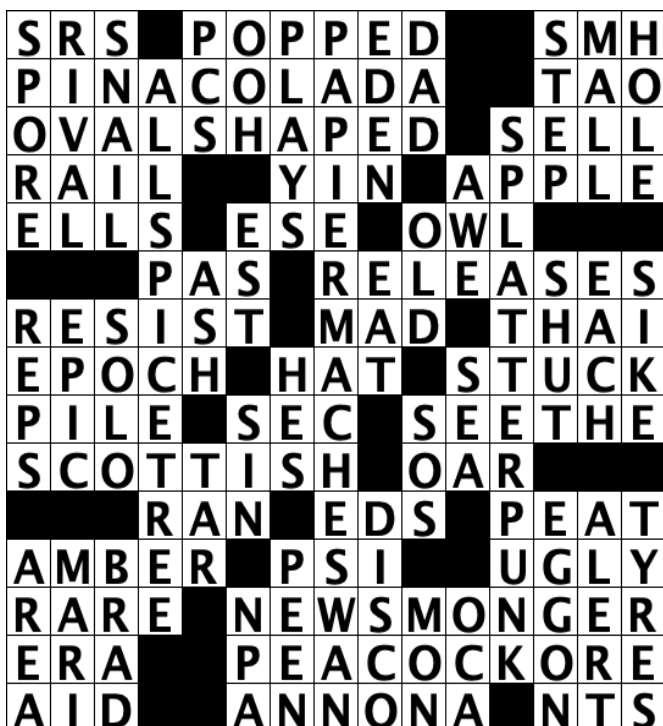
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- 5 Operation type that might involve the Police?
- 10 Tombstone epithet
- 13 3, relating to 27
- 15 Trojan’s protection?
- 16 Dating profile statistic
- 17 Pilfered
- 18 Green Caribbean fruit
- 19 Small hotel, like that on Pittsboro Street
- 20 Olympian swimming “Queen” repping the Dukes?
- 23 Our homophone of choice?
- 24 “_____ Breath You Take” (song sung by 5-across)
- 25 Appropriate
- 28 Oklahoma metropolis
- 33 ‘Lemon’ and ‘lime’ suffix
- 34 Stops taking a class, say
- 37 Idea, concept
- 39 English queen playing alongside Norm the Niner?

- 44 Vision-related
- 45 Make use of
- 46 A violent mentality
- 48 Perceive
- 50 Quill pen supplement
- 51 Low energy state of matter
- 53 Prefix to ‘pronouns’ and ‘liberalism’
- 56 Caucasus Region queen leading the Yellow Jackets?
- 63 An insufficient number to tango, say
- 64 Steer clear of
- 65 Satirical twist
- 67 “Parks and _____”
- 68 Pale purple hue
- 69 Not as old
- 70 Sheeran and Sullivan, together
- 71 Beat poet Ginsberg
- 72 Power tools that are all the buzz?

Down

- 1 Macs, for example
- 2 Baby-sized candy?
- 3 Double-reeded woodwind
- 4 Guy, dude, chap
- 5 Very wise
- 6 Quiz answer, perhaps
- 7 Koran interpreter
- 8 Canada’s _____ Scotia
- 9 Evaluate one’s essay, say
- 10 Ascended
- 11 Pay no mind to
- 12 “The Big Bang Theory” leading lady
- 14 Cared-for caribou?
- 21 Shrimping requirement
- 22 1887 play by Chekhov
- 25 Pop-up annoyances
- 26 Tiger Woods or Rafael Nadal
- 27 Outperform TOPO’s cuisine?
- 29 Sam, Buck, and Ian’s title
- 30 Meyers’s “The Parent Trap” star
- 31 Hollywood folks good for dancing with?
- 32 Radio time, say
- 35 Irrational fear
- 36 “Get ‘em, boy!”
- 38 Suffix for ‘crap’ and ‘Motor’
- 40 Slov. neighbor
- 41 _____ chi (martial art)
- 42 For Dorothy, it makes for a heartless man
- 43 14-down relative
- 46 Cried out in pain
- 47 Pre-Colombian Mexicans
- 49 Hillsborough river
- 51 Put away in the market?
- 52 Tension in the friend group, perhaps
- 54 Andrews, of ESPN and UNC advising
- 55 Shrek and Fiona
- 57 Elongated round shape
- 58 Disturbing, like poultry farms
- 59 Relent, concede
- 60 First garden
- 61 Cedar Rapids state
- 62 Reborn
- 66 525,600 mins.

Answers to “Down the Pumpkin Patch”



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Horoscopes

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 19)

Today is a 9 — Smile for the cameras. Keep high standards. You can find what you need. Use charm, not force. Step into the spotlight and shine.

TAURUS (APRIL 20 - MAY 20)

Today is a 6 — Contemplate your next moves. Plan today for action later. Consider consequences. Undergo a transformation. Make harmony a goal. Peace and quiet nurture your spirit.

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 20)

Today is an 8 — You have more friends than realized. Network for common solutions. Diversity provides strength. Share and contribute. Thank people for their gifts. Make fun plans.

CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 22)

Today is an 8 — Career opportunities tempt. Review the options. Wait for developments and hold out for the best deal. Consider the consequences before choosing. Sort resources.

LEO (JULY 23 - AUG. 22)

Today is a 7 — Slow to enjoy the scenery. Avoid traffic by lingering at a scenic detour. Investigate a tempting possibility. Avoid delays or pitfalls with detailed planning.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22)

Today is a 7 — Reaffirm financial commitments. Stick to practical priorities. Review plans before making a move. Opportunities abound but some roads are blocked. Patiently wait for developments.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22)

Today is an 8 — Rely on support from a strong partner. Don’t get pushy, though. Share resources, talents and experiences. Revise plans for new circumstances. Find hidden treasure.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23 - NOV. 21)

Today is a 7 — Your practices are paying off. Focus on details and refine technique. Avoid distractions. Put your heart into your work. Healthy routines get satisfying results.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 - DEC. 21)

Today is a 7 — Relax and enjoy the view. Celebrate with people you love. Do something nice for someone. Stay frugal. Savor simple pleasures like a shared sunset.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 19)

Today is a 7 — Home and family have your attention. Stay objective with a domestic breakdown. Listen to every view. Avoid passing judgment. The solution provides satisfying improvements.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 - FEB. 18)

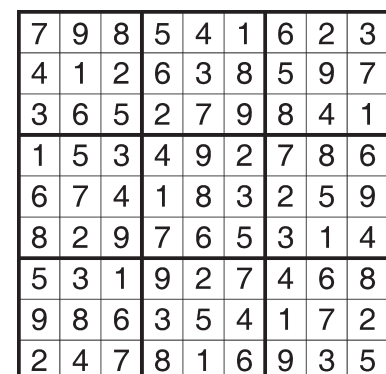
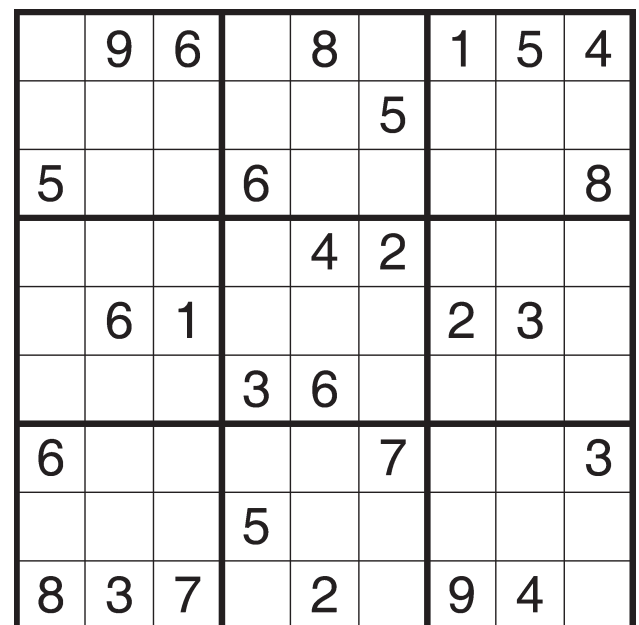
Today is an 8 — Practice your creative arts and skills. Issue public comments and promotions. Your greatest strength is love. Find interesting ways to articulate your passion.

PISCES (FEB. 19 - MARCH 20)

Today is a 9 — Your work’s in demand. Can you raise rates? Do the market research. Your morale gets a boost with increased cash flow. Monitor closely.

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JUDICIAL | SEAT 12

Tom Murry discusses fairness and role of the court

He evaluates the importance of transparency and judicial restraint

The Daily Tar Heel's McKenzie Bulris spoke with Tom Murry, the Republican candidate for the N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Seat 12, to discuss his candidacy and aspirations for the court. His Democratic opponent is Carolyn Jennings Thompson.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

The Daily Tar Heel: What do you want voters to know about you?

Tom Murry: Over the past 23 years, I've developed a reputation as a common sense advocate in many different capacities. While I was in law school, folks in my neighborhood asked me to run for town council. I was 28 years old, had a one-year-old and ran for that office, outworked everybody, and got elected and re-elected in 2009. When I graduated law school, I was working in the private sector and got asked to run for the state legislature, where I served two terms, chaired the Commerce Committee and worked on a lot of common sense legislation.

DTH: What does justice mean to you?

TM: Equal justice under the law means that same facts, same law, same outcome. There's a blindfold on Lady Justice for a reason, and when you're seeking justice, the goal is to treat everyone equally as the same, without respect to any particular characteristic or situation. You're supposed to apply the law to the facts the same way every time. That's justice.

DTH: What issues are important to you on the Court of Appeals?

TM: The Court of Appeals has a much different role than other courts, because most of the appeals that come to the Court of Appeals are criminal convictions. About 50 percent of the

1,500 cases that come to the Court of Appeals deal with criminal convictions at the local level. I've been a state prosecutor at the local level. My advocacy as a state prosecutor — affirmed by the Court of Appeals — and working as a prosecutor with local law enforcement is extremely important when it comes to the work that the Court of Appeals does.

DTH: What makes you the better candidate for this position?

TM: I've had the fortune to serve the state and the people in various capacities over the past 23 years. One clear contrast is that I have direct experience when it comes to the legislative branch as well as the executive branch. As a judge, you don't do either of those things. You are there to interpret laws and resolve disputes between the other branches of government. It's an understanding of the separation of powers from my perspective that helps promote judicial restraint, and it helps defend our Constitutional Republic from overreach by all the branches.

DTH: What are your primary goals if elected?

TM: I think the polar star of any person who seeks to serve as a judge is to be viewed as fair. What fairness means in the judicial context is that the outcome is not pre-decided before the case appears before the judge. That fairness aspect comes with respect and transparency, and part of the way you show respect to the litigants is by showing up on time and rendering your decisions in a timely manner. I think that's a clear contrast in this particular race. Showing up on time and doing work in a timely manner is extremely important because justice delayed is justice denied.

Additionally, there are a host of cases that involve people who are under-represented or do not have adequate representation, and I think there's an opportunity to invigorate this — the pro bono appellate practice — and I would like to be a leader on that, to help, even with amicus briefs on behalf of litigants.

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Carolyn Jennings Thompson talks justice

Candidate speaks on her previous experience and trust in the court

The Daily Tar Heel's McKenzie Bulris spoke with Carolyn Jennings Thompson, the Democratic candidate for the N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Seat 12, to discuss her candidacy and aspirations for the court. Her Republican opponent is Tom Murry.

This interview has been edited for clarity and brevity.

The Daily Tar Heel: What do you want voters to know about you?

Carolyn Jennings Thompson: I want them to know that for this seat, Seat 12, I am the only one with actual trial experience and actual judicial experience, and we have too many serious issues facing North Carolinians to deal with someone who's just running on a party ticket. The judicial race cannot be focused solely on partisanship; it has to be focused on what we've got as a community to deal with — our kitchen table issues — voter rights, reproductive health rights, abilities to believe in the court system again when we have taken an oath to uphold precedence.

DTH: What does justice mean to you?

CJT: It means trust in a decision made with fair and impartial eyes — without fear or favor to anyone, any party and any outside arguments that don't line up with the law and the Constitution. Justice means it's a balanced scale when you come into the courtroom and they're not tilted because of influences, partisanship or because you're not represented by counsel. Justice, when I see it through my lenses as a presiding judge, I look at a clean slate and then I listen to all the facts and apply the law equally.

DTH: As a judge on the Court of Appeals, what issues are important to you?

CJT: I'm concerned because I'm the grandmother to six beautiful biracial children, and they live in a climate where somebody could challenge their ethnicity by saying they may turn Black one day. I'm a mom to African-American males who are just as concerned about driving on the highways and being pulled over because they might be driving my car instead. The same issues that are impacting voters — who are looking for judges with fair minds, who understand the issues — those are mine too. I'm not just a candidate, but I'm a voter.

DTH: What makes you the better candidate?

CJT: Experience. My opponent has not been a judge, but beyond that, he has not tried a case. It's appalling to me — if you've not been in the courtroom to try a case — to create the very record that the judges on the appellate level look at then really serious about the position. That's the stark difference between us, but the most important one is the absence of experience that is required to handle this level of cases on an appellate level.

DTH: What would your primary goals be if elected?

CJT: My first goal is to bring attention to what the Court of Appeals is about. As I'm traveling 100 counties campaigning, it's like an "aha" moment for folks who don't know what this court is about. Just the possibility of informing the voter before an election is my first priority. Another thing I would say is to restore trust in the court. So many people are concerned about U.S. Supreme Court decisions, but, right here in our state, we've got decisions that are impacting our rights, our democracy, our freedoms and we need to be able to hold accountable those who tell us they are going to author opinions based on precedence.

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SEAT 15

Chris Freeman speaks on the importance of community

He explains intent to stay consistent and remain impartial

The Daily Tar Heel's Suchetana Kona spoke with Chris Freeman, the Republican candidate for the N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Seat 15, to discuss his candidacy and aspirations for the court. His Democratic opponent is Martin Moore.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

The Daily Tar Heel: What do you want voters to know about you?

Chris Freeman: Judges are real people, and that we are just putting on a robe. [When] we put that robe on, it is a huge responsibility, and it's a responsibility I

don't take lightly. I've had the honor to get the experience and the opportunity to run for this office, and if [the people] give me the opportunity to do it, I will serve them well.

DTH: What does justice mean to you?

CF: Justice, to me, means that we have a set of laws and rules in the Constitution, and it's a judge's duty to follow those laws, stay in their lane, uphold the Constitution, treat everybody equally as it applies to the law and that the evidence given be very impartial. [It's also] to treat everybody with respect and dignity on and off the bench and deliver justice without delay.

DTH: As a judge on the Court of Appeals, what issues would be important to you?

CF: Just doing the right thing, being a good

person and giving back. I think [when] you look at my life, [you] see that I don't have to serve in [any] capacity, I don't have to be involved in my community, but I am. [I think] service is very important, and God's blessed my life and I pray every day that I will do his will and honor the blessings that have been bestowed on me.

DTH: What makes you the better candidate?

CF: [I've had] 18 years of working with law enforcement, courthouse staff, victims and the community and working as a prosecutor trying cases. Then, as a judge, [I've heard] all kinds of cases — civil matters, criminal matters. Since I was elected, [I've] always followed the policy I said I would, and that's what [I] talked about earlier — that I would follow the law as it is, stay in my lane, treat everybody with dignity and respect and take each case seriously.

DTH: What would your primary goals be if elected?

CF: To continue to be consistent and stay in my lane, follow the law, uphold the Constitution, doing the job the people elected and trusted me to do and serve them well. As a Court of Appeals judge, that would be looking for errors in law from court cases appealed from other courts and [applying] the law that is — I would not legislate from the bench and uphold and defend the Constitution

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JUDICIAL | SEAT 14

Valerie Zachary discusses affordability, court experience

She expands on her primary goals if elected and issues important to her

The Daily Tar Heel's Emily Dudash spoke with Valerie Zachary, the Republican candidate for the N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Seat 14 to discuss her candidacy and aspirations for the court. Her Democratic opponent is Ed Eldred.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

The Daily Tar Heel: What do you want voters to know about you?

Valerie Zachary: I feel like I represent the ordinary person. I'm not from a fancy background, not wealthy — nothing like that. The Court of Appeals is an error correcting court. We're supposed to interpret and apply a law as written and not make law or policy, and that's what I've tried to do. I've authored over 600 opinions now, and that's the thing that we need to continue with — I'm just up there trying to apply the law.

DTH: What does justice mean to you?

VZ: I am the oldest of five children and I was raised by a single mother, so I know what it's like to be treated in an unfair manner. It's very important to me that everyone be treated equally, and that when you apply the same law on the same facts, it ought to be the same regardless of the person, their status, their poverty or lack thereof.

DTH: As a judge on the Court of Appeals, which issues would be important to you?

VZ: One of the issues that's really important to me is the inability to pay. I saw my mother struggle and I know from my practice that there are people [struggling]. If you get called for jury duty and you're working a job where you get paid by the hour, don't get paid time off to go serve on a jury, and they pay next to nothing for jury duty, you can't afford to do that. You can't afford to take that cut in your pay. There are a lot of things that I think that we could do in North Carolina around some of these inability to pay issues.

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DTH: What are your primary goals if elected?

VZ: Right now, I'm vice president of the North Carolina Bar Association, I'm serving my fourth term as a commissioner on the North Carolina Sentencing Commission and I'm a member of the North Carolina Family Courts Advisory Commission. I'm involved in a lot of stuff, so I'd like to continue that and my work on the court, [where I'm] involved in a lot of committees there as well. We're moving into a different time now where things in our society have become much more political, and so I would like to help the Court of Appeals remain collegial. [I want] to provide an impartial tribunal for the resolution of disputes for the citizens of North Carolina.

Ed Eldred speaks on impacts of law, new perspective

He explains his history, personal experiences and goals

The Daily Tar Heel's Emily Dudash spoke with Ed Eldred, the Democratic candidate for the N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Seat 14, to discuss his candidacy and aspirations for the court. His Republican opponent is Valerie Zachary.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

The Daily Tar Heel: What do you want voters to know about you?

Ed Eldred: I have an experience that no other judge and no other candidate, frankly, has dealing with the exact cases that the Court of Appeals deals with. So it's no exaggeration to say I will be bringing a perspective to the court that is lacking and that it needs.

DTH: What does justice mean to you?

EE: Justice means being in front of someone who listens to what you're saying, who knows what the law is and applies it in a fair manner.

DTH: Why are you the best candidate?

EE: I have been practicing law for almost 15 years. I represent primarily poor defense clients, which means I am court appointed to represent them, and I do criminal appeals and parental rights appeals. I do other appeals also, but that's most of what I do. 50 to 75 percent of [The Court of Appeals] caseload is indigent defense appeals, criminal appeals, [and] parental rights appeals. Nobody on the court has the kind of experience that I have handling the actual cases that the court is deciding. In addition to the appellate work I do, I also represent parents in Orange and Chatham County in the trial court. These are people trying to keep their families together, get their kids back and again, that's what the Court of Appeals does. I think it's important to have people there that have the perspective of, "This is what's actually going on on the ground. This is what these cases actually mean."

DTH: As a judge on the Court of Appeals, what are some issues that would be important to you?

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EE: The criminal justice system is important to me, as is the child protective services system, because that's what I've done, and I'm pretty familiar with the shortcomings of both systems, the strengths of both systems. [I'm] pretty aware of what an appeal means to the parties in those cases.

DTH: What are your primary goals if elected?

EE: One of the judge's big jobs is to train the next generation of lawyers, and law clerks coming out of law school need good teachers, and that's where I got my start. And so certainly that's going to be one of my goals. The Court of Appeals work product is written opinions. I always tell people if you can't write, you can't do the job. So to put out well reasoned, readable opinions, well written, because a lot of the time, a judge will put out an opinion that sounds good to a judge or to a lawyer, but to the parties or to people on the street, they can't make heads or tails of it. So one of my goals is to write good opinions that people can read, that make sense, that also help the bar moving forward.

SEAT 15

Martin Moore talks diverse perspectives, judicial experience

He says he brings the perspective of a commissioner who has firsthand experience

The Daily Tar Heel's Suchetana Kona spoke with Martin Moore, the Democratic candidate for the N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Seat 15, to discuss his candidacy and aspirations for the court. His Republican opponent is Chris Freeman.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

The Daily Tar Heel: What do you want voters to know about you?

Martin Moore: Our system works well when we have diverse perspectives on the bench, and, for me, there's a few different hats I'm wearing that I think will resonate with a lot of people. Appellate experience and being a former public defender are two perspectives that are needed on the bench, but being the youngest statewide candidate this election cycle will also inform a new perspective on the Court of Appeals. Right now, I'd like people to appreciate that because of the important national conversation happening around what issues will be decided by state courts and what issues will be decided by federal courts.

DTH: What does justice mean to you?

MM: Justice isn't contingent on your zip code or how much money you have in your pocket. Every North Carolinian should be able to expect that

they'll be treated with dignity, respect and know that the Court's going to operate as it should, which is devoid of partisanship and extremism.

DTH: As a judge on the Court of Appeals, what issues would be important to you?

MM: I don't believe that we reach a just system without context for decisions that we make, so bringing the perspective of a commissioner who has seen firsthand what the Court of Appeals decisions look like for local communities will be a helpful one.

The Court of Appeals and Supreme Court have made multiple decisions surrounding education funding, criminal justice and health care and reproductive rights which I've seen the Court's role changing in. I'm very interested in serving in a capacity where I think I'll bring a unique perspective and understanding that we need judges who have different backgrounds to decide the many, many important questions that are likely to be resolved over the next couple of years.

DTH: What makes you the better candidate?

MM: I began my career as a public defender and learned what it meant to fight for just outcomes. I went on to a private practice and got a healthy amount of experience in many different practice areas in the civil world, ranging from complex business cases to land use and local government law. Now I have an appellate practice where I do civil and criminal cases before the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court — the two areas that I'm focusing on.



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Having experience doing appellate work is critical. This is not the kind of position that I hope to learn on the job, but to bring a fresh perspective while also having direct experience that will be helpful from day one.

DTH: What would your primary goals be if elected?

MM: Many times when we talk about different judicial philosophies and what people bring to the table, I think integrity and transparency are key. A big part of what I want to share with people when I'm fortunate enough to serve

will be experience and directness about what justice looks like to me and using the many hats that I've worn and the many perspectives that I've gained from having done civil and criminal practice — both to share with people a clear idea of what my guiding principles are and that equal justice has to be a priority for any person wearing a robe.

Editor's note: Martin Moore is a former DTH staffer.

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JUDICIAL | N.C. SUPREME COURT

Jefferson Griffin talks Court of Appeals experience

He underscores the importance of impartial justice

The Daily Tar Heel's Victoria Yang spoke with Jefferson Griffin, a candidate for the N.C. Supreme Court, to discuss his candidacy and aspirations for the court. His Democratic opponent is Allison Riggs.

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The Daily Tar Heel: What do you want voters to know about you?

Jefferson Griffin: My life has been about service and leadership in our state and our country. I have a proven record of being able to apply the law as it's written, and build coalitions in my court and outside. I have two young children, and my wife's a professional attorney as well. The state's given a lot to us and our family, and I'd love to be able to give back and make our home a better place.

DTH: What does justice mean to you?

JG: It means that the law is applied fairly to everyone. It's our duty, and it's in our code of judicial conduct that we don't take positions on issues that come before our court. Justice for people in our state is that the facts in the law drive the case, and that we, as jurors, remove ourselves from anything we might personally care about, and follow the law and apply the law to the facts in each case.



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DTH: As a judge on the Supreme Court, which issues would be important to you?

JG: Integrity, impartiality and making sure that we follow our oath to the Constitution and to the rule of law, as compared to executive or legislative seats, judges don't get involved in policy making.

Transparency in our courts is [also] very important. Since I joined the Court of Appeals, you used to not

be able to know who was on petition panels, and I fought hard to make sure that after 90 days, those are disclosed.

I relate my job as a soldier to what I do on the bench. There is no left or right in the Army; we put on our uniform, put the flag on our shoulder and we go do our job. We should have the same mentality on the bench — there's no policy considerations, there's no left or right. You're there to do your job as a jurist and apply the law fairly to everyone.

DTH: What makes you the better candidate?

JG: You have two very different candidates and visions for our judiciary. There's no former trial court judges on our Supreme Court now, and I'm talking to trial court judges and practitioners across the state, and they want to have that perspective on the bench. Out of the seven justices, there's none that have been a trial court judge, so I

think that sets me apart. My practical experience here in the state [as well] — I've represented indigent criminal defendants, I've been a prosecutor, I've had a civil practice, I've been a military prosecutor, and I'm currently the senior defense counsel for North Carolina Army National Guard.

My dissent rate is much lower than my colleagues at our court. I've been able to build coalitions to talk to my colleagues respectfully and make sure that we're doing the best we can for the citizens of North Carolina.

DTH: What are your primary goals if elected?

JG: Number one is trying to remove politics out of our court system and make sure that we're doing our job as jurists.

A lot of times, it gets reported that we're Democratic or Republican [judges], but I don't like to phrase our courts in that manner. Being able to go out and explain to folks, civically, what our job is, and that there's no partisan considerations in what we do and increase our citizens' faith in our judiciary, is a big thing for me. I grew up and worked in rural North Carolina. I've also worked in the busiest courthouse in the state. I feel like I can relate to a lot of different people in our state and be a very good advocate and vehicle for civic education here.

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Allison Riggs discusses accountability and accessibility

She emphasizes empathetically considering legal issues

The Daily Tar Heel's Victoria Yang spoke with Allison Riggs, a candidate for the N.C. Supreme Court, to discuss her candidacy and aspirations for the court. Her Republican opponent is Jefferson Griffin.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

The Daily Tar Heel: What do you want voters to know about you?

Allison Riggs: I want people to know my values and my heart, and I want to put out information that allows them to connect with me on a level beyond seeing me as a disembodied head floating above a black robe.

We, as candidates, need to make sure that they know who we are as people because we are still boxing up our personal preferences, trying to get to the right answer of what the law is. It's a fiction to say that we don't bring those to the bench, whether or not we're willing to see it — they're there.

I want voters to hold me accountable, to learn about me and decide if I represent a voice that they want to see on a court.

DTH: What does justice mean to you?

AR: At its core, I think justice means that we should interact on a level playing field as we move through life and our state and country, and recognizing that there ought to be rights for every wrong. So if you've been harmed — whether by in a criminal act or in a civil act — part of leveling the playing field is not just how we start and how we navigate, but, when it gets asked, are we willing to intervene as

courts, as government, to straighten things out?

DTH: As a judge on the Supreme Court, which issues would be important to you?

AR: Issues of democracy are near and dear to my heart, because the right to vote allows us to preserve the other rights that we have.

If you don't have clean water and air, it can be a real barrier to being able to mentally register that there's an election coming up. As I see members of Generation Z stepping up and leading in this election, shifts in generational leadership make me reflect on what we are doing to take care of this beautiful state — to make sure that the next generation gets to enjoy the benefit of a safe environment as much as we do.

Lastly, health care is an issue, and I understand that when it comes to immediate needs — like being able to tend to your own body and get the health care that you need — there shouldn't be unnecessary obstacles.

DTH: What makes you the better candidate?

AR: I'm a person who brings her lived experiences to the bench. ... I grew up in rural West Virginia from a very politically diverse family. ... I was a civil rights attorney for 15 years representing folks who had been not well served by our systems of justice. ... I was also a very experienced appellate attorney.

This is a chance for North Carolinians to remind leaders that they want balance. They want thoughtfulness and critical thinkers. They don't want everyone cut from the same mold.

DTH: What are your primary goals if elected?



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AR: I understand and appreciate that we, who wear the robes, have a lot of power, and we can use our platforms to help educate people about what our courts do.

I make sure that when I write, it's accessible to a broader public, rather than just legal nerds. Because if it's just legal nerds, you're really leaving out the opportunity for people to

understand the laws and rules that govern them.

I want to make sure that I'm thinking critically about how to make those systems evolve to better meet the needs of the people of the state. I want to continue a commitment to thinking critically, questioning assumptions and making sure that what we think of as "equal justice under law" isn't just the same person

cut from the same mold who thinks the same way and has the same lived experience. I think you get better law and better results when you avoid groupthink and you have a diversity of perspectives and experience.

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