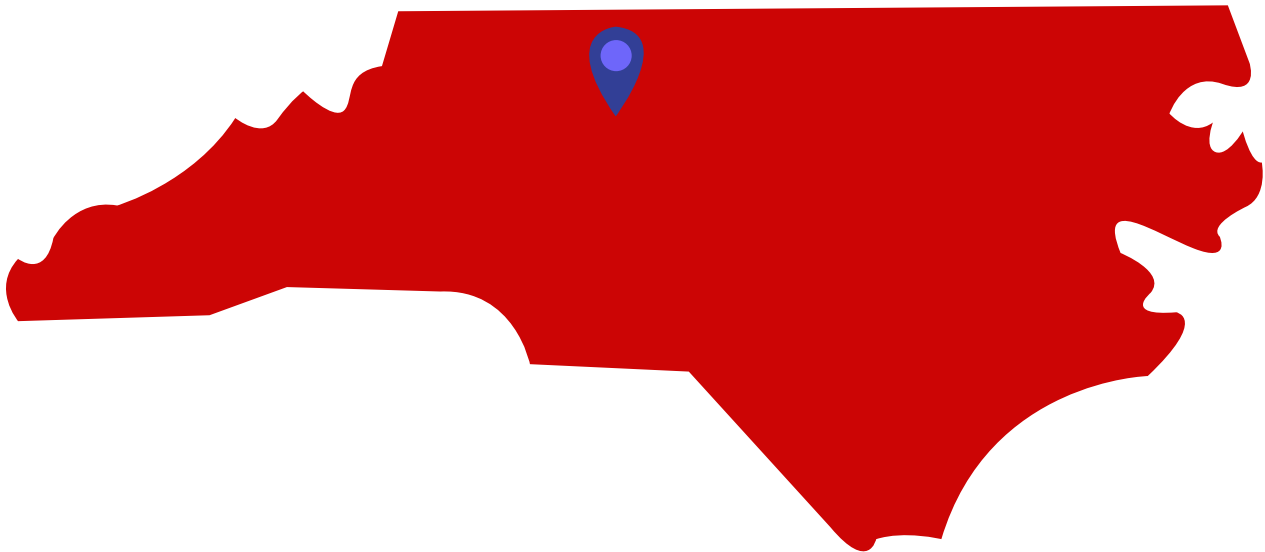


FORSYTH COUNTY, NC VOTER GUIDE



2020 GENERAL ELECTION

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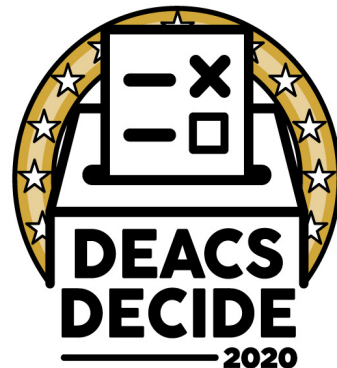


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**"Someone struggled for your
right to vote. Use it."**

- Susan B. Anthony

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1. Where's my polling place?

You can find your polling location by entering your address in the [polling place search bar](#) on the North Carolina Board of Elections website.

2. What should a new voter know going into this election?

The most important thing you can do as a voter is stay informed about the dates for upcoming elections. This includes primary and general elections. Whether your state has open or closed primary elections.

In North Carolina, there are semi-closed primaries. The semi-closed primary means that unless a recognized party elected to have its primary open to unaffiliated voters, only the voters registered with that party may vote for that party's candidate.

The options for how to exercise your right to vote differ by state. In North Carolina, you can vote in person on election

day or via early voting. To find information about your polling location, refer to the above section. Further, any North Carolinian may request an absentee ballot. To request an absentee ballot, click [here](#).

You should also be familiar with the laws and rules surrounding voting in your state. For more information, refer to section three.

Lastly, but most importantly, you must know 'who' and 'what' is on the ballot.

When you are voting, you're not only voting for "important positions" such as president, congressional members, governor, etc. You are also voting for local offices including your city council members, county commissioners, judges, amendments, new legislation and so much more.

It is important to research candidates and their platforms along with the various ballot initiatives to ensure that you are an informed voter and want to elect individuals who will accurately represent you and prioritize your issues. Luckily, we have done some of the heavy lifting for you. Please refer to sections 6 through 8 to familiarize yourself with the candidates who will be on the 2020 General Election Ballot in North Carolina.

3. What voting laws should you know about?

On February 18, 2020, *Holmes v. Moore* temporarily blocked the Voter ID requirement in North Carolina.

On June 12, 2020, Gov. Roy Cooper signed House Bill 1169 into law, which allows for requests via email for vote-by-mail ballots (as opposed to requesting in person or by mail as was previously required). You can learn more about voting by mail [here](#).

North Carolina congressional districts were redrawn for the 2020 election. Whereas most of Winston-Salem was formerly split between the 5th, 6th, and 13th districts, for the 2020 election Winston-Salem will be entirely in the 6th district.



4. How are things shifting in the midst of the pandemic?

Requesting your absentee ballot is now a user-friendly option for voters, and can be done [here](#).

If voting in person, please wear personal protective equipment. Many poll workers are older individuals, so please wear the appropriate protective gear to keep them safe from getting infected.

For more information on staying safe while voting in person, click [here](#).

5. What is at stake in this election?

Issues that are important to voters in the 2020 election include healthcare, gun control, immigration and policy reform. You can learn about candidates' stances on these issues in the candidate profiles included in this voter guide and on candidates' campaign websites.

Three races in North Carolina

are expected to be toss-ups, which is especially significant because North Carolina is a battleground state.

The Senate race between Thom Tillis (R) and Cal Cunningham (D) is expected to be a toss-up and has the potential to flip the Senate from a Republican to Democratic majority.

The gubernatorial race between Roy Cooper (D) and Dan Forest (R) is likely to be close; in 2016, Gov. Roy Cooper won by only 0.2 points.

The lieutenant governor race between Mark Robinson (R) and Yvonne Lewis Holley (D) will also be a close race.

6. Federal Candidates



PRESIDENT: DONALD TRUMP - Republican (R)

President Donald J. Trump is the current incumbent, and is running for reelection as the nominee for the Republican

Party.

Among Mr. Trump's policy plans, his most touted piece of passed legislation is the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act — which lowered the corporate tax rate and cut taxes for small businesses.

Another prominent element of Mr. Trump's presidency has been his desire for immigration reform, specifically in building a wall along the Southern Border of the United States. This has yet to be achieved, but the Trump administration has stopped cities who declare themselves "Sanctuary Cities" from receiving certain federal grants and has declared a National Emergency to use special presidential powers to secure the border. The administration has also implemented family separation at the border, which is rationalized as a deterrent for illegal immigration.

The Trump administration has also worked to roll back environmental regulations established in the past decade, including reversing a moratorium on new leases for gas and oil development on federal lands. Mr. Trump also withdrew the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement.

Mr. Trump's [COVID-19 response](#) has given much control to state and local governments

to make decisions about a phased response to the virus. The guidance from the federal government says that states should be in one of three phases of reopening based on the rate of spread and hospital capacity in the specific state or local government.

You can read more about President Trump's policy implementations and goals [here](#).

At the end of 2019, President Trump was impeached by the House of Representatives on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. He was acquitted by the Senate on February 2nd, 2020.



PRESIDENT: JOE BIDEN
- Democrat (D)

Former Vice President (VP) Joe Biden is the Democratic Party's nominee for president. Before serving as VP under President Barack Obama, Mr. Biden represented Delaware in the Senate from 1973 to 2009.

Mr. Biden has announced a robust economic recovery plan after the fallout from COVID-19, titled [Build Back Better](#). It includes, among other things, providing state, local, and tribe governments with aid, extending crisis unemployment insurance, and creating new jobs through a Public Health Jobs Corp and other initiatives that focus on the climate crisis and supporting women and people of color.

In response to President Trump's focus on states providing the response plans to COVID-19, Mr. Biden has announced a [national strategy](#) for fighting the pandemic. Some elements of his plan include expanding testing and creating a national contact tracing infrastructure. The plan also includes providing PPE to all who need it, and implementing premium pay for healthcare workers. He also includes the importance of working internationally to suppress the virus and create a treatment and vaccine.

The Biden campaign has also released [a detailed plan](#) for Black America, which includes addressing everything from health and educational disparities to the importance of environmental justice.

Mr. Biden has announced that he would put an end to the

Trump administration's family separation policy, end the national emergency status Mr. Trump has used to try and fund his border wall, and protect DACA recipients. The entire immigration plan can be accessed [here](#).

More information about Joe Biden's policy ideas can be found [here](#).



VICE PRESIDENT: MIKE PENCE (R)

Mike Pence is the Vice President of the United States.

In Indiana, he ran for Congress in 1988 and 1990 but lost. He then became a conservative radio and TV host from 1994 to 1999.

Pence ran again in 2000 and was elected to the United States House of Representatives, where he served from 2001 to 2013. Then, from 2013-2017 he served as the 50th governor of Indiana.

As Governor, he enacted the largest income tax cut in Indiana history, lowering individual income tax rates, the business personal property tax, and the corporate income tax. Pence also signed bills intended to restrict abortions, including one that prohibited abortions if the reason for the procedure was the fetus's race, gender, or disability.

In July 2016, Trump selected Pence as his running mate. You can read more about Mike Pence's policies and goals [here](#).



**VICE PRESIDENT:
KAMALA HARRIS (D)**

Kamala Harris is the Democratic vice presidential nominee for the 2020 election. Harris currently serves as a senator for the state of California.

In 2003, she became the District Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco. After completing two terms as the District Attorney of San Francisco, Harris was elected as the first African-American and

first woman to serve as California's Attorney General.

In 2017, Kamala Harris was sworn in as a United States Senator for California, the second African-American woman and first South Asian-American senator in history.

Since taking office, she has introduced and cosponsored legislation to raise wages for working people, reform the criminal justice system, make healthcare a right for all Americans, and expand access to childcare for working parents. She serves on a variety of committees such as the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on the Budget.

You can read more about Kamala Harris's policies and goals [here](#).



**SENATOR: THOM
TILLIS (R)**

Senator Thom Tillis is the Republican nominee for the North Carolina Senate seat currently up for reelection. The current incumbent, Mr. Tillis has served in the position since 2015.

Before being elected as a U.S. Senator, Mr. Tillis was the Speaker of the House for the North Carolina House of Representatives from 2011 to 2014 after previous local government positions.

In the Senate, Mr. Tillis serves on four committees: Armed Services Committee, Veterans' Services Committee, Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, and the Committee on the Judiciary.

One of Mr. Tillis's [policy focuses](#) is supporting the rural and agricultural communities in North Carolina. In the Senate, he worked to pass the five-year Farm Bill in 2018. He also worked to pass bipartisan legislation in 2017 that helps farms reorganize debts when facing bankruptcy.

Through his position on the Judiciary Committee, Mr. Tillis lists one of his accomplishments as confirming President Trump's judicial nominees, including Supreme Court Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh. He has also supported legislation combatting

sex abuse and human trafficking in his role on the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Tillis has been an active supporter of multiple bills aimed at addressing the opioid crisis. He also supports protecting individuals who have pre-existing conditions in the healthcare system, however he voted to [partially repeal](#) the Affordable Care Act in 2017.

Mr. Tillis introduced the bipartisan GEAR UP bill alongside Senator Kamala Harris (D) in the Senate, which is a federal grant program aimed to support low-income students in applying for college.

You can read more about Thom Tillis's policies and goals [here](#).



SENATOR: CAL CUNNINGHAM (D)

Cal Cunningham is the Democratic nominee for the North Carolina Senate seat, and is running to unseat Mr. Tillis.

Mr. Cunningham, who is not accepting any corporate PAC

money during his campaign, was born in Winston-Salem, NC and grew up in Lexington, NC. Mr. Cunningham attended UNC Chapel Hill for both his undergraduate and law degree. After serving in the State Senate at the age of 27, Mr. Cunningham volunteered to join the U.S. Army Reserve after the 9/11 attacks.

In recent years, Mr. Cunningham served as Vice Chairman of Governor Roy Cooper's Crime Commission and addressed issues relating to school gun violence, the opioid crisis, and funding services for families affected by domestic and sexual violence.

Mr. Cunningham is a supporter of extending coverage under the Affordable Care Act and wants to expand coverage under Medicare for North Carolinians. He is also an advocate for a public option, as well as allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices directly with pharmaceutical companies to lower prices.

Mr. Cunningham's campaign is also focused on the economy, as he supports raising the minimum wage and helping the agricultural industry who have been affected by recent tariffs. He also argues that the gender wage gap must end, and recognizes that economic injustice is a product of institutional racism and inter-gen-

erational wealth.

Mr. Cunningham supports increased federal funding for Title I and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. His education policy goals also include financially supporting HBCUs and providing funding for hiring a more diverse teaching force in the United States.

Through his work as a State Senator, Mr. Cunningham advanced clean energy legislation in North Carolina and plans to continue that work if elected to the Senate. He believes climate change to be a crisis, and will fight to establish a clean energy economy with a focus on solar energy and reducing carbon pollution.

More information about Cal Cunningham's policy goals can be accessed [here](#).

SENATOR: SHANNON W. BRAY (LIBERTARIAN)

Shannon W. Bray is running as the Libertarian nominee for the North Carolina Senate seat. Mr. Bray is currently an employee with the Department of Defense and lives in Apex, N.C. Mr. Bray's campaign is focused on homeland security, with a focus on using technology to protect the country. You can learn more about his positions on his [campaign website](#).

**SENATOR: KEVIN E.
HAYES (CONSTITUTION)**

Mr. Hayes does not have a campaign website. He is running for the Senate as a member of the Constitution Party.



**REPRESENTATIVE FOR
DISTRICT 6 : KATHY
MANNING (D)**

Kathy Manning is running as the Democratic nominee in the District 6 race for the House of Representatives. Ms. Manning lives in Greensboro and is an active leader in the nonprofit sphere.

Ms. Manning is a supporter of health care reform, and believes it should be affordable and accessible.

She has [voiced support](#) for the Justice in Policing Bill put forth by Democrats in the House of Representatives, which would ban chokeholds and end qualified immunity, among other things.

You can read more about her candidacy [here](#).



**REPRESENTATIVE FOR
DISTRICT 6 : LEE
HAYWOOD (R)**

Lee Haywood is running as the Republican nominee for the District 6 seat in the House of Representatives. He is a small business owner and has been the Chair of the Republican Party for the 6th District for the past two years.

Mr. Haywood's number one initiative if elected would be eliminating deficit spending. He supports Mr. Trump's initiative to build a Southern Border Wall, and wants to completely overhaul the immigration system.

Mr. Haywood's third policy goal is the elimination of the Department of Education, as he argues that the states, and not the federal government, should be in total control of schooling for children.

You can read more about these

policy stances [here](#).

**REPRESENTATIVE FOR
DISTRICT 6 : JENNYFER
BUCARDO (IND)**

Ms. Bucardo does not have a campaign website. She is running as an independent for the District 6 seat in the House of Representatives.

**REPRESENTATIVE FOR
DISTRICT 6 : BRYSON
GRAY (IND)**

Mr. Gray does not have a campaign website. He is running as an independent for the District 6 seat in the House of Representatives.

7. State Candidates



**GOVERNOR: ROY
COOPER (D)**

Roy Cooper has been governor of North Carolina since 2017 and has over 30 years of experience serving in North

Carolina government. Mr. Cooper is active in the fight against opioid addiction, having been appointed to the White House's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis in May 2017. As governor, Cooper passed the STOP Act to combat opioid addiction in North Carolina.

During his tenure as governor, Cooper fought to create thousands of new jobs and to expand Medicaid across North Carolina.

Governor Cooper was proactive in his response to COVID-19, creating a state task force on February 11 and declaring a state of emergency on March 3. While he responded to COVID-19 with strict guidelines and restrictions, the state ranks twelfth in the U.S. for the highest number of total cases.

Cooper is committed to continuing his work in bolstering North Carolina's economy, public schools, and health care system, while fighting crime and drug addiction.

You can learn more about the Roy Cooper for North Carolina campaign [here](#).



**GOVERNOR: DAN
FOREST (R)**

Following a successful career as an architect and businessman, Dan Forest has served as lieutenant governor of North Carolina since 2013.

As lieutenant governor, Forest has worked to spur economic growth, improve the education system, advocate for school choice, and connect high-speed internet to every classroom. During his tenure he sat on the State Board of Education, State Board of Community Colleges, and state Economic Development Board.

Forest's campaign is running on the themes of unity, opportunity and possibility. Issues important to Forest's campaign include economic growth, education (including expanding the school voucher program), pro-life values.

In April 2020, Forest's campaign contributed nearly \$200,000 to help people and

businesses in North Carolina affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can learn more about the Dan Forest for Governor campaign [here](#).



**GOVERNOR: AL
PISANO
(CONSTITUTION)**

Al Pisano retired from the Charlotte Police Department after 28 years of service.

As a member of the Constitution Party, Pisano believes that the Constitution should be the primary source of governing and that neither the Democratic nor Republican Party sufficiently upholds the Constitution. Pisano played an active role in organizing the Constitution Party of North Carolina in 2008.

He is a firm believer in liberty and a free-market economy and is pro-second amendment.

Issues critical to Mr. Pisano's platform are education, taxation, healthcare, transportation, and the Second Amendment. He sup-

ports localizing control of education, eliminating the personal income tax and the Mechanic's Labor Tax, imposing low tax rates and incentives for corporations and small businesses alike, and limiting the role of government in health care. You can find more details about the Al Pisano for NC Governor campaign [here](#).



GOVERNOR: STEVEN J. DIFIORE (LIBERTARIAN)

As the Libertarian candidate for governor, Steven DiFiore hopes to rise above partisanship and fight for the rights of all citizens of North Carolina. He is pro-free market, pro-liberty, and supports limiting the power of the government.

DiFiore is committed to improving North Carolina's education system by expanding the charter school system, expanding the opportunity scholarship program, and promoting vocational education and trade schools.

DiFiore supports reforming or repealing Certificate of Need

(CON) Laws and improving mental healthcare in North Carolina.

In line with his view that local governments should have more autonomy from the state and federal government, DiFiore believes local governments should have more authority over housing and zoning.

DiFiore advocates reform of the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control System.

You can learn more about Steven DiFiore [here](#).

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: MARK ROBINSON (R)

Mark Robinson grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina, and overcame great adversity to serve in the Army reserves, become a small businessman, and later serve on the NRA National Outreach Board.

Robinson is pro-2nd Amendment and pro-life, favors lowering taxes and cutting back government regulation, and is passionate about fighting for jobs in North Carolina.

To improve the education system, Robinson advocates for school choice and opportunity scholarship programs.

Robinson values legal immigration but opposes illegal immigration and sanctuary cities.

You can learn more about Mark Robinson for N.C. [here](#).

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: YVONNE LEWIS HOLLEY (D)

Yvonne Lewis Holley currently serves as Representative of the 38th District of the North Carolina State House, where her work to relieve food deserts has gained bipartisan support.

A key issue for Rep. Holley's campaign is criminal justice reform; among many policy proposals, Rep. Holley supports funding the Raise the Age juvenile program, expanding expungement programs, and more frequent use of mental health and drug treatment programs rather than incarceration.

Rep. Holley supports Red Flag laws, as well as background checks and licensing permits for firearms. She is pro-choice and pro-immigration reform.

Throughout her career in public service, Holley has supported efforts to protect the environment, including addressing North Carolina's declining water and air quality. Rep. Holley is opposed to offshore drilling and instead supports offshore wind development and energy efficient infrastructure.

You can learn more about Yvonne Lewis Holley for Lt. Governor [here](#).

ATTORNEY GENERAL: JIM O'NEILL (R)

Jim O'Neill has served as Forsyth County District Attorney since November 2009. During his tenure, O'Neill started a program to help those struggling with opioid addiction and an Elder Abuse Task Force. O'Neill has been tough on crime by sex offenders and chronic criminal offenders.

If elected Attorney General, O'Neill is committed to fighting for safety, security, and justice in North Carolina.

O'Neill supports capital case murder convictions and is committed to fighting the heroin and opioid crisis.

You can learn more about the Jim O'Neill for Attorney General campaign [here](#).

ATTORNEY GENERAL: JOSH STEIN (D)

Josh Stein was a state senator from 2009 to 2016 and has served as Attorney General since 2017.

As Attorney General, Stein has focused on supporting victims of violent crime, fighting the opioid crisis, and protecting the Affordable Care Act. Some of Stein's accomplishments during his time as Attorney General include launching Operation Silver Shield to fight scammers and crime and drafting the STOP Act, HOPE Act, and Synthetic Opioid Act to fight opioid addiction.

Stein's priorities include promoting public safety, protecting seniors and consumers, preserving clean air and water, and promoting public health.

You can learn more about the Josh Stein for Attorney General campaign [here](#).

STATE AUDITOR: ANTHONY WAYNE (TONY) STREET (R)

Anthony Street currently serves on the Brunswick County Soil and Water Board, where he works to increase agricultural production and promote conservation and education.

Street is passionate about ensuring that the investment of tax dollars is transparent, especially in education.

You can learn more about Anthony Street for N.C. State Auditor [here](#).

STATE AUDITOR: BETH A. WOOD (D)

Beth Wood is the incumbent and has served as State Auditor since 2009. During her time as State Auditor, she has worked to ensure the proper implementation of federal grants and identified wasteful spending of hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars.

Wood is committed to continuing to protect taxpayer dollars and identify wasteful spending if re-elected for a fourth term as State Auditor.

You can learn more about Beth Wood for NC State Auditor [here](#).

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE: STEVE TROXLER (R)

Steve Troxler has served as Commissioner of Agriculture since 2005. During his time in office, agriculture and agribusiness have grown from a \$68.3 billion industry to a \$91.8 billion industry in North Carolina. In 2019, Troxler oversaw the administration of over \$80 million in Department of Agriculture and Department of Defense disaster relief funds to help farm families.

You can learn more about Steve Troxler for NC Commissioner of Agriculture [here](#).

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE: JENNA WADSWORTH (D)

In 2010, Jenna Wadsworth became the youngest woman elected to public office in North Carolina when she was elected to the Wake County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors at age 21.

Wadsworth is committed to addressing climate change, promoting hemp and cannabis legislation, supporting renewable energy, and expanding Medicaid and Medicare for All.

You can learn more about Jenna Wadsworth for Commissioner of Agriculture [here](#).

**COMMISSIONER OF
INSURANCE:
MIKE CAUSEY (R)**

Prior to being elected Commissioner of Insurance in 2016, Mike Causey served in the military and gained 25 years of experience in the insurance industry. During his tenure as Insurance Commissioner, Causey has fought insurance fraud and advocated for bureaucratic reform.

Causey is dedicated to lowering insurance rates through more competition, cutting red tape, increasing transparency, and improving accessibility to customer service.

You can learn more about the Mike Causey reelection campaign [here](#).

**COMMISSIONER OF
INSURANCE:
WAYNE GOODWIN (D)**

Wayne Goodwin served as Commissioner of Insurance from 2009 to 2016. During his time in office, he saved North Carolina consumers and families over \$2.4 billion, fought for lower insurance rates, and used a multi-million-dollar fine against an insurance company to help fund the public school system.

Goodwin supports Medicaid expansion, upgrading the Affordable Care Act, lowering insurance rates, fighting insurance fraud, and holding insurance companies accountable.

You can learn more about the Wayne Goodwin campaign [here](#).

**COMMISSIONER OF
LABOR: JOSH DOBSON
(R)**

Josh Dobson has been a State Representative for District 85 since 2013 and currently serves as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and Chairman of the Health Policy Committee. Dobson hopes to continue to provide conservative leadership to North Carolina as Commissioner of Labor.

You can learn more about Josh Dobson for Labor Commissioner [here](#).

**COMMISSIONER
OF LABOR: JESSICA
HOLMES (D)**

As a labor and employment law attorney, Jessica Holmes has fought for workers' rights. Holmes was elected commissioner in Wake County in 2014 and served as chair of the Board of Commissioners for two years.

Holmes is passionate about workers' rights, paid parental leave, a living wage, job creation, and education, and she hopes to advocate for these things as Commissioner of Labor.

You can learn more about Jessica Holmes for Commissioner of Labor [here](#).

**SECRETARY OF STATE:
E.C. SKYES (R)**

A successful businessman, E.C. Sykes vows to be transparent and efficient as Secretary of State. Sykes plans to cut wasteful spending and limit the size of government.

Sykes is a conservative who advocates for limited government, religious liberty, and pro-life values.

Sykes was a full-time volunteer for Sen. Ted Cruz's 2016 campaign and became the Executive Director of Faith and Religious Liberty.

You can learn more about E.C. Sykes for Secretary of State [here](#).

**SECRETARY OF STATE:
ELAINE MARSHALL (D)**

Elaine Marshall has served as North Carolina Secretary of State since 1996. During her tenure, she has cut red tape, helped create jobs for small businesses, promoted free enterprise, and advocated for reform of lobbying laws.

Marshall is passionate about protecting North Carolina citizens against fraud and scams and punishing criminals involved in fraud.

To learn more about Elaine Marshall, visit her campaign [website](#).

**SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:
CATHERINE TRUITT (R)**

Catherine Truitt has ten years of teaching experience and served as Senior Advisor on Education to former Governor Pat McCrory. Truitt currently serves as Chancellor of Western Governors University North Carolina.

As Superintendent of Public Instruction, Truitt hopes to continue her work to ensure that all students have access to a quality education.

You can learn more about Catherine Truitt [here](#).

**SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:
JEN MAGRUM (D)**

After fourteen years teaching elementary school, Jen Mangrum started the Elementary Education program at NC State University and is now a professor at UNCG.

Mangrum is an advocate for public education, which she views as a pillar of democracy. Mangrum's priorities include expanding equity across school districts, attaining Universal Pre-K within five years, providing a safe and healthy school environment, and increasing teacher pay in North Carolina to the national average.

You can learn more about Jen Mangrum [here](#).

**STATE TREASURER:
DALE R. FOLWELL (R)**

Dale Folwell has served as State Treasurer since 2017. As Treasurer, Folwell increased transparency and saved North Carolina taxpayers money by cutting Wall Street fees and freezing State Health Plan family premiums.

You can learn more about Dale Folwell [here](#).

**STATE TREASURER:
RONNIE CHATTERJI
(D)**

Ronnie Chatterji is a professor at Duke University and previously served as a White House economic advisor to President Obama.

Issues important to Chatterji include affordable healthcare, economic security, and public education.

You can learn more about Ronnie Chatterji [here](#).

**NC SUPREME COURT
CHIEF JUSTICE SEAT 1:
CHERI BEASLEY (D)**

Cheri Beasley is the Democratic nominee and incumbent for the NC Supreme Court Chief Justice seat. Chief Justice Beasley is the first African-American woman to serve as Chief Justice in the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Beasley has a focus on ensuring fair and timely justice, and supports using tech-

nology to modernize the courts and wants to increase access to drug and mental health recovery courts. She also supports building relationships with schools as justice partners, and holding faith and justice roundtables for those who have gotten their driver's license revoked.

As Chief Justice, she oversees the entire North Carolina Judicial system and is a supporter of paid parental leave for all employees.

You can learn more about Justice Beasley at her [campaign website](#).

**NC SUPREME COURT
CHIEF JUSTICE SEAT 1:
PAUL NEWBY (R)**

Paul Newby is the Republican nominee for the NC Supreme Court Chief Justice seat. He has been on the NC Supreme Court since 2004, making him the most senior justice on the bench.

Justice Newby is a constitutional and historical scholar, who believes in the principles of judicial restraint.

He is running for Chief Justice because he hopes to ensure that the branch fulfills its purpose of equal justice under the law.

You can learn more about Justice Newby [here](#).

**NC SUPREME COURT
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
SEAT 2: PHIL BERGER
JR. (R)**

Phil Berger, Jr. is running as the Republican nominee for an associate justice seat on the NC Supreme Court. He attended Wake Forest Law School.

Judge Berger has served as a District Attorney and, in 2016, was elected to North Carolina's Court of Appeals.

While serving as a District Attorney, he was the chair of Project SAFE in Rockingham County -- a program that focused on reducing crime and recidivism rates among gang-affiliated individuals.

You can learn more about Judge Berger [here](#).

**NC SUPREME COURT
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
SEAT 2: LUCY INMAN
(D)**

Lucy Inman is the Democratic nominee for an associate justice seat on the NC Supreme Court. After working as a journalist covering the courts, she decided to attend the UNC School of Law. Judge Inman was elected statewide to the Court of Appeals in 2014.

Before becoming a judge, Inman practiced civil litigation and her clients included small business owners, larger corporations, and survivors of negligence and sexual abuse.

In 2010, she was appointed as a special superior court judge by the governor.

You can learn more about Judge Inman [here](#).

**NC SUPREME COURT
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
SEAT 4: TAMARA
BARRINGER (R)**

Tamara Barringer is the Republican nominee for the fourth associate justice seat on the NC Supreme Court. Barringer is an attorney and has support from the National Federation of Independent Business.

Barringer is a proponent for strict constitutional interpretation.

You can read more about her candidacy [here](#).

**NC SUPREME COURT
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
SEAT 4: MARK DAVIS
(D)**

Justice Mark Davis is running for reelection for the fourth associate justice seat on the NC Supreme Court.

Justice Davis attended the UNC School of Law and practiced law for almost two decades. He served as the Special Deputy Attorney General in the North Carolina Department of Justice and as a General Counsel in the Office of the Governor.

Before becoming a member of the NC Supreme Court, he served as an associate justice on the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

You can read more about Justice

Davis [here](#).

**NC COURT OF
APPEALS JUDGE SEAT
4: TRICIA SHIELDS (D)**

Tricia Shields is running for the fourth seat on the NC Court of Appeals. She is the nominee for the Democratic party. Shields has been a law professor since 2013 and attended the UNC School of Law in 1985.

You can learn more about Tricia Shield's campaign [here](#).

**NC COURT OF
APPEALS JUDGE SEAT
4: APRIL C. WOOD (R)**

April C. Wood is running as the Republican nominee for the fourth seat of the NC Court of Appeals. Wood is currently serving as a judge in the district court circuit for NC. Prior to becoming a judge, Wood practiced law privately.

More information about Wood's campaign can be accessed [here](#).

**NC COURT OF
APPEALS JUDGE SEAT
5: LORA CHRISTINE
CUBBAGE (D)**

Lora Christine Cubbage is running for the NC Court of Appeals as a Democrat. Cubbage is currently a superior court judge in Guilford County, and has served as assistant attorney general, assistant district attorney, and a district court judge in North Carolina.

You can learn more about Cubbage's campaign [here](#).

**NC COURT OF
APPEALS JUDGE SEAT
5: FRED GORE (R)**

Fred Gore is the Republican nominee for the 5th seat in the NC Court of Appeals. Gore is currently a district court judge and a Judge Advocat General for the North Carolina National Guard. Gore is also a military veteran.

You can learn more about Fred Gore's campaign [here](#).

**NC COURT OF
APPEALS JUDGE SEAT
6: GRAY STYERS (D)**

Gray Styers is running as the Democratic nominee for the 6th seat in the NC Court of Appeals. He has taught law at UNC as an adjunct professor, co-funded an organization to provide pro bono legal support, and is an advisory member of the Ethics Council for the NC State Bar.

You can learn more about Gray Styers' campaign [here](#).

**NC COURT OF
APPEALS JUDGE SEAT
6: CHRIS DILLON (R)**

Chris Dillon is running for reelection as the Republican nominee for the 6th seat in the NC Court of Appeals. Dillon was elected to the seat in 2012, and was a small business owner before being elected.

You can read more about Chris Dillon's reelection campaign [here](#).

**NC COURT OF
APPEALS JUDGE SEAT
7: REUBEN F. YOUNG
(D)**

Reuben F. Young is running for reelection as the Democratic nominee for the 7th seat in the NC Court of Appeals. He was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper in 2019. Prior to serving on the court, he was the interim Chief Deputy Secretary of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

You can read more about Reuben F. Young's reelection campaign [here](#).

**NC COURT OF
APPEALS JUDGE SEAT
7: JEFF CARPENTER (R)**

Jeff Carpenter is the Republican nominee for the 7th seat in the NC Court of Appeals. Carpenter is the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for Union County. He is a former NC State Trooper and trial attorney.

You can learn more about Jeff Carpenter's campaign [here](#).

**NC COURT OF
APPEALS JUDGE SEAT
13: CHRIS BROOK (D)**

Chris Brook is the Democratic nominee and incumbent of the 13th seat on the NC Court of Appeals. He was appointed to

the role by Governor Roy Cooper in 2019. Prior to that, Brook served as the legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina from 2012 to 2019. He is also the current Chair of the North Carolina Bar Association's Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Section.

You can read about Chris Brook's campaign for reelection [here](#).

**NC COURT OF
APPEALS JUDGE SEAT
13: JEFFERSON G.
GRIFFIN (R)**

In 2008, graduated from North Carolina Central School of Law. In 2010, Judge Griffin joined the Wake County District Attorney's Office where he prosecuted cases from infractions to first degree murder over a five-year period.

In 2015, Jefferson was appointed by Governor McCrory to be a District Court Judge in Wake County. He handles civil and criminal cases from all over Wake County in his current role. Judge Griffin was elected to a four-year term in the 2016 general election in Wake County.

You can learn more about Judge Jefferson Griffin [here](#).

**NC STATE SENATE,
DISTRICT 31: JOYCE
KRAWIEC (R)**

Joyce Krawiec is the Republican nominee for the 31st district of the North Carolina State Senate. She assumed office in 2014, and

is a small business owner and Christian activist.

Krawiec is pro-second amendment and pro-life, favors lowering taxes and cutting back government regulation.

You can learn more about Joyce Krawiec for the NC State Senate [here](#).

NC STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 31: TERRI ELIZABETH LEGRAND (D)

Terri Elizabeth LeGrand is running as the Democratic nominee for the 31st district seat in the NC State Senate. LeGrand attended Wake Forest Law School.

After law school, she spent years advocating for women, children, and families. LeGrand also spent several years working with at-risk youth while living in a group home for teenage boys. For the past 15 years, she has been working to ensure that students have the resources they need to pursue their dreams of higher education. LeGrand's campaign focuses on jobs and the economy, affordable and accessible healthcare, education and school, and clean air and water.

You can learn more about Terry Elizabeth LeGrand for the NC State Senate [here](#).

NC STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 32: VEN CHALLA (R)

Ven Challa is running as the Re-

publican nominee for the 32nd district seat in the NC State Senate. Challa is a retired Wake Forest professor.

He supports expanding health care through the private sector, the border wall, and no state income taxes for those making less than \$75k a year.

To learn more about Challa's campaign, you can visit his website [here](#).

NC STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 32: PAUL LOWE JR. (D)

Paul Lowe Jr. is the current state senator for District 32 and is running for reelection as a Democrat. He is a pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

He Serves as the chairman of the NC Legislative Black Caucus and promises to find pathways to secure economic justice, educational equity and more affordable, accessible healthcare.

His legislative committee assignments include: Appropriations/Base Budget, Appropriations on Health and Human Services, Commerce and Insurance, Committee on Finance, Rules and Operations of the Senate.

You can learn more about Paul Lowe for the NC State Senate [here](#).

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 71: EVELYN TERRY (D)

Evelyn Terry is running unopposed as a Democrat and is the incumbent representative for District 71. She assumed office in 2012, and is a former member of the Winston-Salem City Council.

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 72: AMBER M. BAKER (D)

Amber Baker is running as the Democratic Nominee for the 72nd district of the NC House of Representatives. She attended Winston-Salem State University for her undergraduate degree, and received a master's and doctorate from Ohio State University

She is a life skills teacher at Mount Tabor High School and the Former Principal at Kimberly Park School. Her campaign focuses on social services and affordable housing.

You can learn more about Amber M. Baker for the NC House of Representatives [here](#).

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 72: DAN LAWLOR (R)

Dan Lawlor is the Republican nominee for the 72nd district of the NC House of Representative. He is a special education teacher

at R. J. Reynolds High School. His campaign focuses on education, health care, law enforcement, and the importance of community unity.

You can learn more about Dan Lawlor for the NC House of Representatives [here](#).

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 73: WILLIAM STINSON (D)

William Stinson is a Democrat running for the 73rd district of the NC House of Representatives.

You can learn more about William Stinson's campaign [here](#).

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 73: LEE ZACHARY (R)

Lee Zachary is the Republican nominee and incumbent for the 73rd district of the NC House of Representatives. He assumed office in 2015.

He attended the UNC School of Law and is a former mayor and veteran. His campaign focuses on promoting job growth and supporting educators.

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 74: JEFF ZENGER (R)

Jeff Zenger is the Republican nominee for the 74th district in the NC House of Representatives.

You can learn more about his campaign [here](#).

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 74: DAN BESSE (D)

Dan Besse is the Democratic nominee and the incumbent for District 74 for the NC House of Representatives. He assumed office in 2001.

His campaign focuses on education, employment, environment and healthcare.

You can learn more about Dan Besse for the NC House of Representatives [here](#).

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 75: DONNY C. LAMBETH (R)

Donny C. Lambeth is the Republican nominee and incumbent for the 75th district of the NC House of Representatives. He assumed office in 2013.

Lambeth served as president of Wake Forest Baptist Health and served on the WS/FC Board of Education for 18 years. His campaign focuses on improving health care and education.

You can learn more about Donny C. Lambeth for the NC House of Representatives [here](#).

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 75: ELISABETH MOTSINGER (D)

Elisabeth Motsinger is the Democratic nominee for the 75th district of the NC House of Representatives. She served on the WS/FC Board of Education for 14 years and works as a Physician Assistant at the UNCSA.

Motsinger's campaign focuses on providing more funding for public schools, access to affordable health care and protecting NC's natural resources.

7. Local Candidates

DISTRICT COURT

NC District Court Judge District 21 Seat 5: Camille Banks Prince (D)

NC District Court Judge District 21 Seat 6: Lawrence Jay Fine (D) (Incumbent)

NC District Court Judge District 21 Seat 7: Carrie Freeman Vickery (D)

NC District Court Judge District 21 Seat 8: Michael Trevin Silver (R) and Thomas Whitmell V Davis (D)

NC District Court Judge District 21 Seat 9:

Gordon A Miller (R) (Incumbent)

NC District Court Judge District 21 Seat 10: Victoria Lane Roemer (R)

NC District Court Judge District 21 Seat 11: David Edward Sipprell (R)

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

District B:

David Ray Plyler (R) (Incumbent)

Gull Muhammad Riaz (D)

Christopher Joseph Smith

Eric Issac Weiss

Gloria D Whisenhunt (R) (Incumbent)

Richard V. Linville (R) (Incumbent)

FORSYTH COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

Amy Denise Hines (D)

FORSYTH COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

Lynne Griffin Johnson (D)

CITY OF WINSTON SALEM MAYOR

Allen Joines (D) (Incumbent)

- Assumed office in 2001

- Seeking re-election to work on challenges such as poverty,

homelessness, housing and education.

Kris McCann (R)

- 2012 and 2014 candidate for State House of Representatives District 71

- No prior political experience

- Professional Career as an electrician with Lorillard Tobacco Company

CITY OF WINSTON SALEM COUNCIL

East-Ward:

Annette Yvonne Scippio (D) (Incumbent)

- Assumed office in 2018

- Winston-Salem, NC native

- Vice Chair of the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee

North Ward:

Denise D. Adams (D) (Incumbent)

- Assumed office in 2009

- Profession: Quality Engineer for Johnson Controls, Inc. - Power Solutions

- Vice Chair of the Finance Committee

- Chair of the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee

- Winston-Salem, NC native

NorthEast Ward:

Barbara Hanes Burke (D)

- Currently representing Winston-Salem and Forsyth County Schools school board, representing District 1.

- She assumed office in 2018.

Paula McCoy (UNA)

- Community activist

- Retired director of Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods (local Winston-Salem community organization)

NorthWest Ward:

Jeff MacIntosh (D) (Incumbent)

- Assumed office in 2013

South Ward:

John Larson (D) (Incumbent)

- Assumed office in 2016

- Vice President Architectural Restoration Old Salem/Historian (Retired)

- Member Public Safety Committee

SouthEast Ward:

Wesley Longsdorf (LIB)

James Taylor (D) (Incumbent)

- Assumed office in 2009

- Profession: Partner and Publisher of the Winston-Salem Chronicle Newspaper.

SouthWest Ward:

Kevin Mundy (D)

- Profession: public interest attorney and educator

- Chair of the Public Works Committee

- Member of the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee

West Ward:

Robert Clark (R) (Incumbent)

- Assumed office in 2001

- President and owner, Leeson Industries

- Chair of the Finance Committee

- Member of the Public Works Committee and Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce