

## Voting Information 2024

### Early Voting Locations:

Randolph County Board of Elections  
1457 N Fayetteville St., Asheboro

Community Services Building  
213 Balfour Dr., Archdale

Randleman Civic Center  
122 Commerce Sq., Randleman

Franklinville United Methodist Church  
227 W Main St., Franklinville

Randolph Community College  
Comer Foundation Conference Center  
629 Industrial Park Ave., Asheboro

### Early Voting Days/Times:

Thursday, October 17, 8:00am-7:30pm (Early Voting Begins)

Friday, October 18, 8:00am-7:30pm

Saturday, October 19, 8:00am-3:00pm

Monday, October 21, –Friday, October 25, 8:00am-7:30pm

Saturday, October 26, 8:00am-3:00pm

Sunday October 27, 1:00pm-5:00pm

Monday October 28 –Friday, November 1 8:00am-7:30pm

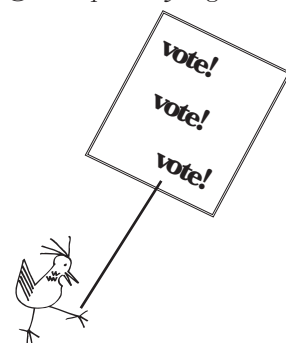
Saturday November 2, 8:00am-3:00pm (Early Voting Ends)

### ELECTION DAY:

Tuesday, November 5, 6:30am-7:30pm

\*Vote at your assigned precinct on Election Day

If you have questions, call the Randolph Board of Elections office at 336-318-6900 or email [elections@randolphcountync.gov](mailto:elections@randolphcountync.gov)



## Book Review

by Judy Saunders

*They Came for the Schools* by Mike Hixenbaugh (Pulitzer Prize finalist)

This book delivers a take on Donald Trump, Ron DeSantis, and other leading GOP figures, as they demean public schools and teachers and boost the Christian right's vision.

Steve Bannon declared on his War Room podcast "The path to save the nation is very simple — it is going to go through the school boards"

## Share a Review or an Opinion

Send your review/opinion piece to: [rcdp.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rcdp.newsletter@gmail.com). There is a 50 word limit for reviews, and a 300 word limit for opinions. We will publish as many as space allows. Please be aware that articles will be edited if necessary for space and clarity. Thank you.

## The Inhumanity of Project 2025

### We need your help to stop Project 2025

(From Red, Wine, & Blue ([redwine.blue](http://redwine.blue)))

### What is Project 2025?

Project 2025 is a plan crafted by Trump's allies and supporters aimed at taking over America's government if Trump wins in 2024. By eliminating checks and balances, they plan to push a far-right agenda without oversight, embedding extremist policies for generations.

### Project 2025's 4 Pillars:

1. A "playbook" designed to dismantle key federal agencies, the Department of Education, Homeland Security, the EPA, and the Department of Justice.
2. A private database of 20,000+ far-right loyalists ready to fill federal appointments, akin to an "extremist LinkedIn."
3. A "Presidential Administration Academy" to train future appointees how to use the government to advance their agenda.
4. A 900+ page "Mandate for Leadership" outlining a complete overhaul of government operations for a new Trump administration.

### The Goals of Project 2025

- Take away our reproductive rights
- Encourage racial discrimination
- End programs that address climate change
- Mass deportation and reduce immigration
- End public education
- Mainstream Christian Nationalist ideology
- Persecute LGBTQ+ Americans
- Give unchecked power to the President

Trump is trying to distance himself from Project 2025 by referring to his plan as Agenda 47.

As public awareness of these toxic plans increases, they will rename and reinvent to confuse and redirect attention. **Agenda 47 = Project 2025. It is the SAME plan no matter the name.** Both of these plans propose the same policies and ideas.

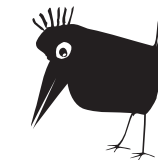
## Make Plans to Attend the Gala

This year's Gala is going to be extra special! Your invitation is enclosed, so don't wait to make your reservations and plan to have an entertaining, exciting, inspiring few hours with your fellow Democrats. This year's theme is "**Dictator or Democracy: That is the choice.**" NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives is the Keynote Speaker. A "Tween Jean" table has been added this year to encourage our future Democrats to attend and join in the fun. There are plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer to help out before and during the Gala, so don't hesitate to contact Diane at [rcdp.countychair@gmail.com](mailto:rcdp.countychair@gmail.com) to offer your services. See you at the 16th Annual Defending Democracy Blue Jean Gala, September 14.

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## Turn Off the News and Come Volunteer!

by Diane Hubbard, Chair, Randolph County Democratic Party

When her doorbell or telephone would ring, humorist Dorothy Parker would answer, "What fresh hell is this?!" Lately, I can really relate to this. Every time I turn on the news or look at social media, there is some new and horrifying thing to witness. Legend says that there is an old Chinese curse that says, "May you live in interesting times." These times certainly are interesting, but I would give my eyeteeth for some good, old-fashioned boring politics right now.

As usual, I procrastinated in writing my article for RanDem News. I sat down yesterday with the intention of pushing through and getting it done. I made the mistake of checking Twitter (I refuse to call it X) and saw an offhand remark about Biden ending his campaign. Naturally, I panicked and spent the rest of the evening refreshing every social media platform, trying to find the latest information.

With the passage of a little time, I have come to terms with this change of plan. I am fully on board with our new Presidential candidate, Vice President Kamala Harris. Since the announcement her campaign has raised in excess of \$100 million.

The news media is already starting their nonsense, putting out salacious stories about her, trying to undercut her achievements, using rhetorical questions to cast doubt on her candidacy. In other words, she's getting the full Hillary Clinton treatment. Friends, please do not let this deter you. Turn off the news and instead come volunteer with us. Not only will it help our candidates up and down the ballot, but it will also help your mental health via fellowship with like-minded friends. We have any number of jobs, big and small, that you could help us with, from canvassing and phone banking to staffing HQ and writing postcards. Everyone is good at something. Visit our website, [randolphcountydems.org](http://randolphcountydems.org), and use the links to sign up to be a volunteer. Visit our Linktree, [linktr.ee/randolphncdemocrats](http://linktr.ee/randolphncdemocrats) for links to get involved. Visit our Mobilize, [mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems](http://mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems), to RSVP for upcoming events.

### NCDP STATEMENT OF INCLUSION

All public meetings at all levels of the North Carolina Democratic Party shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, or disability. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party, which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action has been adopted by the North Carolina Democratic Party. Discrimination on the basis of 'status' in the conduct of North Carolina Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.

### Thank You, President Biden

Before I wrap this up, I want to say a few words about President Joe Biden, who has been, in my opinion, the most transformative president in modern history. Coming into the presidency, he had big ideas. I wondered if he could get anything done because sometimes it seems like Washington, DC, is where good ideas go to die. He just put his nose to the grindstone and got to work issuing executive orders and getting bills passed dealing with student loans, infrastructure, inflation reduction, and guns. It was a sight to behold.

President Biden has had a long and notable career in politics, in the Senate and as Vice President under President Barack Obama. His life and career have been filled with joy as well as sadness and sacrifice. His stepping aside to make room for VP Kamala Harris to become the Presidential nominee is just one example of the sacrifices he has made for the greater good. This is in stark contrast to Donald Trump, who would never relinquish power voluntarily. In fact, he tried his best on January 6, 2021, to stage a coup and hold on to the power that was removed from him by the American people.

I am sad that we won't have President Biden at the top of the ticket. At the same time, I am energized by the outpouring of support for VP Harris and her campaign. President Biden did a noble thing for the good of our nation, and I think it speaks to the character of the man. I thank him for the work he has done and hope we can not only continue his legacy but also build upon it for future generations.

Who's with me?



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Facebook: [facebook.com/RandolphCountyDemocraticParty](https://www.facebook.com/RandolphCountyDemocraticParty)

Social media/contact info in one place:  
[linktr.ee/randolphncdemocrats](http://linktr.ee/randolphncdemocrats)

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 is currently open. Call for hours.

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## Susie Scott, NC House District 70

Are they coming back to the circle or are they shutting down conversation?

I was lucky to see Allison Russell opening for Hozier in a sold-out concert in April. As she introduced “Eve Was Black,” she talked about calling people back into the circle, resisting the language of dehumanization, and extending grace to break the cycles of violence. We find ourselves in a similar place in America right now.

On July 13, 2024, a 20-year-old Republican attempted to assassinate Donald Trump. It was a sad, horrible day for our nation, and our thoughts remain with the victims of the shooting. We have never condoned violence and believe everyone has the right to voice their beliefs and gather at political events without fear.

Now, there are suddenly calls for unity from MAGA leaders. We welcome everyone back into the circle who is sincere about avoiding violence in our nation. But if they use those calls for unity as a ploy to shut down conversation about Trump’s crimes or to gaslight discussion about the real issues at stake in November’s election (such as Project 2025), we will not fall for it. And we will not shy away from those discussions. What’s at stake is far too important.

What does Project 2025 have to say about reproductive rights? The foreword states the next conservative President should delete the terms reproductive health, reproductive rights, and abortion out of “every federal rule, agency regulation, contract, grant, regulation, and piece of legislation that exists.” Their plan eliminates the Reproductive Healthcare Access Task Force within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and replaces it with a “pro-life task force to ensure that all of the department’s divisions seek to use their authority to promote the life of women and their unborn children.” It rejects “the notion that abortion is healthcare” and claims HHS’s mission statement should “include furthering the health and well-being of all Americans ‘from conception to natural death.’ ” It seeks to eliminate the availability of medication abortion both in-state and through telehealth services.

Project 2025 places the federal government between a patient making a very personal decision about their health and the doctors they look to for medical care and information. It threatens access to fertility treatments and birth control. It endangers the life of anyone who has a medical emergency during pregnancy. It gives Congress the right to institute a national abortion ban.

My opponent, Brian Biggs, believes that life begins at conception, and he wants to impose those beliefs on everyone else in our state. In 2021, he vowed to “make our state an abortion-free state.” He has consistently voted to further restrict abortion access in North Carolina.

I believe that everyone in our state deserves access to affordable, high-quality healthcare including abortion care, fertility services, and contraception. Decisions about when and how to start a family belong to people — not the government. That’s why I’m proud to announce that I’ve been endorsed by Planned Parenthood Votes South Atlantic. And why I’m also proud to announce that ERA-NC Alliance has certified our campaign.

Will you join our team to preserve democracy and reproductive rights in North Carolina? Find out more about our campaign at [SusieScottForNC.com](https://SusieScottForNC.com).

## Bill McCaskill, County Commissioner

Greetings, fellow Democrats. I hope everyone is well. I’m sure you know by now that I am again running for office. I had no intention of seeking another office in 2024, having served almost three years of my four-year term on the Asheboro City Council. The office of County Commissioner is an important elected position to the citizens of Randolph County. It would require an entire edition of this newsletter to name and briefly describe the programs, services, and commissions that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners directly control or indirectly oversee. The Board appropriates and spends millions of dollars in county revenue, but also supervises the expenditure of vast sums of State and Federal funds.

The role of County Commissioner is so important, I just couldn’t stand by and watch my opponent waltz into office unopposed. We need Democratic representation on the Board of Commissioners! My experience on the Asheboro City Council has taught me that many important governmental decisions are made behind closed doors. There needs to be some counterbalance to the behind-the-scenes decisions made by our Republican Commissioners.

If elected, the main issues I will focus on will be public education; supporting social, health, and mental health services; public safety, fair land use decisions, spending within our means, and fair government access to all citizens. I would appreciate your support in my campaign. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about my position on any issue at [williammccaskill@gmail.com](mailto:williammccaskill@gmail.com).

## Help Get Out the Vote

The NCDP will be staging canvasses in Randolph County on the following dates. We will need canvassers as well as phone bankers during this time. If you would like to help us out, please email Diane at [rcdp.countychair@gmail.com](mailto:rcdp.countychair@gmail.com) or text (864) 962-7248

### Canvassing Dates

Saturday, August 10 – Canvass for House District 70, 10:30am, after our monthly meeting. Use Mobilize to sign up for this event [mobilize.us/dashboard/randolphcountyncdems/event/649113/](https://mobilize.us/dashboard/randolphcountyncdems/event/649113/)

### GOTV for Early Voting/Election Day

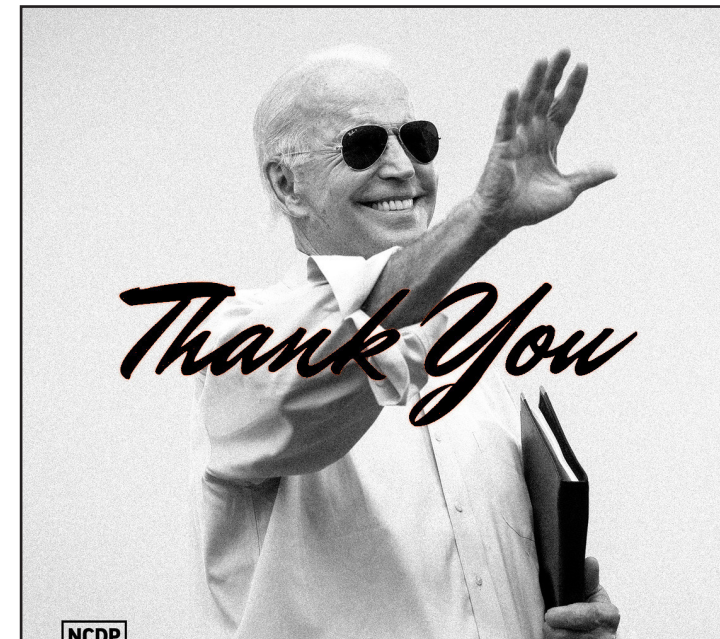
More info to come about these dates, watch your email.

- Sat/Sun, September 14-15 Dry Run
- Sat/Sun, September 28-29 Dry run
- Sat/Sun, October 19-20 (Early Voting)
- Sat/Sun, October 26-27 (Early Voting)
- Sat-Tues, November 2-5

### Staging Location Leaders

We are looking for folks to help with staging our canvasses. (For more info email or call the contact above.)

- Staging Location Director
- Canvass Captain
- Packet Captain
- Confirm Captain
- Phone Bank Captain (optional)



## Thank you, President Biden — from the NCDP

**The Biden Presidency** — To President Biden: Thank you for once again showing us why you were the man we needed to beat Donald Trump in 2020. You are a man of decency, and your love and respect for our country cannot be overstated. Not only has this been exemplified by your policymaking, record job creation, Infrastructure Bill, and expansion of broadband internet, but it’s also seen in your faith that we can carry the torch you are passing to the next generation. Under your administration, North Carolina has had lower unemployment levels, rural communities have internet access, and roads and bridges are being repaired at this very moment. North Carolina Democrats thank you.

**Harris 2024** — After a glowing endorsement from our President, Vice President Kamala Harris accepted the enormous task of rallying Democrats around her to defeat Trump in November. The North Carolina Delegates voted UNANIMOUSLY in favor of Kamala Harris, and she broke fundraising records in the first 24 hours following her endorsement. North Carolina Democrats are proudly supporting Kamala Harris for President in 2024!



## Where is All that Voucher Money Going?

An eye-opening report on exactly where the voucher program money is going in North Carolina can be found on [publicschoolsfirst.org](https://publicschoolsfirst.org). Millions of dollars are given directly to private religious schools in urban counties. And many of them have discriminatory admissions policies.



## CALENDAR

(Meetings will be conducted in person unless otherwise noted or announced.)

**\*August 10, Saturday, 9:30 am: Monthly Breakfast and Executive Committee Meeting at Democratic HQ**, 114 Sunset Ave., Asheboro. All Democrats and like-minded unaffiliateds are welcome! Bring a breakfast item to share.

**August 19 through August 22: Democratic National Convention**

**September 9, Saturday, 9:30 am: Monthly Breakfast and Executive Committee Meeting**

**September 14, Saturday, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm: 16th Annual Defending Democracy Blue Jean Gala**

**October: No monthly breakfast meeting - please volunteer to work at our Fall Festival booths.**

**October 5, Saturday, Fall Festival: RCDP Voter Registration & Candidate info outside HQ. Bake sale inside HQ.**

**October 10, Candidate Forum at GWCCEC**

**October 17, Early Voting begins**

**November 5: Election Day**

**November 9, Saturday, 9:30 am: Monthly Breakfast and Executive Committee Meeting**

**\*RCDP monthly meetings have been moved to the second Saturday of the month to coincide with the NAAPC monthly meetings.**

To RSVP for upcoming meetings, please visit [mobilize.us](https://mobilize.us) and search for Randolph County Democratic Party.

Check our Facebook page: ([facebook.com/RandolphCountyDemocraticParty](https://facebook.com/RandolphCountyDemocraticParty)) and website: ([randolphcountyncdems.org](https://randolphcountyncdems.org)) often for information and updates.

We have many opportunities to make a difference in Randolph County in the coming months.