

hostile to democracy. “We need to be doing everything in our power to elect and implement robust legislation to ensure we do not slip further into authoritarianism. Democrats are the righteous path forward. We must win.” *ewingfornc.com*

Erik Davis for NC House of Representatives, District 78



Davis is running in District 78, which covers much of eastern and southern Randolph and western Moore counties. He is an Asheboro native, earned his master’s in Applied Geography from UNCG, and has worked jobs ranging from teaching assistant to Walmart worker to his current position as a substitute teacher for the Asheboro City Schools. In part, Davis is running to expand Medicaid, bolster the current initiative to expand internet access, and improve funding to schools and teachers. He says, “My opponent is about as copy/paste as they come for the current GOP: Banning abortion from conception with no exceptions, complaining about nonexistent CRT in schools; refusing to state his positions, fill out surveys, or have a forum with me; and declaring the LGBTQ+ community as ‘perversions.’ He also uses his church as a platform for his political ideas.” Davis says we must work together to elect candidates at every level who will fight against these ideas. “I ask for your support for me and my fellow candidates, be it voting, word of mouth, or donations, so we can work to save this nation from the dystopia that a minority of people are trying to create.” *erikdavisnchouse.com*

Robert Reives II for NC House of Representatives, District 54



Reives has served in the NC House of Representatives since 2014. He represents House District 54, which includes all of Chatham County and which will now include portions of Randolph County. Currently, Reives is serving as Democratic Leader of the House. During his tenure, Reives has been recognized for his legislative leadership by the League of Conservation Voters with their Green Tie Rising Star Award, and has been endorsed each election by the NC State AFL-CIO, the NC Association of Educators, and the Sierra Club. As a former assistant DA, Reives approaches legislation with an eye toward protecting those who are marginalized, vulnerable, and oppressed. His experience as a certified

mediator and attorney gives him a skill set to help opposing factions reach consensus and resolve conflict. Reives has sponsored legislation to strengthen public schools and to help protect children, the disabled, the environment, and property rights. He listens to the needs of constituents and has championed specific legislation to help Chatham and Randolph counties meet their visions of tomorrow. He looks forward to the opportunity of serving another term. *www.reivesforhouse.com*

Sean Walker for Randolph County Sheriff



Walker’s priorities include: 1) Drug Crisis and Addiction - Establish a pharmacotherapy-based, Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) program, mandatory for the incarcerated; free to any citizen seeking help with addiction. 2) Stop Taxing Firearms — Eliminate permit fees for handgun purchases and the county portion of CC permit fees. 3) Decriminalize Marijuana — No longer charge for the possession of misdemeanor amounts for personal use. 4) End Policing for Profit — Eliminate the use of Federal Civil Asset Forfeiture. 5) Drain the Swamp — Replace all personnel above the rank of corporal (except patrol officers) and fill based on skill, qualification, and merit. 6) Employee Relations — Minimum starting salary of \$47,751.60 for deputies. Establish 10-hour shifts and a 24-7 rotating work shift for all employees. All employees given a contract. 7)Jail Reform — Release to electronic monitoring all individuals with misdemeanor charges and bonds less than \$2,000. Eliminate all electronic devices at jail. Cancel food service, commissary, and Paytel contracts. 8) Crime Intervention — Increase officers on patrol to at least 40 on any given day. Peak periods, minimum 60 officers. Begin replacing Dodge Chargers with Hybrid Utility Vehicles. *walker4sheriff.org*



CALENDAR

(Meetings will be conducted on Zoom unless otherwise noted or announced.)

October 4 at 7 pm — **Randolph County Executive Committee Meeting, open to ALL registered Democrats in Randolph County**

November 1 at 7 pm — **Randolph County Executive Committee Meeting**

November 8 — **Election Day**

November 15 — **December/January Newsletter deadline**

Check our Facebook page (*facebook.com/RandolphCountyDemocraticParty*) and website (*randolphcountydems.org*) often for information and updates. We have many opportunities to make a difference in Randolph County in the coming months.

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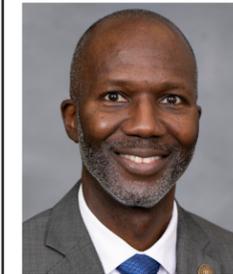
VOTE! Here are the Democratic Candidates Running in the November 8 General Election

Cheri Beasley for US Senate



Raised by a trailblazing mom, Beasley learned the values of hard work, integrity, and justice from a young age. She and her husband Curt, instilled those same values in their twin sons, Thomas and Matthew, as they raised their family in a home steeped in faith here in North Carolina. These values guided her work, first as a public defender and then as judge. In 2019, Beasley rose to become the first African American woman to serve as Chief Justice of the NC Supreme Court. As a judge, she has always acted independently and without bias to uphold the law and keep communities safe without political bias. Throughout her service, Beasley protected our constitutional rights and applied the law fairly and independently. She worked to make schools safe and strong, including working with law enforcement and educators to keep students in classrooms and out of the courtroom. As Chief Justice, she implemented paid family leave to over 6,000 court employees to help people take care of their families and succeed in their jobs. She created the first human trafficking court in NC to hold traffickers accountable and support victims. Across the state, Beasley has seen many of the challenges facing families. In the Senate Beasley will put North Carolina first and bring with her the same values of hard work, integrity, and justice that have guided her life. *cheribeasley.com*

Senator Ben Clark for US House of Representatives, District 9



Clark is currently serving his fifth term representing District 21 as a member of the NC Senate. Since retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel from the US Air Force, he has worked for almost two decades on the Fort Bragg military installation in Cumberland County as a management professional for a major defense contractor. He is a staunch advocate of our forces and veterans. A native North Carolinian, Clark was born and raised in Cumberland County. He graduated from NC Agricultural and Technical State University with a degree in industrial technology, and received his commission as an Air Force Officer. He went on to serve a distinguished 20-year career in the Air Force, during which time he earned an MBA from Southern Illinois University. During his Air Force career he served in assignments throughout the US and Europe, primarily in the field of information technology. Clark says, “In Congress, I will pursue a Family First Agenda: A \$15 an hour federal minimum living wage; affordable healthcare for every American; quality education for every child and young adult; support for small businesses; clean water and air, clean-burning fuels, and reversal of warming trends; and protection of our democracy.” *BenClarkNC.com*



Who may vote at an early voting location?

Any eligible Randolph County voter may vote at any Randolph County early voting site. All ballot versions are available at every early voting site, so you will receive the same ballot you would receive if you went to your assigned polling place on Election Day.

May I update my name or address at an early voting location?

Yes. You may update your name and address before voting. If you moved 30 or more days before Election Day, you will receive the ballot version of your new address. If you moved fewer than 30 days before Election Day, you will receive the ballot versions of your old address. Update your name or address now by completing a voter registration application.

May I register and vote at the same time at an early voting location?

Yes. Eligible individuals may register and vote during the one-stop early voting period. You must bring a valid form of identification that shows name and correct address. Same Day Registration is not allowed on Election Day, November 8.

Justice Sam J. Ervin IV for NC Supreme Court Associate Justice



Ervin was born and raised in Morganton, and attended public schools. He graduated from Davidson College and earned his law degree, *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School. From 1981 until 1999, Ervin practiced law with a Morganton firm. In 1999, he was nominated and confirmed to serve on the NC

Utilities Commission where he served two terms. As a member of this quasi-judicial body, Ervin was involved in deciding important regulatory matters related to utility service. Ervin was elected to the NC Court of Appeals in 2008, where he served until 2014. He was elected to the NC Supreme Court on November 4, 2014. Since joining the Supreme Court, he has participated in deciding more than 540 cases and has authored more than 65 majority and 16 dissenting or concurring opinions. As a member of both the Courts, Ervin has earned a reputation for thoughtful legal decision making. His opinions are perceived to be balanced, thorough, and reflect a careful study of the facts and a reasoned application of the law. ervinforjustice.org

Judge Lucy Inman for NC Supreme Court Associate Justice



Inman was raised in Raleigh by parents who taught her the value of hard work and respect for all people. She received her entire education from NC public schools. Inman's first career was as a newspaper reporter. While covering court proceedings, she was inspired to participate in the justice system. She earned her law degree from UNC School of Law in 1990, then worked as a law clerk for NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Jim Exum. In 2010, Inman was appointed as a special Superior Court judge. She served in that role for four years. Inman was elected statewide to the Court of Appeals in 2014. In the past eight years, Inman has authored over 500 appellate opinions and participated in thousands of decisions, including criminal, civil, and constitutional matters. Her record shows that she consistently applies the law fairly and impartially, understanding that each decision affects people of all walks of life in communities as varied as NC's 100 counties. Inman brings hard work and respect for all others to her personal and professional life. She will bring these values to the NC Supreme Court. lucyinmanforjustice.com

Judge Gale Murray Adams for NC Court of Appeals



Adams was raised in the tobacco fields of Warren County by a single mother of four. She learned at an early age the importance of hard work. She graduated from UNC Chapel Hill and from NC Central University School of Law before joining the United States Navy as a Judge Advocate General. Later, she worked as an Assistant District Attorney and as an Assistant Federal Public Defender. In 2012, she was elected to serve as a Superior Court Judge in Cumberland County. Adams believes her humble background and her diverse legal experience balance her perspective and equip her to consider matters from various viewpoints before making a just decision. She also believes in following the law, being fair and impartial, and treating people with dignity and respect. judgegaleadams.com

Judge Darren Jackson for NC Court of Appeals



Jackson currently serves on the Court of Appeals. He is NC born and bred, attended local public schools, college at UNC Chapel Hill and Duke University School of Law. He began practicing law in Zebulon where he had a legal practice. From small claims court to the NC Supreme Court, Jackson has handled cases in all levels of our judicial system. He says, "In fact, to my knowledge I am the only candidate in my race that has actually ever filed an appeal or done any work in front of the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court." He has tried serious criminal cases and multi-week civil cases. He has filed and argued cases in state and federal appellate courts, arguing, winning, and sometimes losing along the way. Jackson has 12 years of experience in the NC General Assembly fighting for Democratic values and against extreme ideas and policies. The last four of those years, he was the House Democratic Leader where he campaigned to break the supermajority and run competitive races in every corner of NC. In December 2020, Governor Cooper appointed Jackson to a seat on the Court of Appeals and he is now running to retain this seat. "For the last 19-plus months I have served as a judge on the Court of Appeals where I have written over 100 judicial opinions," he says. "If we want balance and experience in our courts, we need to turn out voters in November." judgedarrenjackson.com

Judge Brad Salmon for NC Court of Appeals



Salmon currently serves as a District Court Judge for District 11 covering Lee, Harnett, and Johnston counties. He is a founding partner of The Salmon Law Firm where he focuses on representing clients in various criminal, civil, and administrative matters. Previously, he served as a member of the NC House of Representatives for District 51 and a legislative liaison at the NC Department of Public Safety. Judge Salmon is a graduate of NC State University and the Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. He and his wife, Rebecca, live in Sanford. judgebradsalmon.com

Judge Carolyn Thompson for NC Court of Appeals



Thompson is a former District Court judge and Superior Court judge with more than 25 years of combined legal and judicial experience. As a seasoned trial attorney and former jurist, she understands the importance of consistently applying the law and listening attentively to all the facts of each case. She says, "I presided over thousands of cases as a judge, and no two cases were ever the same for me. Each case deserved and received my thoughtful preparation, respect, and knowledge of the law." For more than ten years, Thompson prosecuted petitions of abuse, neglect, and nonsupport of children. In her role as a District Court judge, she successfully advocated changing court dockets so that domestic violence cases could be heard separate from the general civil court. Thompson is a state-certified mediator for Superior Court cases and cases involving complex family financial disputes. She also serves as a volunteer Teen Court Judge and youth mentor. Thompson says, "My experience in handling complex litigation and continued professional growth in the practice of law have prepared me to serve as an Appellate Court Judge." carolynthompsonforjudge.com

Susie Scott for NC Senate District 70



Scott graduated from Asheboro High School before earning a history degree from NCSU. After graduation, she worked as a software analyst and then as a stay-at-home mom. She continued to use her education and experience through volunteering at local schools. "That's when I learned how professional, caring, and dedicated our teachers and staff are," she says. "If you send me to Raleigh, I will work to fully fund our public schools and raise wages and benefits to retain and attract teachers." Scott will fight for quality, affordable, and accessible healthcare for all. She understands that a person's health, not politicians, should guide medical decisions at all stages of pregnancy. Scott served as a precinct official with the local Board of Elections for nine years, followed by serving as the Chair of the Randolph County Democratic Party from 2017-2021. She currently volunteers as a liaison between our local party and our county Board of Elections and as a local elections advocate for Democracy NC. "Together we can protect public education, make sure everyone gets the healthcare they need, and protect our right to vote and to a fair and just government." susiescottfornc.com

Shawn C. Ewing for NC Senate, District 25



Elected in 2019 to the Mebane City Council, Ewing pledged to be a common-sense, bipartisan leader. He has delivered on that promise and vows to keep up the fight for Alamance and Randolph Counties as a State Senator. Ewing served 15 years in the military, six years Active Duty in the US Air Force and nine years in the Air National Guard. In college, he met the love of his life, Iza Reyes, and after graduating college with an Electrical and Computer Engineering degree, he worked for a global automotive parts company as a Quality Engineer. Ewing points out that tremendous strides were made in his time on the Mebane Council, including codifying Juneteenth as a paid holiday, implementing the first municipal Racial Equity Advisory Committee in Alamance County, keeping taxes low, and bringing great-paying jobs to the area. Ewing is now a candidate for the NC Senate. He says, "I believe in being a workhorse, not a show-horse for good legislative change. I am that candidate to get the right legislation passed." In this post-Trump era, Ewing says, we are literally fighting for the soul of the country. Trump, Republicans, and now even the US Supreme Court, are