



RANDOLPH COUNTY CANDIDATES



Jane Ledwell Gant - N.C. State Senate, District 26

Jane Gant currently works at the Senior Adult Center in Asheboro, N.C. and is a past Administrator of the Randolph Cancer Center. She spent most of her adult life in corporate America. Jane is active in her community working as a finance officer for her church, a Board member of George Washington Carver Community Enrichment Center, a Board member of RhinoLeap Productions, and the current Political Action Chair for the Randolph County NAACP. Jane attended Middlesex Community College in Edison, NJ and continued her advanced training with American Management Association. She is dedicated to improving our public schools, protecting healthcare through Medicaid expansion, and increasing government transparency. Jane and her husband, Albert, have four children between them. JaneLedwellGantForNCSenate.com



Susan "Susie" Lee Scott - N.C. House of Representatives, District 70

Susie Scott graduated from Asheboro High School before earning a history degree from NCSU. After graduation, she worked as a software analyst before choosing to become a stay-at-home mom. She continued to use her education and experience as a volunteer, spending so many hours volunteering with Asheboro City Schools that some of the students at Loflin Elementary believed she worked there. She served as a precinct official with the local Board of Elections before being elected as Chair of the Randolph County Democratic Party. Susie supports Medicaid Expansion, respect and funding for public schools and educators, and fair districts and courts. She opposes gerrymandering and believes saving local hospitals is essential to the health of our citizens and our economy. SusieScottForNC.com



J. Brooke Schmidly - N.C. District Court Judge, District 193

I was appointed by Governor Cooper to the district court bench in May 2019 and I am running to retain my seat. I have 20 years of legal experience, am a former federal prosecutor, have defended criminal cases in North Carolina, and practiced for 10 years with a focus on civil and family law. I am also a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserves, having served six years on active duty and 14 years in the reserves. In short, I have varied experience in all areas of the law and before seeking this job, I worked in every type of legal case that I am now called upon to decide. Before my appointment, I litigated cases nearly every week before judges and juries in Randolph County and prior to that in courts in the Air Force. facebook.com/BrookeSchmidlyforJudge/

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Dale Bennett - Randolph County Commission, District 1

Dale Bennett is a long time resident of Randolph County. He manages the Sheetz in Archdale. He recognizes that we are living in turbulent times in our county and in our nation. Dale feels that we must band together as a family and that our divisions now are hindering our progress. He believes that we need leaders in office who will help bring us together, not divide us. Dale says, "I am not one to make false promises and commitments, but I am one who believes that we the people can unite for the well-being of our community. I will stand for the people. *All* people."

FEDERAL OFFICES



Joe Biden - President

Joe Biden's vision for America is to rebuild the backbone of the country: The middle class. The middle class isn't a number — it's a set of values. Owning your home. Sending your kids

to college. Being able to save and get ahead. Across the country, too many families are being left behind. The next president needs to understand what the current one doesn't: In America, no matter where you start in life, there should be no limit to what you can achieve. We need to rebuild the middle class, and this time make sure everybody comes along — regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or disability. joebiden.com



Cal Cunningham - U.S. Senate

Cal Cunningham is an Army veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, business leader, and former legislator who served as Vice Chairman of the Governor's Crime Commission.

Growing up in the small town of Lexington and working in the family brickyard, Cal learned the value of hard work and the dignity that comes with a job. At the foot of his father, a small town lawyer who took on his neighbors' causes as his own, Cal learned that, oftentimes, justice requires a fight. And at Fort Bragg and abroad, the paratroopers, reservists, and special operators Cal served with in the Army taught Cal a deeper form of patriotism and honor. These values are North Carolina values. They are what will guide Cal as our state's next U.S. Senator, where he's committed to putting the seat back to work for the people of the state he loves and has called home his entire life. Cal and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Raleigh with their two teenage children. calfornc.com



Kamala Harris - Vice President

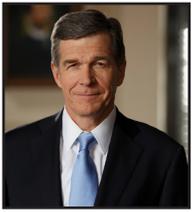
The first Black and Indian American woman to represent California in the United States Senate, Kamala Harris has introduced and co-sponsored legislation to help the middle class, increase the minimum wage to \$15, reform cash bail, and defend the legal rights of refugees and immigrants. Kamala grew up believing in the promise of America and fighting to make sure that promise is fulfilled for all Americans. Kamala's father immigrated to the U.S. from Jamaica to study economics and her mother immigrated from India. Kamala's mother told her growing up "Don't sit around and complain about things, do something," which is what drives Kamala every single day. joebiden.com



Scott Huffman - U.S. House of Representatives

Scott Huffman is a husband, father, small business owner, community leader, and Navy veteran. He and his wife, Karen, a North Carolina visual impairment teacher, have three children. Scott grew up in the small southern railroad town of Spencer. He graduated from North Rowan High School before serving as an N.C. Governor's Page. He went on to serve in the Navy. After military service, Scott risked everything to start a technology business, but the anti-competitive behavior and regulations passed by Congress in favor of big multinational corporations hurt his business. After the 2016 election, Scott became a community leader, serving on the Mecklenburg County Democratic Board of Directors. He and fellow supporters held town halls, raised billboards, and engaged their members of Congress. Scott's involvement in his community has energized and renewed the hope that government can work for the many, not just those at the top. His service to our country is grounded in his working class upbringing. scotthuffman.com

STATE OFFICES



Roy Cooper - Governor

As governor, Roy Cooper has fought for good-paying jobs, strong public schools, access to quality, affordable health care, and a safer and more just North Carolina. Governor Cooper worked with members of both parties to repeal HB2 to fight discrimination and repair the damage to the state's economy and reputation. He has also issued Executive Orders prohibiting workplace discrimination and establishing paid parental leave for 56,000 state employees, and launched a Clean Energy Plan to create good-paying jobs, increase the use of renewable energy, and fight climate change. From his first day in office, Roy has fought for better teacher pay and funding for our classrooms. He launched the state's first Opioid Action Plan. Roy has worked tirelessly for Medicaid expansion that would extend coverage to half a million people without additional state tax dollars. Together with the most diverse and qualified cabinet in the history of the state, Roy has fought for a safer and more just N.C. roycooper.com



Josh Stein - Attorney General

Josh Stein was sworn in as North Carolina's 50th Attorney General on January 1, 2017. Josh protects the people of N. C. in many ways, including: Supporting victims of violent crime, leading the effort to clear the state's backlog of untested sexual assault kits, investigating consumer complaints to hold business and individuals accountable, holding polluters of our air and water accountable, combatting predatory lenders, fighting to protect the Affordable Care Act and ensuring that everyone in N.C. has access to affordable health insurance. joshstein.org



Yvonne Lewis Holley - Lieutenant Governor

Yvonne Holley believes that, in order for people who have served in the criminal justice system to become viable citizens, there must be criminal justice reform. She supports legislation that bans assault weapons and magazines. She supports legislation to guarantee access to quality healthcare and safe abortion care, equal pay for women, and living wages for all of North Carolina. Yvonne strongly opposes drilling for oil or gas on the coast and fully supports offshore wind development. The Lt. Governor serves as the chair of the Energy Policy Council, which recommends energy legislation to the Governor and the legislature. Yvonne would revisit much of the legislation that has pulled back our environmental laws and would work to develop new effective ways of cleaning our lakes, rivers, and streams through prevention, not just clean up. She is also running in order to make living affordable for all in the state. yvonnelewisholley.com



Beth Wood - Auditor

Beth Wood grew up on a farm in Craven County. "I had daily chores from an early age and my parents taught me the value of hard work," she says. She became a dental assistant and worked her way through college at East Carolina University to earn her accounting degree. She has worked as a Certified Public Accountant for 30 years, and for the past 22 years she has worked in the State Auditor's office, including three terms as North Carolina State Auditor. Beth says, "I remain undeterred in my mission to protect taxpayers every step of the way. From start to finish, I vow to safeguard how your tax dollars are spent." bethwoodcampaign.com



Jenna Wadsworth - Commissioner of Agriculture

Jenna Wadsworth is working to preserve our state's original business engine, the family farm, by helping local farmers thrive in North Carolina. Growing up on a dirt road in Johnston county on a farm that raised hogs, cows, and chickens as well as growing tobacco, corn, cotton, and soybeans, Jenna learned N.C. values firsthand. Since 2010, Jenna has served as the Wake County Soil and Water Conservation District supervisor. Jenna is running on a progressive platform centered around supporting our small, family farmers; legalizing cannabis; reforming the hemp licensure process; combating climate change; advocating for farmworkers; and expanding both broadband access and healthcare options in our rural communities. jennawadsworth.com



Wayne Goodwin - Commissioner of Insurance

Wayne Goodwin is running for a third-term as North Carolina's Insurance Commissioner. He served as North Carolina's Insurance Commissioner for two terms from 2009 to 2016. During that time he fought to achieve the lowest average automobile insurance premiums in the country, successfully barring increases for three years. He fought to reject many insurance rate increases and assessed the largest fine in NC history against an insurance company that had inadvertently harmed many thousands of consumers. He says, "Over the past three years, the Republican-led Department of Insurance has failed North Carolinians. Our insurance rates have gone up year after year, and North Carolinians no longer have the lowest average auto insurance premiums in the nation. There's a lot of work left to be done, and I know I am up for the job." waynegoodwin.org



Jessica Holmes - Commissioner of Labor

Jessica Holmes is a workers' rights advocate, policy expert, and fighter for fairness and social justice. She was born and raised in eastern North Carolina. As a first-generation college student, her professional and personal goals have focused on creating educational and job opportunities for our state's most vulnerable citizens. She earned her undergraduate degree in Political Science from the UNC-Chapel Hill and a Juris Doctor from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law. Jessica has spent the majority of her professional career as a labor and employment law attorney advocating for workers' rights to fair pay, benefits, and safe working conditions. In 2014, Jessica became the youngest commissioner ever elected in Wake County's history. She has served for two years as chair of the Board of Commissioners. jessicaholmesnc.com



Elaine Marshall - Secretary of State

In 1996, Elaine Marshall became the first woman elected to a statewide executive branch office in North Carolina. Since taking office, Elaine has cut the costs of doing business in N.C. She has led the effort to reform the state's lobbying laws. Elaine remains committed to making public information transparent and accessible to businesses, investors and individuals. Her efforts have helped make N.C. one of the most affordable places in the United States to do business. The Secretary of State's office today is a key law enforcement agency protecting consumers, investors, and charitable givers against fraud and scams. Elaine's commitment to protecting investors has led to long prison terms for criminals and has refunded over \$1 billion from major Wall Street firms for misrepresentation to N.C. investors. Elaine earned her law degree from Campbell University in 1981 and distinguished herself as a tough advocate for her clients in the courtroom. She began her law career defending victims of domestic violence when few lawyers would do so. elainemarshall.com



Jen Mangrum - Superintendent of Instruction

Jen Mangrum is a native North Carolinian. She taught second and third grade for twelve years. After earning her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from UNC-Greensboro, Jen took a position at UNCG and co-founded the UNCG STEM Teacher Collaborative, which supports, promotes, and encourages STEM in elementary classrooms. Jen's community efforts are focused on advocacy for teachers, students, and families. She believes that schools are being undervalued and underserved in our state under the current administration. Jen continues to work with the Governor, many members of the General Assembly, local politicians, and activists, to push toward a brighter future in which our state is widely known for its excellent treatment of children, educators, experts, and the pursuit of knowledge. jenmangrumfornc.com



Cheri Beasley - Supreme Court Chief Justice

Cheri Beasley is the first African-American woman in the North Carolina Supreme Court's 200 year history to serve as Chief Justice. She has been on the state's highest court since 2012 and was named Chief Justice in March of 2019. Justice Beasley also served four years as an Associate Judge of the N.C. Court of Appeals, and was a District Court Judge for a decade in the 12th Judicial District in Cumberland County. Before beginning her judicial career in 1999, she was a public defender in Cumberland County. A graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law and Douglass College of Rutgers University, Justice Beasley earned a Master of Laws (L.L.M.) in Judicial Studies from Duke University School of Law. She has held leadership roles in the American Bar Association and the N.C. Bar Association, and has received a number of awards for public service. chiefjusticebeasley.com



Ronnie Chatterji - Treasurer

Ronnie Chatterji is an economist and professor of business and public policy at Duke University. He is the son of two public school educators and is passionate about teaching and learning. Ronnie advised President Obama as a senior economist in the White House Council of Economic Advisors. His policy work led to tax cuts for small businesses and job creation. He advocates for smart investments as a member of Governor Cooper's Entrepreneurial Council and the N.C. FIRST Commission. Ronnie believes North Carolina's next Treasurer should be a leader on the issues that matter most. We can invest responsibly in companies that expand employment opportunities across our state. We can lead the fight to protect our environment and increase equity. We can make our healthcare system a model for the nation. Our state needs a principled and experienced Treasurer with the skills to manage the state's finances and health care system. ronniechatterji.com

Calendar

(All meetings and events will be conducted online due to COVID-19.)

Oct. 6 at 7 pm - **Randolph County Democratic Party Executive Committee Meeting**: Committee members (which include precinct chairs and vice-chairs) should have received an email or phone call with the links for this meeting. The meeting is also open to other registered Democrats in Randolph County. To attend, email rcdp.CountyChair@gmail.com or leave a message at (336) 629-9003.

Oct. 24 at 10:30 am - **Randolph County Democratic Women** contact democraticwomenrc@gmail.com.

Nov. 3 at 7 pm - **Randolph County Democratic Party Executive Committee Meeting** (see details for Oct. 6, above).

Nov. 15-Dec./Jan. Newsletter deadline.

Nov. 21 at 10:30 am - **Randolph County Democratic Women** contact democraticwomenrc@gmail.com.



Mark Davis - Supreme Court Associate Justice

Mark Davis is a lifelong resident of North Carolina. He received his undergraduate degree in Political Science and his law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. From 1993 to 2006, he worked in the Raleigh office of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice where he became a member of the firm in its Litigation Section. He served as Special Deputy Attorney General in the North Carolina Department of Justice, and later as General Counsel in the Office of the Governor. In 2012, he was appointed to the N.C. Court of Appeals, where he authored over 500 opinions over the course of six years. Justice Davis has served on a number of committees of the N.C. Bar Association and has lectured extensively throughout the state on appellate advocacy issues. He is a member of the Rotary Club and coaches youth basketball and soccer. Justice Davis lives in Raleigh with his wife, Marcia Swartz Davis, and their three children. justicemarkdavis.com



Tricia Shields - Court of Appeals Judge

A North Carolina native, Tricia Shields graduated from UNC School of Law in 1985. She began her career as a law clerk to Chief Judge Hedrick of the N.C. Court of Appeals. Judge Hedrick taught her, by example, that a Court of Appeals Judge must be a student of the law, understand the law's application to the facts of each case, and make decisions that are fair, impartial, and consistent. In the years since, Tricia became a recognized trial and appellate lawyer, representing individuals and businesses before every level of our state's courts. Tricia has consistently been recognized as one of the top women lawyers in N.C. and the United States. Determined to give back to the profession she loves, Tricia has taught Trial Advocacy at Campbell Law School since 2013, in addition to her full-time practice. Tricia is a long-time resident of Cary where she lives with her husband, Grady. She has two sons. shieldsforjudge.com



Lucy Inman - Supreme Court Associate Justice

Lucy Inman, a judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals, is a candidate for the North Carolina Supreme Court. She was raised in Raleigh by parents who taught her the value of hard work and respect for people of all races. She graduated from N.C. State University with a degree in English. Her first career was as a newspaper reporter. While covering court proceedings, she was inspired to practice law. She earned her law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill Law School in 1990. Judge Inman went on to practice civil litigation for 18 years. In 2010, she was appointed by Gov. Beverly Perdue to serve as a special superior court judge. Since her election to the Court of Appeals in 2014, Judge Inman has authored over 400 appellate decisions in a wide variety of cases, and has presided over thousands of other cases. She and her husband live in Raleigh. They have two college-age children and a black lab rescue. lucyinmanforjustice.com



Lora Cubbage - Court of Appeals Judge

Lora Cubbage lives in Greensboro. She earned an undergraduate degree in sociology at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University before receiving her J.D. at UNC - Chapel Hill School of Law. She previously served as a district court judge and an assistant attorney general in the N.C. Department of Justice. From 2007 to 2011, she was an assistant district attorney for Guilford County. Since October 2018 she has been a judge of the N.C. 5th Superior Court, Division Judicial District 18. Judge Cubbage believes that we need to preserve the state's rich culture by ensuring that our branches of government reflect the diversity of the citizens that make up the fabric of N.C. For that reason, Judge Cubbage believes she is "the right choice at the right time." cubbageforjudge.com



Gray Styers - Court of Appeals Judge

Gray Styers was born, raised, and has lived his entire life in North Carolina. He graduated from Wake Forest University, and earned his law degree and an MBA degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. After graduating from law school, Gray served as a law clerk to Sam J. Ervin, III, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He has practiced law in Raleigh for almost three decades. He now focuses his practice on regulatory law, economic development, renewable energy, and infrastructure projects throughout the state. He is known for his volunteer service to the legal profession, to his community, and to the state, for which he received a "Citizen Lawyer" award from the N.C. Bar Association. He has taught legal ethics and professional responsibility as an adjunct professor at the UNC School of Law. He loves the state and its people and hopes to be able to serve them as a judge on the Court of Appeals. styersforjudge.com



Chris Brook - Court of Appeals Judge

Chris Brook spent his formative years in Raleigh. He received his undergraduate and J.D. degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill. After being in private practice, Chris worked as a staff attorney at the Southern Coalition for Social Justice in Durham. From 2012 to 2019, Chris was the legal director of the ACLU of North Carolina. Active in the local community, he has served as Chair of the Board of Orange County Partnership for Young Children, and as a founding member of a housing law clinic at El Centro Hispano in Durham. Chris is the current Chair of the N.C. Bar Association's Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Section. Since his April 2019 appointment to the N.C. Court of Appeals by Governor Cooper, Chris has authored more than 75 opinions that speak to his rigor, fairness, and respect for each person who appears before him. keepjudgechrisbrook.com



Reuben Young - Court of Appeals Judge

Reuben Young spent his formative years in Raleigh. He received his undergraduate degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C., and his J.D. from North Carolina Central University School of Law. He began his legal career in Austin, Texas, working as a prosecutor, assistant attorney general, and a private practitioner from 1987 to 1995. Judge Young returned to N.C. in 1995, working for the state Department of Justice representing the Department Crime Control and Public Safety for six years. He then joined the Governor's office as Deputy Legal Counsel and later as Chief Legal Counsel. He served as Secretary of the former Department of Crime Control and Public Safety from 2009 to 2011. He was appointed the first Secretary of the newly-consolidated Department of Public Safety in 2012; later appointed Special Superior Court Judge for the 10th Judicial District of NC. He returned to the Department of Public Safety when he was named interim Chief Deputy Secretary of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice in December 2017. In April 2019, Governor Cooper appointed Judge Young to the Court of Appeals. keepjudgeyoung.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

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- Address: Democratic Headquarters, 114 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, NC 27203 (henceforth referred to as HQ)
- Mailing address: Randolph County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 4814, Asheboro, NC 27204
- HQ hours—see updated information on page eight.
- Additionally, we will have a Zoom gathering two times a week until election day to take questions, comments, etc. They will be held on Fridays from noon -1 pm and Wednesdays from 5 pm-6 pm. To join, send an email request to randolphdem@gmail.com.
- We are considering holding a watch party on election night. More details to come.



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VOTE! VOTE!! VOTE!!!

The General Election is on November 3, 2020, for in-person voting — OR, you can vote by absentee ballot — OR you can vote early! Below is information about early voting.

Here are the locations for One-Stop Early Voting (October 15 through October 31):

- Randolph County Board of Elections
1457 N. Fayetteville St., Asheboro
- Randolph Community Services Building
213 Balfour Dr., Archdale
- Randleman Civic Center ****NEW LOCATION****
122 Commerce Square, Randleman
- Franklinville United Methodist Church
227 W. Main St., Franklinville

All locations will have the same hours of operation:

Thursday – Friday, October 15-16
Monday – Friday, October 19-23
Monday – Friday, October 26-30
from 8 am – 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 17
Saturday, October 24
from 8 am – 6 pm

Sunday, October 25, *from 1 pm – 6 pm*

Saturday, October 31, *from 8 am – 3 pm*

North Carolina registered voters may now request an absentee by-mail ballot *online* with the Absentee Ballot Request Portal. The website for the Randolph Country Board of Elections is:

randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Elections.

There are detailed instructions on absentee voting and a link for sample ballots. **(Remember if you vote using an absentee ballot, you must have a witness sign your ballot!)** You can also find information on Absentee Ballot Tracking, called BallotTrax. If you have questions, call the Randolph Country Board of Elections at (336) 318-6900.

Blue Wave Gala a Big Success

The 2020 Annual Defending Democracy Blue Wave Gala went off very well due to the hard work from volunteers, musicians, and speakers who donated their time and talent. Susie Scott, RCDP Chair, reports, “We achieved the highest income ever from a Gala, netting a total of \$7,442.76. Special thanks to the Fundraising/Gala Committee (Diane, Todd, Megan, Becky, Lillian, Lois, Ruth S., Jacinda, Mark, and Gwen) who pulled the Gala together!” The first ever online Gala opened with the National Anthem sung by Megan Crotty. Other musical guests included Ed Bunch singing “Wayfaring Stranger” and “I Can’t Breathe,” Jamal Moore’s rendition of “Lean on Me” and “A Change is Gonna Come,” Rissi Palmer’s “Seeds,” and Mike Hardeman with his parody “Hey, Mister Tangerine Man.”

Prior to Gala keynote speakers’ addresses, by NC Court of Appeals Judge Chris Brook and Commissioner of Labor Candidate Jessica Holmes, Jon Megegan paid tribute to the late attorney Frank Wells with an overview of North Carolina racial justice reforms. Other candidates who spoke via Zoom during the Gala included 13th Congressional District Candidate Scott Huffman, District Court Judge Brooke Schmidly, N.C. Senate Candidate Jane Ledwell-Gant, and N.C. House 70 Candidate Susie Scott.

**HQ is open with reduced hours**

Currently, our hours are:

Mondays from 9 am to 1 pm;
Tuesdays from 9 am to 12 noon;
Fridays from 11 am to 1 pm
Saturdays from 11 am to 1 pm

Please note that masks will be required for in-person meetings.

Other hours may be added in the near future, so check the Facebook page or website for updates.

We look forward to seeing everyone in person again, so please wear your masks, wash your hands, and let’s get safely to the other side of this pandemic. Thank you for your support!