



GUILFORD FOR ALL VOTER GUIDE



Guilford for All is the Guilford County Chapter of the Carolina Federation -- a statewide people's organization fighting for a North Carolina where we can all live well. We believe that teachers deserve great pay, you shouldn't go broke because you got sick, and that no corporation should pay less in taxes than you do.

**Early Voting is Thursday, October 15th through Saturday, October 31st.
Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd.**





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THIS IS ABOUT POWER, NOT PREFERENCE.

Our central question is never simply "Who do we like?" It is: "What endorsement will contribute the most to building the power of our people?"

Defensive Endorsements are the BLOCK.

We make defensive endorsements to ensure that the most dangerous forces on the authoritarian right do not win. This sometimes means endorsing candidates who do not align with everything we stand for but who represent the necessary protective perimeter between our communities and those who would do us real, immediate harm.

Offensive Endorsements are the BUILD.

We also call these candidates our "Champions." These are the candidates who deeply align with our DNA and our platform, leaders rooted in the multiracial working class, who will not just vote the right way but who will govern in true strategic alliance with our organizations. Examples of champion endorsements include Cecile Crawford in Greensboro. Champions are the ones we pour our full organizing power behind. Our volunteers, our ground game, our voice, and our credibility.

We endorse candidates at the national and state level with our fellow chapters and leaders across the state. We endorse locally based on a vote of our members. When we endorse, we are saying "Vote for this person."

Sometimes we are asking you to vote for someone who really aligns deeply with our values.

Sometimes we are asking you to vote for someone because their opponent would make it much harder for us to organize towards the North Carolina we all deserve.

Our members volunteered to write this guide which includes everyone running in Guilford County, whether we endorsed them or not, so voters could know more about the people, amendments and bonds on the ballot.

ELECTION INFORMATION

ELECTION 2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

THURS OCT 9	VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE
THURS OCT 15	EARLY VOTING BEGINS
TUES OCT 20	LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BY-MAIL BALLOT
SAT OCT 31	EARLY VOTING ENDS
TUES NOV 3	GENERAL ELECTION DAY

REMEMBER: PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE

Look up
voter registration



Find your
polling place



More about
Guilford For All



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the Future



AMENDMENTS



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

What the NC Constitution Does + What it Could Do for Us

The NC Constitution is our state's highest law. It sets the basic rules for government, protects certain rights, and limits what elected leaders can do. It shapes how North Carolina raises and spends public money. When we amend it, we make a lasting change that is harder to reverse than an ordinary law. Our Constitution could be amended to protect voting access, public education, fair taxation, and the well-being of children and families. That is why every proposed amendment deserves careful study before we vote.



VOTE AGAINST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED INCOME TAX AMENDMENT

This amendment would lower the maximum income-tax rate from 7% to 3.5%. The devil is in the details. This amendment protects corporations and wealthy people from ever paying what they owe our communities in taxes. It would NOT lower your current tax bill because the personal rate is already scheduled to fall below 3.5%. When the very wealthy don't pay what they owe, more of the cost for our public services falls on us: higher taxes on groceries and school supplies, higher bus and parking fees, and more expensive child and eldercare.

This amendment will endanger the public services we use everyday, including public schools, healthcare (like Medicaid), child care, emergency services, and so much more. Our Constitution should protect people and the common good — not corporate profits

Vote AGAINST the income-tax amendment.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (Income Tax)	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (Property Tax)
Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).	Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.
☐ For	☐ For
☒ Against	☒ Against

VOTE AGAINST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Proposed Property Tax Amendment

The property tax amendment would cut off the main source of local revenue: property taxes.

Property taxes allow our local government to fund public schools, emergency services, libraries, parks and rec centers, disaster responses, and so many more public services.

This amendment will tie our local electeds' hands, without answering basic questions like: How much revenue can local governments raise? Whose property tax rate goes down and whose stays the same? Can local governments override the state limit when we have urgent needs like hurricanes or overcrowded schools?

This amendment takes away our local power to make decisions and respond to our community's needs. The people who live here understand their needs better than a lawmaker representing a county five hours away. Local decisions must stay local.

Vote AGAINST the property-tax amendment.

Proposed Voter ID Amendment

The voter ID amendment would make it harder to vote for people who can only vote-by-mail, like many senior citizens and military personnel serving abroad. North Carolina law already requires voters that cast their ballots by mail to provide a copy of a photo ID or complete an exception form.

This amendment locks that requirement into the Constitution, making it far harder to change. It would force older adults to navigate paperwork, copying, or deadlines to cast a ballot. Our elders should be honored, not burdened or silenced. Democracy needs the memory, experience, and wisdom of every generation.

Every eligible voter should be included in decisions affecting schools, health care, families, and our future. Voting is a sacred right, not an obstacle course

Vote AGAINST the voter-ID amendment.



US SENATE

UNITED STATES SENATE

What this Body of Government Does + What it Could Do for Us

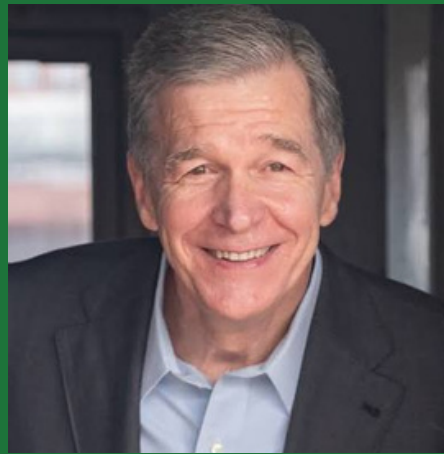
The U.S. Senate passes federal laws along with the House of Representatives. Both chambers make up the U.S. Congress. Legislation is passed by the Senate. This year they passed the 21st Century Road to Housing Act. This law provides more housing and stops corporate investors from buying affordable housing. Thankfully, they haven't passed the SAVE Act, which has the potential to block 21 million voters from voting. It's stalled in the US Senate because the lawmakers can't reach the 60 votes it needs to pass.

The Senate also decides who presidents can put on the Supreme Court and in other roles. The Supreme Court's decisions have long-lasting impacts on all of our rights as everyday Americans.



**US Senators
represent the
entire state of
North Carolina**

ROY COOPER (DEMOCRAT)



The former two-term governor of NC is running on a platform of lowering costs for all Americans. Campaigning with a slogan of "Make Stuff Cost Less," Cooper hopes to pass legislation that lowers the cost of health care, child care, and housing. He also wants to make data centers pay their share of energy costs so those costs are not passed to customers.

As governor, Cooper repealed HB2, a law that discriminated against the transgender people. In 2023, Cooper signed Medicaid expansion into law, getting low-cost healthcare for 600,000 low-income NC residents.

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by the Carolina Federation.**

Michael Dublin (Green Party)



Michael Dublin, a teacher, is running as the Green Party candidate. His platform focuses on major reforms to current justice, environmental, and social policies. Dublin supports the Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez-led Green New Deal. He supports civilian boards to oversee police departments and wants to abolish ICE. Michael Dublin's campaign said they will refuse all corporate donations. Michael Dublin has never held an elected office. He did run for US Congress for House District 2 in 2024 on a similar platform. In that election, Dublin lost to Representative Deborah K. Ross (Dem), and finished in a distant third.

Shannon W. Bray (Independent)

Entrepreneur Shannon Bray announced in December 2025 that he is running for office in North Carolina. Shannon Bray has never held elected office, despite running five times. He ran as the Libertarian challenger for the House in 2019, for US Senate in 2020 and 2022, and for Governor and Lieutenant Governor in 2024.

Bray does not have a website for his 2026 Senate run, but his platform for Governor included criminal justice reform, decriminalizing marijuana and pardoning people charged with possession.



Michael Whatley (Republican)



Whatley promises to advance an "America First" agenda to preserve the Republican Senate majority. His platforms include 'backing the blue', supporting ICE, and keeping 'woke ideology' out of public schools.

Whatley is a former Chairman of both the NC Republican Party and Republican National Committee. He has never served as a publicly elected official. Roy Cooper's campaign has criticized Michael Whatley for hiring a child sex offender as a consultant for the Republican party when he was chair.

Whatley has also faced criticism for tricking a grieving father into doing a campaign video about the death of his son. Ronald Hayes was told he would be in an ad against gun violence, but instead the ad implied that Roy Cooper released the guy who killed his son from prison, allowing him to commit the murder. This never happened. His son's killer had never been arrested before.

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US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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What this Body of Government Does + What it Could Do for Us

The US House of Representatives passes federal legislation with the US Senate. There are 435 Representatives. The number of representatives is based on a state's population.

North Carolina has 14 Representatives (Reps) serving two-year terms. The House has the authority to create all spending bills. The House acts as a link between local communities and the federal government.

The bills Representatives propose and support will have a direct impact on you locally.



Members of the House of Representatives represent a part of the state

CHUCK HUBBARD (DEMOCRAT) – CHALLENGER



DISTRICT 5

Chuck Hubbard has a strong commitment to affordable housing, immigration, and protecting democracy. Hubbard's platform champions public goods like schools and Social Security. His healthcare platform supports Medicare and Medicaid in addition to women's healthcare, but has not come out in favor of Medicare for All.

Hubbard wants to overturn Citizens United and reduce the influence of corporate PACs. He endorses an independent review of the Epstein Files. He is in favor of holding those who are found to have committed crimes accountable.

Chuck Hubbard ran for a House Seat in NC District 5 in 2024 and NC House of Representatives District 94 in 2022. This would be Hubbard's first time holding an elected office. He has been a journalist for 40 years, lives in Wilkesboro, and is a girl-dad of three.

Virginia Foxx (Republican) - Incumbent



Virginia Foxx has represented NC District 5 since 2005. During her time in office, Foxx has co-sponsored harmful policies, such as a bill to end birthright citizenship. Foxx was one of only 11 members of Congress to vote against aid to victims of Hurricane Katrina. She also voted against the release of the Epstein files.

Foxx has benefited from gerrymandering that allows politicians to choose their voters, splitting cities that have voters who largely don't agree with policies like the ones Foxx supports.

She recently made the news for her response to a 10 year old who lives in her district and wrote to her about electric vehicle tax credits. In her response, Foxx said, "While I may never be able to know, my guess is that your teachers will not give you a good educational experience and help you learn to think, as they are too interested in indoctrinating you. How sad." She also voted against kids receiving free school lunches

Robert Luffman (Liberatarian) - Challenger

Robert Luffman is a long-haul truck driver and former Unaffiliated voter. Luffman calls himself a "low budget" candidate and does not want donations. Luffman wants to limit Congressional terms for representatives to five two-year terms. His other main platform point is legalizing cannabis.

In an interview with the Appalachian Chronicle, Luffman shared that he hopes to reduce the size of government agencies. Explicitly, his "ultimate goal... to trim enough fat to eliminate individual income taxes and the IRS within two years." Robert Luffman has never run or held an elected office before and has no plans to win, hoping to get at least 4% of the votes this November.



US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISTRICT 5



Addison McDowell (Republican) - Incumbent



Addison McDowell, is the current incumbent for North Carolina's 6th Congressional District. He has been endorsed by Donald Trump and worked as a lobbyist for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina. McDowell supports "America First" business policies that have made rural America struggle financially.

McDowell has sponsored a bill to rename the Washington D.C. airport after Trump. His brother, Ches, is a personal advisor to Don Jr.

Cyril Jefferson (Democrat) - Challenger

Cyril Jefferson is currently the Mayor of High Point, NC. Prior to his 2023 election, Jefferson worked as a teacher, youth development consultant, and an education policy fellow. Since becoming mayor Jefferson focused on two areas: workforce training and public safety.

His website boasts securing over \$10 million for local workforce training and education programs. It also celebrates his administration reducing violent crime in High Point by 67%. In Congress, Jefferson intends to invest in expanding affordable housing and childcare options. He also wants to raise teacher pay and support more social services instead of overburdening local police.



US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISTRICT 6

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Richard Ojeda (Democrat) - Challenger



Richard Ojeda is a 24-year Army veteran and former state senator of West Virginia. In addition to supporting veterans, he is running on an economic populist agenda. His platform includes protecting public goods like education, Medicaid/Medicare, and Social Security. Additionally, he supports investing in North Carolina, raising wages, and repealing anti-union laws.

He has opposed a natural gas pipeline project. He's advocated for military families facing immigration issues. His advocacy has earned Ojeda support from the National Education Association. He initially supported Donald Trump in 2016, after voting for Bernie Sanders in the primary, but by 2018 said of Donald Trump, "he hasn't done shit".

Richard Hudson (Republican) - Incumbent

Hudson is a longtime Republican and chairs the National Republican Congressional Committee. His voting record sits solidly on the Right, backing Republican priorities.

He has voted against expanded healthcare access and labor protections. Hudson has supported cuts to the Department of Veterans Affairs and federal workforce. In Congress, Hudson is on the Committee on Energy and Commerce and is chair of the Communications and Technology subcommittee.



US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISTRICT 9

NC SUPREME COURT



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What this Body of Government Does + What it Could Do for Us

The NC Supreme Court is the highest court in the state and reviews cases dealing with state law. They base their decisions on if errors occurred during lower court trials or if laws were interpreted incorrectly, impacting the outcome of those trials. Their interpretation of the law has the potential to overturn or expand protections for citizens.

The NC Supreme Court is made up of one Chief Justice and six associate justices. Each serves an 8 year term.



NC Supreme Court Justices represent the entire state of North Carolina

ANITA EARLS (DEMOCRAT) INCUMBENT



Anita Earls is a strongly endorsed candidate by Carolina Federation. Justice Earls has always worked for marginalized people and fought to ensure legal protections were in place. In 2007, she created the non-profit Southern Coalition for Social Justice, where she argued in civil and voting rights cases. Earlier this year, she opposed Duke Energy rate hikes along with Justice Riggs.

In a 2024 interview, Justice Earls spoke out about inequality in the justice system. She said: "It can't be right that as a state court justice, you're sworn to uphold the Constitution and the code of judicial conduct requires you to uphold the fairness and impartiality of the judiciary, and yet there's a segment of the population that observably is having very racially disparate outcomes. To be silent about that, or to say that there's nothing we can do about that, is not right."

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Sarah Stevens (Republican) – Challenger



Sarah Stevens, says she is a “Conservative Voice for Justice”. She was elected to NC House of Representatives, and served Surry County from 2009–2024. Rep. Stevens has indicated her support for private school vouchers that take money away from our public schools. She also supported the vetoed Women’s Right to Know Act. That law would have required doctors to perform an ultrasound for people seeking abortions. Stevens’ campaign promoted and accepted campaign donations from an event organized by Harvey West, a convicted child sex offender.

Why does the NC Supreme Court matter to democracy?



2023

In a 5-2 decision, the Republican-led NC Supreme Court overturned a decision they made in 2022. In this new ruling, they decided that the gerrymandered maps for legislative districts were legal instead of unconstitutional.

They let politicians choose their voters instead of the other way around.

We can change who governs. But to do that, we need a majority of Supreme Court Justices on board. There are seven seats, which means that we we need at least four justices who favor fair maps, justice, and a democracy for all.

2024	2026	2028	2030
Allison Riggs elected	Must re-elect Anita Earls	Win a pro-democracy majority	Get fair maps

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NC COURT OF APPEALS



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What this Body of Government Does + What it Could Do for Us

The Court of Appeals is the last court that a case can be appealed to before it goes to the Supreme Court. If you decide to challenge a court decision made by a lower court, you go to the court of appeals.

The judges on the Court of Appeals decide if the law was applied correctly and the trial was fair. There are 15 judges that meet in groups of 3 to make decisions. They review trial court records, write legal briefs, and argue cases in higher courts.

There are currently three seats up for election on the NC Court of Appeals. Judges serve eight-year terms.



NC Court of Appeals judges represent the entire state of North Carolina

JOHN S. ARROWOOD (DEMOCRAT) INCUMBENT SEAT 1



John Arrowood is the first openly LGBTQ judge on the NC Court of Appeals. He has held this seat since 2017.

Arrowood was born in the mountains of North Carolina. He moved to Caldwell County after his parents died when he was fifteen years old. He graduated magna cum laude from Catawba College and received his law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Arrowood is a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Charlotte. He serves on the Board of Trustees for the Mint Museum of Art. He also serves on the Board of the Charlotte Urban Ministry Center, which supports unhoused people.

Michael C. Byrne (Republican) – Challenger SEAT 1



Michael Byrne describes himself as “your conservative candidate.” He represented police almost exclusively in his law practice. He became a go-to lawyer for police when they got in trouble with the law, representing them in 270+ cases. His campaign website highlights some of his legal victories and judicial decisions. These include cases where he defended officers accused of using violence. It also includes decisions he made as an administrative judge that favored police organizations. He has received endorsements from three separate police organizations. Byrne grew up in Wake County and studied English at NC State University.

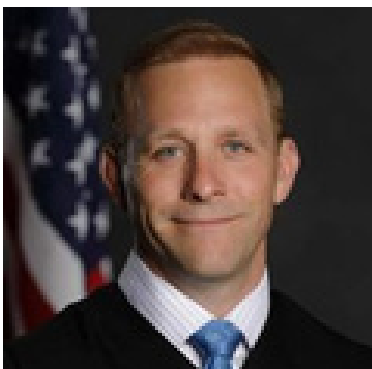
Toby Hampson (Democrat) – Incumbent SEAT 2

Toby Hampson is a Raleigh-based lawyer originally from England. He has served on the Court of Appeals since January 2019. Before becoming a judge, he clerked for three Court of Appeals judges. He also led the appeals team at his law firm.

Hampson sat on the three-judge panel that handled the heated 2024 NC Supreme Court election clash between Allison Riggs and Jefferson Griffin. He disagreed with the panel’s two Republican judges, who sided with Griffin’s effort to challenge thousands of ballots. Hampson’s dissent supported keeping those votes in the election results. This helped uphold the vote of the people and put Allison Riggs in office.



George Cooper Bell (Republican) – Challenger SEAT 2



Bell is a Mecklenburg County Superior Court judge, elected to the bench in 2018. He holds a B.S. in business management from Cornell (2000) and a J.D. from Regent University School of Law (2003). Unlike Hampson, Bell has not built a detailed public record on Court of Appeals topics. His work has been trial level. His campaign has focused on his trial-court experience as a qualification for this seat. In 2019, he was reprimanded by the State Bar for not talking with a client’s probation officer before trying to adjust the client’s probation. This resulted in Bell making a false statement of fact that the client had completed his jail time and probation when neither of these were true.

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Craig Collins (Republican) SEAT 3



Craig Collins refers to himself as a conservative judge. He has presided over criminal, traffic, juvenile, and civil court cases. Most of his views on the position and application of the law are backed by scriptures from the Bible. He is currently a superior court judge in Gaston County. He previously served as a district court judge from 2016–2024 in Gaston County.

At an event in Asheville in 2025, he claimed: “In 2025, people identify with whoever they want to be. And it’s not just the left that

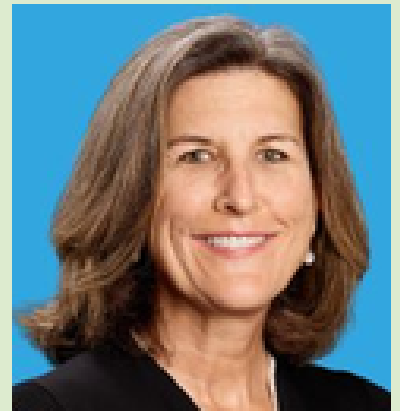
does that... The good thing about our team(slate) of candidates is you don’t have to worry about that..”

Collins is a supporter and “good friend” of Jefferson Griffin. Griffin lost to Allison Riggs, but refused to accept defeat for months post-election.

Christine Marie Walczyk (Democrat) SEAT 3

Christine Walczyk is a district court judge in Wake County. She has served in that role for 19 years.

Walczyk has committed to being a fair and timely judge. She said someone’s “race, gender, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status should not affect the outcome of your case.” She said that she is running for this position because Judges are supposed to be unbiased. And focus only on protecting the Constitution and constitutional rights.



She values North Carolinians being able to access legal resources. And understands that her role as Judge would be to serve her communities. She stands behind the oath that Judges take. This oath requires them to protect basic rights without bending to political attacks.



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NC STATE SENATE

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What this Body of Government Does + What it Could Do for Us

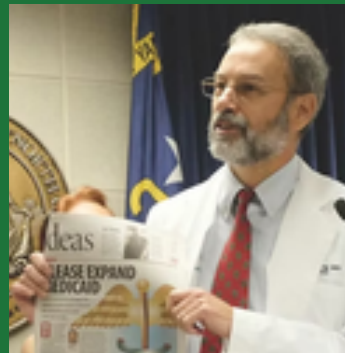
The State Senate works with the State House to pass state laws and create the state budget. Both chambers make up the General Assembly. There are 50 senators. Senators serve 2-year terms. The Senate can confirm appointments made by the governor. Although the Senate cannot initiate impeachment charges, it can hold impeachment trials.

The General Assembly can propose constitutional amendments, override a governor's veto, and raise and lower state taxes. It can also limit or expand the power of local government. The GOP-led majority in our current state legislature wants to reduce corporate taxes to \$0 by 2030. This would leave a funding gap for public schools and public services, resulting in higher local taxes for working people.

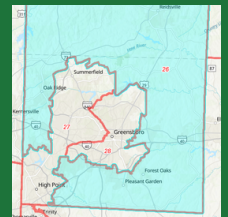


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STEVEN LUKING (DEMOCRAT)



DISTRICT 26



Dr. Steven Luking has 40 years experience in medicine. He understands the importance of accessible, affordable healthcare and well-funded hospitals. He has fought to expand Medicaid for his previous patients. Dr. Luking understands it is important to pay for public schools and teachers, since his wife and daughter are NC teachers. He understands that communities are hurt by lack of education, medical insurance coverage, and access to medical care.

He is supportive of the LGBTQ+ community being treated without bias and caring for the environment. He also supports commonsense gun laws and values the hard work of small business owners.

Samuel Page (Republican) District 26

Sheriff Sam Page is a strong supporter of Trump. He led Sheriffs for Trump in 2016, and he served as the President's NC Campaign Chair in 2020. He defeated Republican incumbent Phil Berger in the primary, and advanced to the general.

With a history in law enforcement, Page is campaigning on public safety. He wants to strengthen penalties for violent offenders. He wants to restart the death penalty in North Carolina. He claimed that he traveled to Arizona, D.C., and Texas, where he learned about the Mexican Drug Cartel, human trafficking, and unsecured borders.

Additionally, Page is centering public education, transparency, and taxes in his campaign. He wants to raise teacher pay, prevent private schools from hiking up tuition, and have commonsense guardrails. He believes that lawmakers should have term limits and not be protected from public review.



Michael Garrett (Democrat) Incumbent, Unopposed , District 27

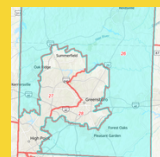


Michael Garrett is currently serving his 4th term as the District 27 senator. Mr. Garrett is best known for his 18-minute speech on the senate floor against the gerrymandering of North Carolina. Garrett referred to the "good trouble" of John Lewis. He reminded his peers that, "Democracy dies when we politicians rig the game, when we draw lines to choose our voters instead of letting our voters choose us..."

Senator Garrett is a primary co-sponsor of 2025 SB284. SB284 would provide \$8.3 million for Guilford County Schools tutoring and learning hubs. He has sponsored or co-sponsored bills for funding public school education. And increasing fair practices that impact underserved communities in Guilford county.



NC STATE SENATE - DISTRICT 26 & 27

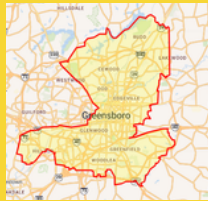


Gladys Robinson (Democrat) - Incumbent, Unopposed, District 28



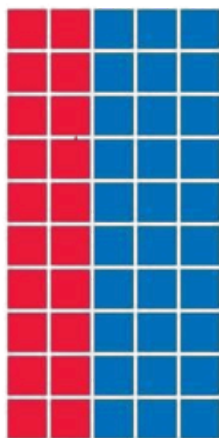
Gladys Robinson is serving her 8th consecutive term as the senator for District 28. She is running unopposed in this election, as she did in 2024 and 2026. During the 2013-14 session, she served as Deputy Minority Leader for the State Senate. Robinson is a graduate of both Bennett College for Women and NC A&T, where she received a Master's and PhD.

Robinson is a primary co-sponsor of SB284. SB284 would provide \$8.3 million dollars for Guilford County Schools tutoring and learning hubs. She also co-sponsored SB99. This bill would require 11-month contracts for teachers and provide professional development outside of the school year. SB99 would also provide \$310 million in repeated funds for these contracts.

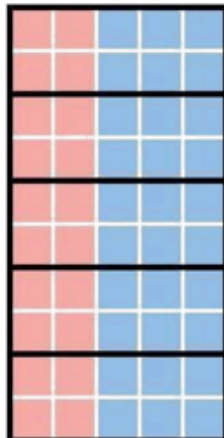


NC STATE SENATE - DISTRICT 28

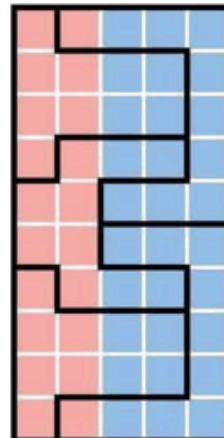
WHAT IS GERRYMANDERING?



50 PRECINCTS
60% BLUE
40% RED



5 DISTRICTS
5 BLUE
0 RED
BLUE WINS



5 DISTRICTS
3 RED
2 BLUE
RED WINS

By adjusting the boundaries of electoral districts, political parties can gain votes and influence election outcomes dramatically.

In this example, though the district is 60 percent blue, a redrawing of the boundaries results in the majority of the districts being controlled by red (far right).

Image: Steven Nass/Wikimedia

NC STATE HOUSE

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What this Body of Government Does + What it Could Do for Us

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TRACY CLARK (DEMOCRAT) INCUMBENT, UNOPPOSED



DISTRICT 57



Representative Tracy Clark supports issues that impact the daily lives of all people in Guilford County. She supports safe gun legislation without taking away gun owners' rights under the 2nd Amendment. Clark wants to offer more approved childcare programs and support the people who run the programs. She supports increasing Medicaid and providing more mental health support. And also revising current harmful insurance policies. She also endorses Greensboro's Road to 10,000.

She believes in making affordable housing for residents of Guilford County to deal with the housing crisis. She has voted NO on all anti-immigrant legislation brought forward.

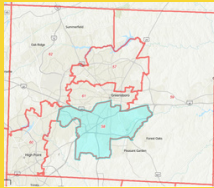
As a representative for House District 57, she is committed to all constituents, regardless of race, class, or political party.

Amos Quick (Democrat) - Incumbent, Unopposed District 58



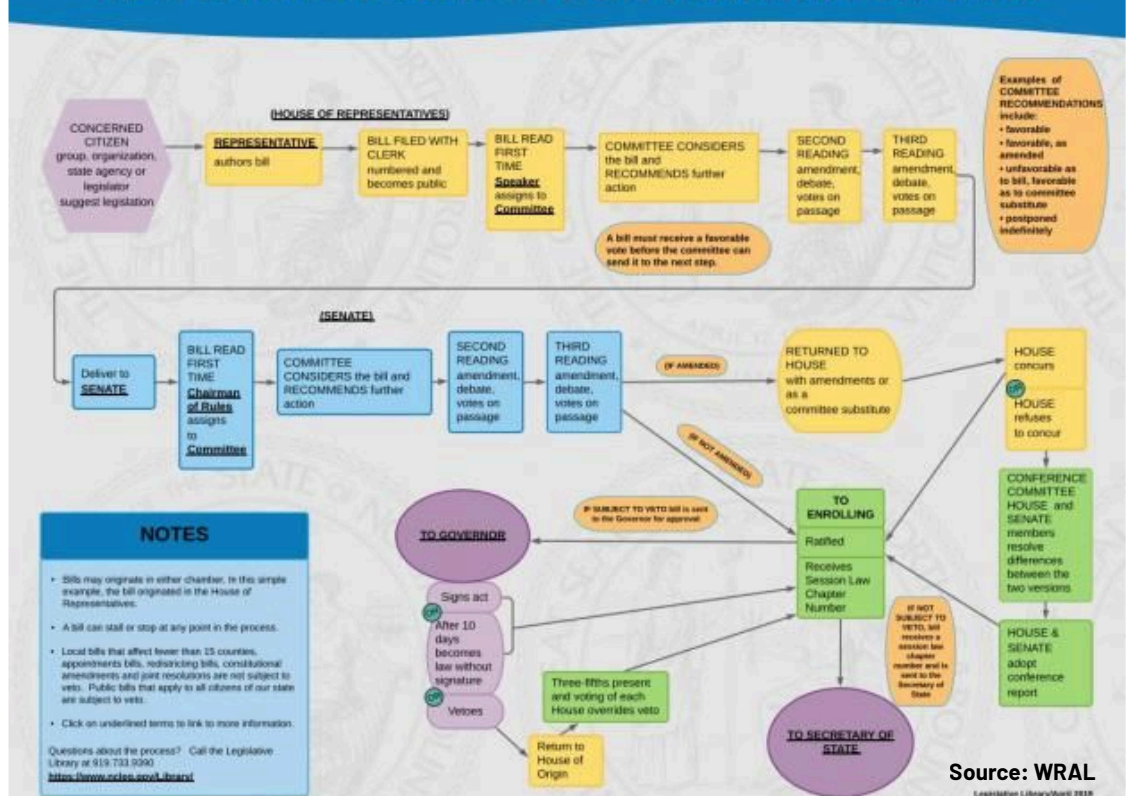
Amos Quick is the House Democratic Whip. This means he is in charge of getting the Democrats to vote together on things that are important to the party. He was previously on the Guilford County School Board, and he is a strong advocate for public school funding and against corporate giveaways at the expense of students and educators.

Quick said "There are enough needs in our schools in North Carolina. Giving incentives to a corporation, to come to North Carolina for whoever knows how long, is just not good policy." He is the Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Lexington, and an Associate Pastor at Greensboro's New Light Missionary Baptist Church. He went to Dudley High School. He was the Director of the Salvation Army and the Boys and Girls Club. He worked for the Black Child Development Institute, and founded a youth violence prevention program.



NC STATE HOUSE - DISTRICT 58

How an Idea Becomes a Law in North Carolina



Elma Hairston (Democrat) - Challenger District 59



**ELMA HAIRSTON is
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Elma Hairston is a public speaker and self-help author of *Becoming Dynamic: 7 Compelling Strategies for Success*. She serves on the board of Guilford Works (which helps people find jobs).



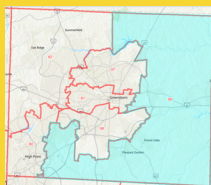
Dr. Hairston was previously the President of the High Point NAACP, and served on the board of the Friends of John Coltrane. She wants affordable, accessible healthcare and to shorten wait times for care. She has been endorsed by the Progressive Caucus of the NC Democratic Party. And also, Senator Gladys Robinson and the Communication Workers of America. A big fan of health and wellness, she hosted Pilates in the Park as one of her campaign events.

Alan Branson (Republican) - Incumbent District 59

Alan Branson was the first big opponent Guilford for All took on in 2020, when we worked with the Guilford County Association of Educators to replace him with Mary Beth Murphy in the County Commission. When Jon Hardister stepped down, Branson, who owns a family trucking business, was appointed to his seat in the State House.



He sponsored a bill to get rid of racial equity measures in all state agencies. He also co-sponsored a bill to urge congress people to get rid of the Department of Education. At a Guilford County Commission meeting, he berated the commissioners for the property tax hikes, while at the same time he was supporting an incredibly low corporate tax rate of 2.5% in Raleigh — a move that would take money away from our schools and force our counties to find alternative ways to fund schools and other essential services.



NC STATE HOUSE - DISTRICT 59

Amanda Cook (Democrat) - Incumbent District 60



**AMANDA COOK is
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Amanda Cook worked for 18 years as a dance teacher, served as a Department Chair, and as a coach. She subbed in High Point while running for school board in 2022.

Cook served on the High Point city council, and has advocated around the need for childcare in the city, the need for solar energy, and expanding access to the arts in High Point. In office, she got money for a program that protects tenants from being unfairly evicted, and for a program that provides supportive housing to young adults who are homeless or in other difficult situations. She got her B.A. in Dance and Communications from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and got a Master's Degree in 2021 from Gardner Webb University. She lives in High Point with her husband Paresh and rescue dog, Noodle.

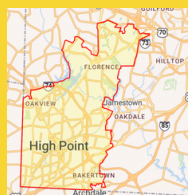
Joseph Perrotta (Republican) - Challenger District 60

Joseph Perrotta ran for this seat in 2024. He lost to former Rep. Cecil Brockman with 37% of the vote. Perrotta has worked in IT and field operations for multiple Fortune 500 companies.

His 2024 platform emphasized support for public safety, law enforcement, and immigration enforcement. He is also passionate about veterans' affairs.



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NC STATE HOUSE - DISTRICT 60

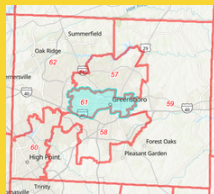
Pricey Harrison (Democrat) - Incumbent, Unopposed, Distict 61



Since 2019, Representative Mary "Pricey" Harrison, has served for District 61. She has a strong view on environmental justice and pollution control. She believes in increasing workers' rights (right to unionize and increased minimum wage). Access to affordable, quality healthcare for all is also important to her. She supports adequate public school funding, increased teacher pay and equitable public safety. She also supports commonsense gun legislation to keep our communities safe. Harrison champions free and accessible elections. As she values North Carolinians using their voices and votes. She is responsible for forming the House Progressive Caucus.

PRICEY HARRISON is ENDORSED by the Carolina Federation.

I am STRONGLY opposed to voucher funding and have always fought it and voted against it. If we get the majority, I want to repeal it immediately! This is taxpayer money going to largely wealthy families to schools that are unaccountable and discriminatory, at the expense of strong public schools."



NC STATE HOUSE - DISTRICT 61

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Shelly Headen (Democrat) - Challenger



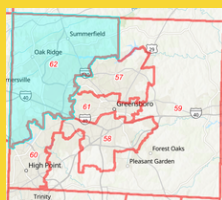
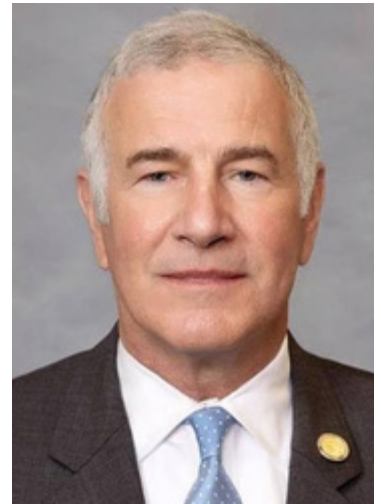
Shelly Headen is a CPA and small business owner. As the child of public school educators, she knows the sacrifices teachers make. Headen's campaign website states she supports fully funding public schools. "I will fight to restore the investment in our public school systems and make sure teachers and staff are paid wages that they deserve." Headen is running on a platform that puts working families first. She wants to make health care and housing more accessible and affordable for more people.

In September, some of Headen's past online remarks surfaced. Her posts included statements supporting violence against Trump supporters. These comments were discovered after the deadline to remove her name from the ballot. Headen remains the Democratic candidate in this race.

John Blust (Republican) - Incumbent

After more than 20 years in the North Carolina General Assembly, Blust is running for his 12th term in public office. Blust has consistently supported policies that shift public money away from public institutions. In 2024, he voted to override Governor Cooper's veto of HB 10. That bill directed \$463 million in new state funding to private school vouchers.

This year, he backed a constitutional amendment that would limit the amount of property tax local governments can collect. Blust also has a long record of supporting voting restrictions. He supported voter ID legislation in 2011 and 2013. This year, he co-sponsored HB 958, which would add even more voter restrictions. Blust voted against Medicaid expansion in 2013 and continues to defend that decision. He has also supported anti-LGBTQ+ policies. He voted in favor of the 2012 attempt to ban same-sex marriage and the 2016 Bathroom Bill.



**NC STATE HOUSE
- DISTRICT 62**

NC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE



NC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

What this Body of Government Does + What it Could Do for Us

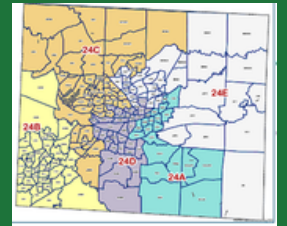
Superior court judges work in the state's highest-level trial courts. They serve eight-year terms. Judges hear felony criminal trials, including murder and major drug cases.

They manage everything from jury selection to the evidence that can be used in court. They also hear civil lawsuits where more than \$25,000 is at stake. These cases can involve property disputes, contracts, and major injury claims. Superior Court Judges issue rulings on civil rights matters and emergency requests. They can issue temporary restraining orders and immediate court orders. They can intervene if landlords do not comply with housing safety laws.



NC Superior
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LISA JOHNSON-TONKINS (DEMOCRAT) - INCUMBENT UNOPPOSED

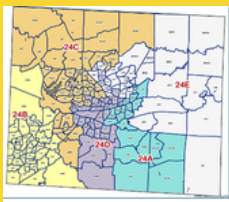


Lisa Johnson-Tonkins has served as Superior Court Judge for District 24A since 2025. Before that, she was Guilford County's Clerk of Superior Court from 2014 to 2025. Judge Johnson-Tonkins' legal background spans civil, criminal, and bankruptcy matters. She also worked as a Guilford County Assistant District Attorney.

Judge Johnson-Tonkins says she wants to protect people's legal rights. She wants to make the court system easier for everyone to navigate. This includes people who have lawyers as well as those who represent themselves.

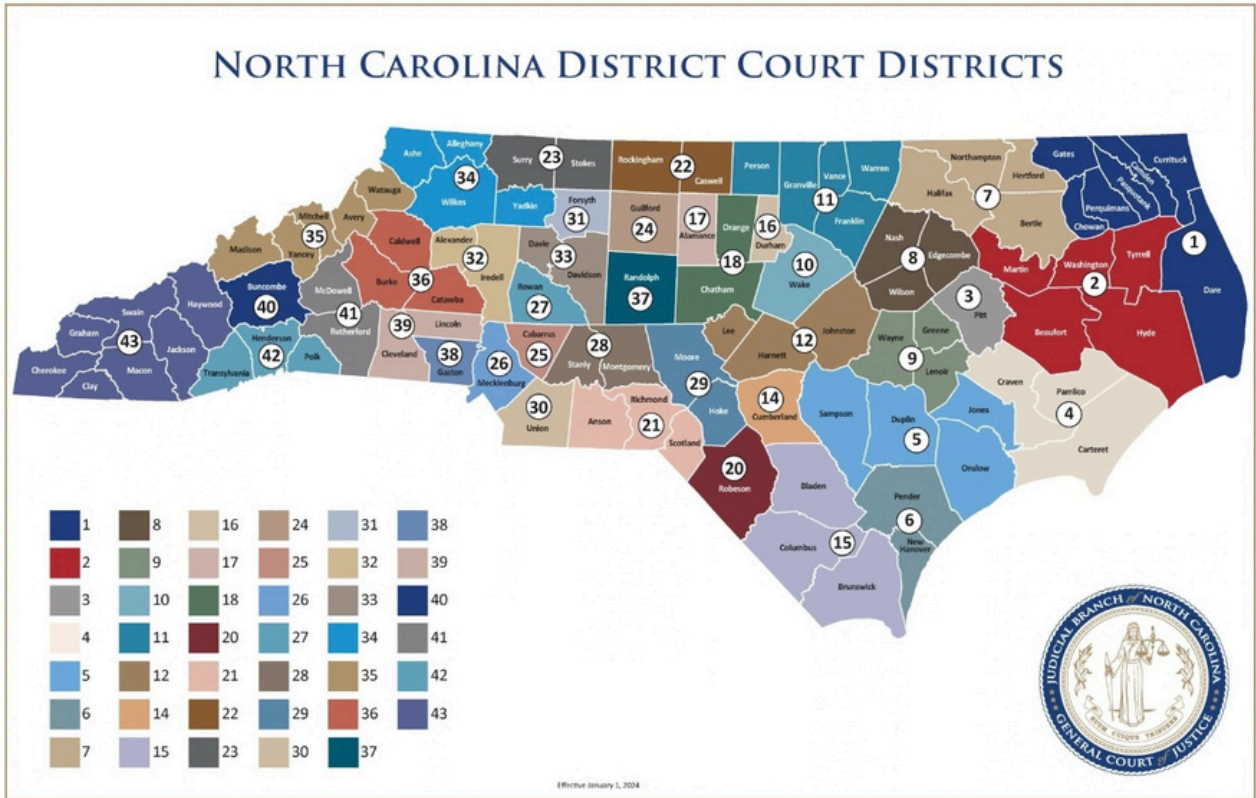
William (Bill) Wood, (Democrat) - Incumbent, Unopposed, District 24D

William (Bill) Wood was appointed to his Superior Court seat by Governor Roy Cooper in 2018. Before that, he served 30 years as an Assistant District Attorney, where he primarily prosecuted violent crimes. In 2024, Judge Wood signed an order to shut down a Greensboro strip club that was causing disturbances to neighbors. Judge Wood studied business at Lenoir-Rhyne University. He completed his law degree at North Carolina Central University in 1987. He and his wife Cindy have two children. They are active neighbors in the Westerwood community.



NC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE - DISTRICT 24D

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NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE



NC DISTRICT COURT

What this Body of Government Does + What it Could Do for Us

District court judges handle civil, criminal, juvenile, and family matters. They hold a lot of power, because they usually make decisions on their own without a jury. In criminal cases, they decide whether someone gets jail time or probation. They also set bail and bond amounts for criminal defendants.

They can use their discretion to apply restorative justice over punitive justice. In civil matters, judges can protect working families by strictly enforcing tenant protections. They can block unjust evictions and hold landlords accountable to housing safety laws. District court judges serve four-year terms.



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MARC ROSS TYREY (DEMOCRAT) INCUMBENT, UNOPPOSED



DISTRICT 24 SEAT 1



Marc Ross Tyrey was first appointed to the bench by Governor Roy Cooper in 2019. He was then elected to that seat without opposition in 2022. In February 2026, he became the Chief District Court Judge of Guilford County. In this role, he oversees court administration, scheduling, and courtroom assignments. Before becoming a judge, Tyrey practiced law for more than 20 years. He worked primarily in criminal defense and civil litigation. Early in his career, he briefly served as a Guilford County prosecutor.

Tyrey first ran unsuccessfully for district court judge in 2016. During that race, he was asked about racial disparities in the criminal justice system. Tyrey acknowledged that many community members perceived such disparities. *"We all need to take a look at that and see what the causes are for that perception,"* he stated, adding that we need to *"address that issue for everybody."*

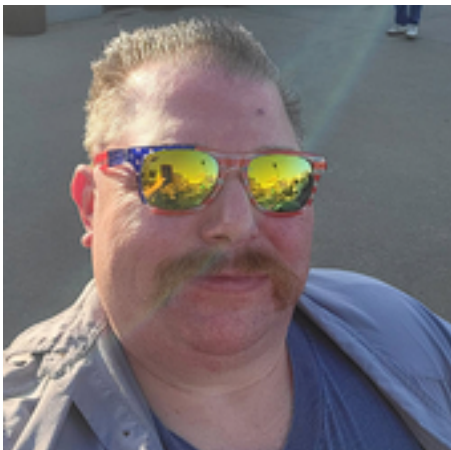
Moshera Mills (Democrat) District 24, Seat 6

Moshera Mills is originally from Cairo, Egypt. She ran for District Court Judge in 2024 and lost in the primary. She practices family law and criminal law. She has also worked as a realtor and a financial mediator for families. From 2008 to 2009, she served as a magistrate.

Mills is staunchly pro-choice and wants to make it easier for judges to appoint a third party to interview kids and schools in custody matters. She said *"We should have grace and mercy for the folks who are in the courtroom."* She is a mother, and she competes as a body builder in her spare time.



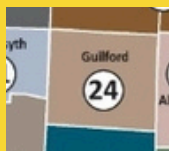
Erik Hammer (Republican) District 24, Seat 6



Erik Hamner is a criminal defense attorney. He works on court-appointed cases involving misdemeanors, child support, low-level felonies, and DWIs.

The local Republican Party's internal newsletter said "he embodies the essence of conservatism." He ran the trivia night at Lee's Brass Taps Bar and Grill. He went to Albany Law School in New York.

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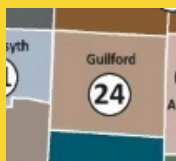


NC DISTRICT COURT - DISTRICT 24

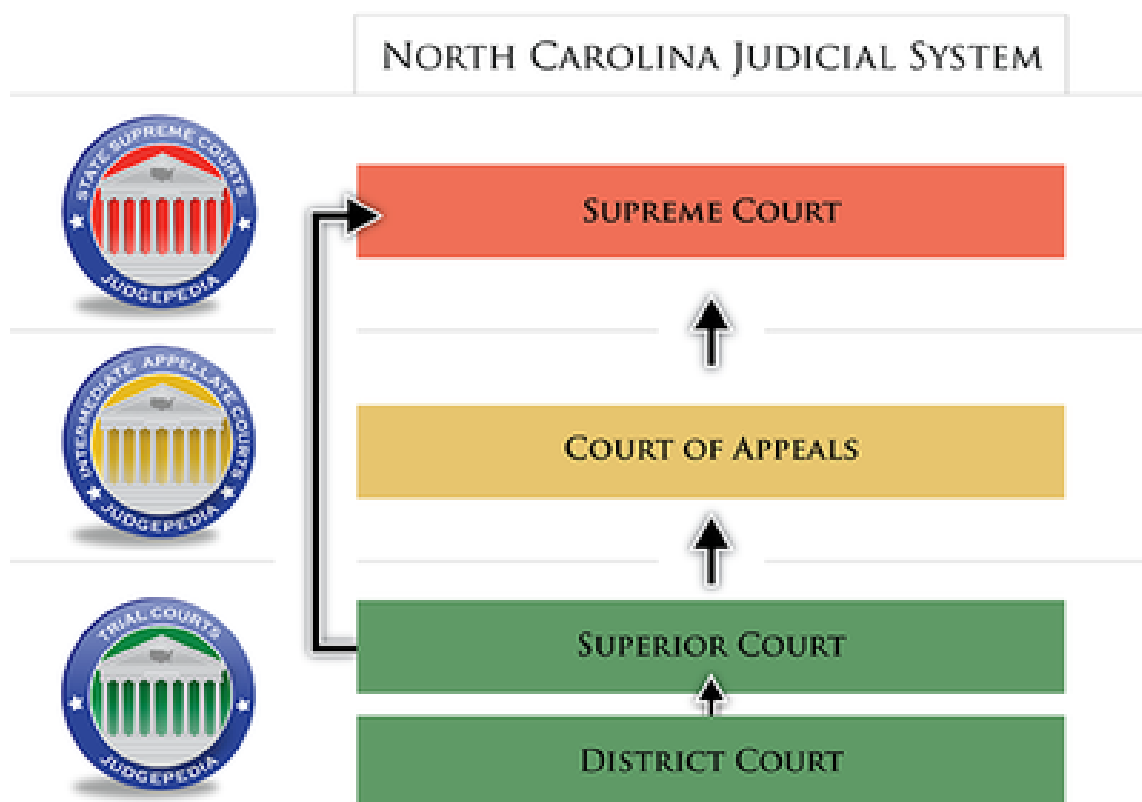
Larry Archie (Democrat) Incumbent, Unopposed District 24, Seat 2



Larry Archie has served as a District Court Judge since 2018, when he defeated a Republican appointed by Pat McCrory. Long-time Greensboro residents may remember ads from his days as a defense attorney: *"Just because you did it, doesn't mean you're guilty."* Judge Archie was an officer in the National Guard, a major in the Army Reserve, and he is a graduate of NC A&T. He spoke to a crowd of youth and parents and said *"I want you to understand that we also understand the conditions that we come from. We are subject to substandard education, however your job as parents and children is to stay away from where I work unless you're coming to see me. I don't want to see you downtown. I don't want to see you in district court. I don't want to see you in jail. I don't want to see you in the cemetery."*



NC DISTRICT COURT - DISTRICT 24



DISTRICT ATTORNEY



DISTRICT ATTORNEY

What this Body of Government Does + What it Could Do for Us

The District Attorney's Office prosecutes all criminal cases filed in Guilford County courts. It acts on behalf of the State of North Carolina and for the safety of the general public.

The D.A.'s office has a lot of influence over who is charged with crimes in our community. It also has the power to decide how those crimes are prosecuted. This includes the presentation of evidence to the Grand Jury.

If a Police officer is involved in a shooting, this office decides whether the officer faces a felony, a misdemeanor, or no charge at all. Guilford County makes up the entire 24th prosecutorial district.

AVERY CRUMP (DEMOCRAT) INCUMBENT, UNOPPOSED



In 2019, Avery Crump became Guilford County's first woman and first Black District Attorney. She started a program to reduce court backlogs and mitigate the negative long-term effects of minor criminal offenses. The program helps teenagers resolve nonviolent misdemeanors while avoiding a permanent criminal record. At a Guilford For All town hall, Crump said she supports raising the age at which young people can be tried in court. She also said people should not have more children than they can afford.

In 2022, we endorsed her more progressive opponent, but Crump won. Activists have criticized her for not bringing charges against police officers for acts of violence. In 2026, Crump's office charged a former Greensboro police officer with assault with a deadly weapon. The charges came out of a December 2025 shooting that left a person seriously injured. The Greensboro Police Department fired the officer for using excessive force.



COUNTY COMMISSION



COUNTY COMMISSION

What this Body of Government Does + What it Could Do for Us

The Board of Commissioners makes laws for the county. It can set rules governing public safety, land use, and noise. The Board funds public schools, but it does not run them.

The Commissioners also oversee the County Health Department, Social Services, parks, and the county jail. The Board can raise money through property taxes and local sales taxes.

GREGORY DRUMWRIGHT (DEMOCRAT), AT-LARGE



Greg Drumwright is the senior pastor of Greensboro's Citadel Church. He also leads grassroots civil rights advocacy organization Justice 4 the Next Generation. He currently serves on Greensboro's Minimum Housing Standards Commission. Drumwright is passionate about criminal justice reform. He has participated in marches against police violence.

Drumwright ran for this seat in 2022. He lost in the primary to incumbent Kay Cashion. He has received the Old North State award. He is endorsed by NC Senator Gladys Robinson. Drumwright supports higher teacher pay and more affordable housing. He wants people to have better access to mental health care. He also supports expanded workforce training to keep young college graduates in Greensboro.



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Mike Perdue (Republican), Challenger At-Large



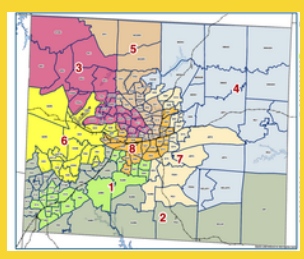
Mike Perdue was nominated on August 20th to replace Tony Jacobelli. Jacobelli stepped from this race, citing personal reasons. Perdue has worked for 32 years as Director of Facilities for Oak View Group, which manages the Greensboro Coliseum. He has also managed construction projects for the city. He is running primarily to reduce property taxes. He is distantly related to Alan Perdue, who currently serves on the County Commission. He is running on “budget decisions for the sheriff’s office and jail,” but he has not explained what that means.

Carlvena Foster (Democrat) Incumbent, Unopposed, District 1

Carlvena Foster has served on the Guilford County Board of Commissioners since 2014. As the Vice-Chair, she leads Board meeting proceedings if the Chair is not in attendance. She votes frequently to fund public schools. She has said, “From the neighborhood to the boardroom, I am seasoned enough, smart enough, and strong enough to bring about change through collaborative and interactive leadership focused on building resources and benefits for Guilford County residents.”



Foster served as the Executive Director at a High Point YMCA for 17 years. She has a business degree from Shaw University and a master’s in public administration from High Point University. Foster currently serves on High Point University’s Board of Trustees. She is also part of the African American Initiative of the United Way and has served on the NC SECU Board. Foster lives in her hometown of High Point.



GUILFORD COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT MAP

Scott Jones (Democrat), Challenger District 2

Scott Jones is the Executive Director of Tiny House Community Development. It is a local non-profit that builds tiny houses and provides workforce training to unhoused people. Jones has never held public office, but has run multiple times. He ran in the Republican primaries for Guilford County Sheriff in 2010 and Governor in 2012. He then tried his luck as a Democrat. He ran for state house in 2014 and 2016. In 2018, he lost the District 2 County Commissioner race to Alan Perdue. He wants to end personal and corporate income taxes in North Carolina. He has stated, "I absolutely do not support raising taxes for education."



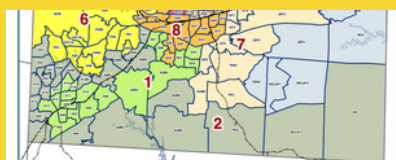
A 2017 post on his personal Facebook page joked about a Black student being sexually assaulted in prison. The Guilford County Democratic Party condemned this. The City of Greensboro also recently ended its contract with his nonprofit after Jones used a taser on an unhoused person during a fight.

Alan Perdue (Republican) Incumbent, District 2



Alan Perdue was first elected to represent District 2 in 2014. He is running for his fourth consecutive term. Perdue is a small business owner. He is a former director of Guilford County Emergency Services. His platform includes reducing the property tax rate. At the same time, he supports increased funding for education, public safety, and economic development.

Perdue opposed putting a \$1.7 billion school bond referendum before voters in 2022. He said he supported the sales tax but did not support raising taxes during a revaluation year. In August 2026, Perdue supported putting a quarter-cent (0.25%) local sales tax increase before voters. If approved, 70% of the revenue will go toward classroom teacher salaries.



**GUILFORD COUNTY
COMMISSION
DISTRICT 2**

Derek Mobley (Democrat), Challenger District 3



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Derek Mobley is back for a rematch against Pat Tillman. Mobley lost to Tillman by only 3 percentage points in 2022. We believe he has what it takes to win this time. His campaign focuses on public education, affordable housing, and youth programming.

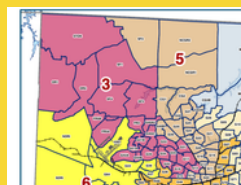
Mobley is a Guilford County Schools parent. He also benefitted from attending public schools. He knows how important well-funded public schools are to communities. Mobley wants to make Guilford County a place where people can enjoy the best quality of life. He believes the County can do more to make housing affordable. He supports building the infrastructure needed for affordable housing. He wants to expand parks and make them easier for people to use. Mobley acknowledges that large campaign contributions and partisan gerrymandering threaten our democracy. He has made it clear that he does not plan to take any money from insurance or fossil fuel companies.

Pat Tillman (Republican), Incumbent District 3

Pat Tillman is nearing the end of his first term as District 3's County Commissioner. He previously served on the Guilford County Board of Education from 2016 to 2022. Tillman's focus has largely been on public education, veteran affairs, and economic development. In the past, he has supported increased pay and resources for law enforcement. He also associates himself with Phil Berger and Virginia Foxx at community events. He supports a revenue neutral tax rate.



Tillman views data centers as opportunities, not as the real threats they pose to our community and resources. "I believe we can dream bigger. I believe we can be the best city and county in the region," Tillman said in a Facebook post. "To me, it's about 3 things - principles, priorities, and people. Not politics."



**GUILFORD COUNTY
COMMISSION
DISTRICT 3**

Jeanine Couto (Green Party), Challenger District 3

Jeanine Couto is passionate about housing justice. She supports a progressive property tax. She wants to create housing for the unhoused. She also wants to ensure that a portion of new housing is set aside for low-income housing. Couto wants everyday costs to be more affordable, including electricity and water. She believes elected officials should be accountable to their constituents. She also believes they should communicate openly with the public.



Couto wants Guilford County to address the ways it has failed different groups of people. She prioritizes education and treating all people with dignity. She supports the expansion of affordable public transportation. She wants to ensure everyone has access to quality health care. She also supports proactive climate change preparation. She stands with educators and workers.

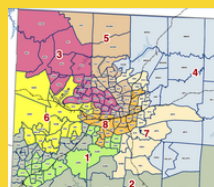
Lisa McMillan (Democrat), Unopposed District 7



Lisa McMillan is a life-long Greensboro resident. She has overcome a lifetime of adversity to get where she is today. McMillan survived the foster care system and has experienced homelessness. These experiences give her a unique perspective on Greensboro's social services. McMillan earned her bachelor's degree from NC A&T while raising five children as a single mother.

McMillan is the founder and executive director of Turning Everything Around. Her organization connects people and communities in need to available resources

It encourages community leaders to help their neighbors effectively. This is McMillan's first run for public office. She is committed to funding our public schools and supporting life-sustaining social services. She wants to uplift the communities that make up District 7.



**GUILFORD COUNTY
COMMISSION
DISTRICTS 3 & 7**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

ALAN SHEROUSE (DEMOCRAT) INCUMBENT



Alan Sherouse has served as an at-large member on the Guilford County School Board since 2022. He also serves as Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Greensboro. Sherouse is the son of a public school teacher and a parent of four Guilford County Schools students.

We endorsed Sherouse because he supports safe, fair public schools and stands up for LGBTQIA+ students. He wants more access to mental health services, opposes school vouchers, calls for better pay for teachers and staff, stands with immigrant families, and backs bonds to improve school buildings. On the School Board, Sherouse has worked on the committee overseeing Guilford County's \$2 billion school bond program and has pushed for more funding for teachers, staff and students.

**ALAN SHEROUSE is ENDORSED by
the Carolina Federation.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

What this Body of Government Does + What it Could Do for Us

The Board of Education, or School Board, makes decisions about how our public schools are run. They do not collect taxes, so they cannot raise more money for the schools. They decide how to spend money in schools, but not all of it. Some state and federal funding can only be used for certain things.

The County Commission asked the voters if we would fund a bond to rebuild many schools in Guilford County, and the voters said yes. The School Board decided which schools to rebuild. They make some curriculum decisions, but they also have to follow state rules around what schools teach.



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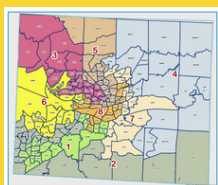
Crissy Pratt (Republican), Incumbent, Unopposed District 2



Crissy Pratt has represented District 2 on the Guilford County School Board since 2022. She is a former teacher who still works in education. Guilford for All did not endorse her because her positions do not match our belief that public schools should be safe and welcoming for every student. Pratt has said, "I do not believe that political activism, gender identity, sexuality, or critical race theory belong in K-12 schools." She has also said that she would rather the government play a smaller role in education even though public schools need government money to operate.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION - DISTRICT 2



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Ebony Burnett (Democrat), Challenger District 4



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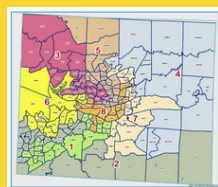
Ebony Burnett is a former teacher and parent of two Guilford County Schools students. She has spent more than 20 years working with children and families. Her work has included expanding afterschool programs and helping students catch up after COVID. Guilford for All endorsed Burnett because she supports free meals for all students, better access to mental health support, safer school buildings, and making sure schools have the staff and resources students need.

"Serving on the school board would allow me to bring both my lived experience as a child growing up in poverty and my professional experience in advocacy, planning, and systems building to the district. I know what it feels like to need a caring adult in your corner, and that experience continues to guide my work."



Tracy Gaskins (Republican), Challenger District 4

Tracy Gaskins is a former teacher and parent of a Guilford County Schools graduate. She is running for District 4 in her first campaign for public office. She believes that schools need to focus on the basics: academics, preparing students for the future, providing solid nutrition and careful use of school money. Gaskins wants to remove DEI focus and opposes transgender students using bathrooms that match their gender identities



**BOARD OF EDUCATION -
DISTRICT 4**

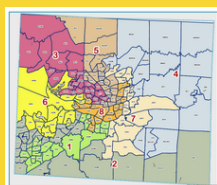
Khem Irby (Democrat), Incumbent District 6



Khem Irby has represented District 6 on the Guilford County School Board since 2018. She is a former Guilford County after school teacher and the parent of GCS graduates. Irby says she has over 25 years working for stronger public schools, including leading a national group working to end the school-to-prison pipeline. Irby's priorities include better pay for teachers and staff, better access to mental health support, safer schools, and fixing aging school buildings. She has also spoken against expanding private school vouchers and says that public money should stay in public schools.

Maritza Gomez (Republican) Challenger District 6

Martiza Gomez is a local business owner and notary public. She ran for Guilford County Commissioner in 2024 but did not win. Her 2026 School Board campaign says that she wants more transparency about school spending and wants schools to be held accountable for how they use public money. Gomez has also focused on what books students can read in school, opposes transgender students using the bathrooms that match their gender identities, and supports school choice and parental rights. .



BOARD OF EDUCATION - DISTRICT 6

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Deena Hayes-Green (Democrat) Incumbent, Unopposed District 8

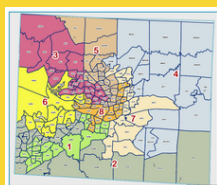


Deena Hayes-Green has served on the Guilford County School Board since 2002 and currently serves as the Board Chair. She is running unopposed for another term. As Board Chair, she has supported higher pay for teachers and school staff, safer schools, and more support for students. In 2026, she helped lead the board as it approved a list of priorities asking state lawmakers for higher teacher pay, more mental health staff, free school meals for all students and more money for school safety.

Hayes-Green said competitive pay helps schools keep experienced teachers in the classroom. In addition to the school board, Deena is a leader in the Gorrell Street neighborhood association, runs the Racial Equity Institute, and is on the board of the International Civil Rights Museum.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION - DISTRICT 8

CLERK OF COURT

CLERK OF COURT

What this Body of Government Does + What it Could Do for Us

The Guilford County Clerk of Superior Court helps keep the county courts system running. The Clerk files and maintains court records and other official documents, schedules cases, and makes court information available to the public.

The Clerk makes decisions in matters like estates, guardianships, and foreclosures. People may interact with the Clerk's office when filing court paperwork, paying court costs or fees, or handling the estate of someone who has died.

DAVID CHURCHILL (DEMOCRAT) UNOPPOSED INCUMBENT



David Churchill is the current Guilford County Clerk of Superior Court and is running unopposed. He was appointed to the position in 2025 after Lisa Johnson-Tonkins became Superior Court judge.

Churchill has held this office before, serving as Clerk from 1998 to 2014. Originally from New York, Churchill earned his law degree from Wake Forest University, and has also worked as a public defender and a district attorney.



Guilford County
Clerk of Court
represents
Guilford County

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SHERIFF

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The Guilford County Sheriff's Department employs police that police the county, but not the cities within Guilford County. The Sheriff is also responsible for managing the jails.

A sheriff has significant power over the conditions in the jails, how people are treated when they are arrested, what standards deputy sheriffs are held to, and how the office works with federal immigration officers, like ICE.

DANNY ROGERS (DEMOCRAT) INCUMBENT



Danny Rogers has served as Guilford County Sheriff since 2018 and is running for a third term. Danny Rogers is focused on rebuilding trust between law enforcement and the community. In 2019, local immigrants-rights groups had to push Rogers hard to oppose HB 370, a bill that would have required sheriffs to work more closely with ICE. State Law has since changed and now requires county jails to follow certain ICE requests.

Sheriff Rogers has also stated he does not feel that community resources should be used for immigration enforcement and vows to make decisions based on fairness and dignity. Rogers has also focused on community policing, reducing repeat crimes, and improving hiring conditions in the Sheriff's Office.



Phil Byrd (Republican) Challenger



Phil Byrd is a retired Guilford County Sheriff's Office captain who worked for the department for 30 years before retiring in 2014. He ran against Danny Rogers for Sheriff in 2022 and lost. Byrd has said that he would work more closely with ICE by using a program that allows some local jail officers to carry out federal immigration duties. Guilford for All has chosen not to endorse Byrd because we do not agree with his support for greater cooperation with ICE.

Byrd says banning guns is not the answer to gun violence. His website calls for law enforcement and community leaders to work together, but gives no specific steps for reducing gun violence. His campaign held a raffle for a hunting rifle.

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VOTE AGAINST ^{THE} AMENDMENTS

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 FUND OUR PUBLIC SERVICES
 PUT WORKING FAMILIES FIRST

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION



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The Guilford County Soil and Water Conservation District is led by a non-partisan, five member board of supervisors who help protect the county's land, farms, and water.

They guide local programs that keep streams and drinking water clean, reduce erosion and flooding, protect farmland, and help property owners manage runoff.

They help decide how public conservation funds are spent. Their work can affect water quality and how Guilford County prepares for flooding and heavy storms.

GRACE SUMMERS INCUMBENT



Grace Summers lives in Browns Summit. She has spent her career working with farmers. She currently works with Virginia State University's Small Farm Outreach Program. She owns and manages Summers Farms. Summers worked in greenhouse management and agricultural outreach at NC A&T for more than 25 years.

She has degrees in plant science, farming, and agricultural education. She serves with several local and state farming organizations, including The Guilford County Farm Bureau. In 2022, she was named Small Farm Outreach Program Assistant of the Year.



Ryan Blankenship, Challenger



Ryan Blankenship Lives in High Point and works as the Farm Manager at Morgan's Farm. He served in the Marines and taught elementary school in Guilford County Schools. In 2020, he ran in the Republican Primary for NC House District 60. During the campaign, Blankenship supported higher teacher pay, bringing teacher assistants back into the classrooms, and adding more school psychologists and counselors. He also supported stronger background checks for gun purchases, while opposing bans on some kinds of guns.

Andrew J. Courts, Challenger

Andrew "Andy" Courts is the President at AllAgConsidered, a nonprofit that helps children and families connect with organically grown food and learn about farming. He manages a small fruit farm and is a Certified Energy Manager who has worked with farms on energy efficiency. Courts spent 14 years teaching subjects including soil science, plant science, and energy efficiency at North Carolina A&T. He has also served as a judge for the North Carolina Soil and Water Envirothon and previously chaired Guilford County's Environmental Review Board. His background includes farming, conservation education, and environmental work.



Jeffrey Egerton, Challenger



Jeffrey Egerton retired after working in health insurance for more than 20 years. He serves on the board of Tiny House Community Development, a Greensboro nonprofit focused on housing. Egerton believes protecting land and water is important as Guilford County grows. He wants landowners, builders, and community members to have the information they need to make good decisions. He wants to partner with local organizations to balance growth and conservation in Guilford County. His priorities include protecting natural areas and planning how land is used while supporting local farms.

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Tahir Bashir, Challenger



Tahir Bashir has been a Math Instructor at North Carolina A&T, and also works in the Department of Built Environment. His research includes studying how chemicals and metals can affect peoples' health, giving him experience with issues like pollution and environmental risks. Bashir's research has been published in academic journals like the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. He has also researched ways to improve school backpack programs for students.

Guilford County Board of Elections Early Voting Schedule November 3, 2026 Midterm General Elections

				Thursday Oct 15	Friday Oct 16	Saturday Oct 17
				All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	CLOSED No Early Voting
Sunday Oct 18	Monday Oct 19	Tuesday Oct 20	Wednesday Oct 21	Thursday Oct 22	Friday Oct 23	Saturday Oct 24
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Sunday Oct 25	Monday Oct 26	Tuesday Oct 27	Wednesday Oct 28	Thursday Oct 29	Friday Oct 30	Saturday Oct 31
All Locations 10 am—5 pm	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am—3 pm
Sunday Nov 1	Monday Nov 2	Tuesday Nov 3	For further election related information visit our website at www.guilfordelections.org or call: Greensboro - 336-641-3836 High Point - 336-641-7895			
CLOSED No Early Voting	CLOSED No Early Voting	Election Day <i>Voting at your assigned precinct 6:30am - 7:30pm</i>				



1. Old Courthouse—Coleman Conference Room
2. Ag Center (Barn)
3. Barber Park (Pavilion)
4. Brown Recreation Center
5. Bur-Mil Club
6. Charlotte Hawkins Brown (Kimball Hall)
7. Craft Recreation Center
8. Deep River Recreation Center
9. Jamestown Town Hall
10. Leonard Recreation Center
11. Lewis Recreation Center
12. Oak Ridge Town Hall
13. Pleasant Garden Community Center
14. Roy B. Culler, Jr. Senior Center
15. Stokesdale Town Hall
16. Union Square Campus
17. Washington Terrace Park

TAX REFERENDUM



Guilford County Tax Referendum

What is a referendum?

A referendum is a vote where people decide whether to approve or reject a specific proposal or idea.

A referendum can be used to:

- Approve or reject a new law
- Approve a tax or spending plan
- Change a law
- Approve changes to a state constitution

A referendum can be proposed by elected officials, citizens, or both.

GUILFORD COUNTY LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM

This ballot measure would add a 0.25% sales tax in Guilford County. For example, you would pay 1 extra penny on a \$4 taxable purchase. Added up, that can be a lot of money to help pay teachers more.

The money would mostly go toward higher pay for teachers and school support staff, for equipment for fire fighters, and to Guilford Technical Community College.

Counties do this to retain and recruit teachers, and provide higher quality education to their kids.

This is a separate and distinct Guilford County referendum which is different from the constitutional amendments, which are on state wide ballots.

Guilford County Local Sales and Use Tax

Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) in addition to all other State and local sales and use taxes to be used solely for classroom teacher salary supplements (70%), for fire protection equipment and services (18%), for Guilford Technical Community College (8%), and for qualifying municipalities for allowable expenses (4%).

☒ For

☐ Against



BONDS



City of Greensboro Municipal Bonds

What are Bonds?

Bonds are money the city borrows for big projects that they do not have the money for in their regular budget. They sell bonds, and must pay them back. Voters decide if the city can borrow the money and the city pays the debt back over time.

Past Greensboro bonds have funded parks, libraries, affordable housing, fire and police stations, the Downtown Greenway, and other major projects. When people vote "YES," they are giving the city permission to borrow money for projects covered by that bond.



These bonds are
for the City of
Greensboro

YOU CAN VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING BONDS INDIVIDUALLY:

Housing Bonds: \$5 million to build, buy, improve, or repair homes for people with low incomes who may also need additional social work and mental healthcare services.

Parks and Recreation: \$11.5 million. This includes \$5 million to remove toxins from the soil in Bingham Park, a park the city is trying to remediate in a working class, Black neighborhood. It also includes \$2.5 million for facility improvements and \$4 million to get new land or parks.

Transportation Bonds: \$7 million. This includes \$2 million to replace a crumbling bridge, \$3 million to maintain several other bridges so they don't collapse, and \$2 million for rapid bus transit.

Firefighting Facilities: \$15.9 million. This includes \$10.9 million for the Knox Road and Burlington Road Fire Stations and \$5 million to renovate Fire Station 49 at Friendly Avenue.

Municipal Building Bonds / General Facilities Bonds: \$2.1 million. \$1.5 million for a brick facade wall repair and \$600k to make city facilities more accessible for people using wheelchairs and walkers

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BINGHAM PARK REMEDIATION A COMMUNITY WIN

Bingham Park was built over a landfill filled with toxic wastes, raising serious concerns for children and families who live nearby.

OCTOBER 2024

City Council approves "cap and cover", a plan to leave contaminated soil in place and seal it beneath a protective cover.

MARCH 2026

After sustained community advocacy, Greensboro moves toward FULL REMEDIATION.

City Councilmember Black championed full remediation alongside community members and fellow councilmembers.

2028

First phase expected to be complete.

2030

Full remediation projected.

COMMUNITY VOICES MATTER.



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GUILFORD FOR ALL

Guilford for All is the Guilford County Chapter of the Carolina Federation -- a statewide people's organization fighting for a North Carolina where we can all live well. We believe that teachers deserve great pay, you shouldn't go broke because you got sick, and that no corporation should pay less in taxes than you do.

HOW WE WORK:

We Train Leaders: Equip organizers to grow community power, together.

We Elect Change-Makers: Support leaders who pass laws that uplift working-class families.

We Step Up: Take responsibility and lead by example.

We Commit Together: Turn values into action and invite others to join.

We Listen & Repair: Build trust and repair harm through honesty, humility, and respect.



WHAT WE'VE WON:

Advocated for Neighbors: Secured \$1.9M in city funding for eviction defense and rental assistance alongside partners from AFSC.

Voted Together: Mobilized hundreds of voters to elect a number of working-class candidates, and elect 6 endorsed candidates to City Council in 2024.

Supported Schools: Partnered with teachers to pass a \$1.7B school bond to support our schools.

Opposed Data Centers: Won a successful campaign in favor of a data center moratorium in Greensboro

READY TO JOIN US?

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What we do:



Our Instagram:



Fund the Future:

