



Union County 2024 Candidate Information



Union County NAACP Political Action Committee

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Federal

US PRESIDENT:

DEMOCRAT Kamala Harris, **REPUBLICAN** Donald Trump,
LIBERTARIAN Chase Oliver, **GREEN** Jill Stein,
CONSTITUTION Randall Terry, **JUSTICE FOR ALL** Cornel West,
and **WE THE PEOPLE** Robert Kennedy



Kamala Harris' focus include: 1. Protecting our Democracy and Protecting Fundamental Rights (ex. The right to vote), 2. Strengthening the Middle Class financially and lowering costs for Working Families, 3. Building a fairer tax system that works for the Middle Class, 4. Making Healthcare more accessible and more affordable, and 5. Fighting to restore Healthcare and Reproductive Freedom.



Accomplishments in the current Biden-Harris Administration:

- ✓ Creation of 16 million US jobs
- ✓ Increased federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15
- ✓ Increased access to Affordable Care Act's Healthcare and cap of \$800/year for premiums
- ✓ \$35 cap for insulin for Seniors
- ✓ Enacted gun safety reform
- ✓ Violent crime rate decrease – lowest in 50 years
- ✓ 1st Black woman appointed to Supreme Court



VP cand
Tim Walz



Chase Oliver's platform includes: 1. Reducing inflation, 2. Economy, 3. Fix the immigration system, 4. Lower prices and increase access to healthcare, 5. Eliminate the Federal Dept of Education, 6. End military intervention in foreign wars, 7. Allow individual choice re: body, business, draft, medical treatment, etc., 8. Criminal justice reform, 9. Restore privacy rights, 10. Green energy, 11. Support gun rights, 12. Support Voter Bill of rights, 13. Enact term limits for elected and government officials, 14. Decentralize Federal Authority from States Rights



VP Cand
Mike Ter
Maat

Donald Trump's focus include: 1. Rebuild economy, 2. Fair Trade, 3. Energy Dominance, 4. Secure Borders, 5. War on Drug Cartels, 6. Stop crime, 7. Reject globalism for patriotism, 8. Protect parent rights, 9. Care for veterans, 10. End censorship, 11. Free, honest, lawful elections, 12. Eliminate Washington corruption



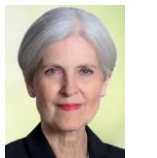
Accomplishments in the Trump-Pence Administration:

- ✓ Appointment of 3 Conservative Justices giving the US Supreme Court a Supermajority
- ✓ Overturned Roe vs. Wade
- ✓ Overturned Affirmative Action
- ✓ Passed the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which provides individuals with cuts to tax rates until 2025. Provides businesses with permanent cuts to tax rates.



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JD Vance

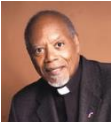
Jill Stein's platform includes: 1. An economy that works for working people, including living wages and investment in high-quality, affordable homes, and a universal healthcare system; 2. Full and meaningful participation in democracy as a human right; 3. Defend and codify women's full rights; 4. Defend and commit to disability rights and 2SLGBTQIA+ rights; 5. Reparations and facilitation of black liberation; 6. Social Justice; 7. Tribal/ Indigenous sovereignty; 8. End mass incarceration and reform policing; 9. Immigration rights reform; 10. Advance the Eco socialist Real Green New Deal – declare a climate emergency and transition to sustainable agriculture and food systems; 11. Foreign policy and demilitarization



VP Butch
Ware



Randall Terry's 3-D battle plan includes: 1. Defend children, 2. Defeat Kamala/Walz, and 3. Destroy the Democratic Party



VP Cand
Stephen
Broden



Robert F. Kennedy's policies include: 1. End corporate capture, 2. Address the affordability crisis, 3. Offer government-backed 3% mortgages for 1st time home buyers, 4. End the forever wars, 5. Secure the border and save US cities from migrant crisis, 6. End the chronic disease epidemic, 7. Regenerate America's soil, farms and food, 8. Plan for Black America, 9. Right old wrongs for Native Americans, 10. Protect our liberties and freedom of speech, 11. Give veterans a seat at the table and protect benefits, 12. Expand Americorps and restore the America Dream, 13. Reduce abortion and offer more choices to women and families, 14. Free-market approach to energy, 15. Reduce tax burden on working people and close the loopholes, 16. Help Americans recover from addiction and mental illness, 17. Protect and strengthen workers' rights, 18. Provide universally affordable community childcare, 18. Protect right to transactional freedom, and 19. Create a Main Street economic boom by protecting and investing in small businesses



VP Cand
Nicole
Shanahan

Cornell West's platform includes: 1. Black Maternal justice and Child justice, 2. Disability justice, 3. Economic justice, 4. Education justice, 5. Elder justice, 6. Environmental justice, 7. Gender justice, 8. Global justice, 9. Gun violence justice, 10. Health justice, 11. Immigration justice, 12. LGBTQIA+ justice, 13. Racial justice, 14. Transformative justice, 15. Voter justice, and 15. Worker justice



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Federal
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 8:
DEMOCRAT Justin Dues vs. REPUBLICAN Mark Harris



Justin Dues' public policy focus include: 1. Restore trust in the election process (eliminate gerrymandering and dark money), 2. Restore the American Dream by evening the scale for the average person (tax reform for the average American, not the top earners), 3. Fix outdated and broken systems (education, immigration entitlement reform, for-profit prisons)



Mark Harris' public policy include: 1. Pro-Life: Believing in the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural end; 2. Fortifying our borders, supporting advanced technology, and rigorously enforcing our immigration laws; 3. Parental choice (public, private, charter, or homeschool) for education; 4. Enforcing laws and holding criminals accountable



North Carolina State

NC GOVERNOR:

DEMOCRAT Josh Stein, **REPUBLICAN** Mark Robinson,
LIBERTARIAN Mike Ross, **GREEN** Wayne Turner,
CONSTITUTIONAL Walter “Vinny” Smith



Josh Stein’s priorities include: 1. Making the economy work for everyone, 2. Improving education, 3. Building a strong workforce, 4. Keeping North Carolinians safe, 5. Addressing affordable housing, 6. Increasing access to healthcare, 7. Standing up for Women’s freedom, 8. Protecting our fundamental rights, 9. Strengthening rural communities, 10. Supporting small businesses, 11. Supporting Veterans and their families, 12. Supporting and preserving our natural beauty, and 13. Making the government work for the people



Mark Robinson’s issues: 1. Grow the Economy, 2. Improve the Education System, 3. Increase Public Safety, and 4. Expand Veterans Care

He opposes abortion, promotes climate change denial, and opposes the legalization of recreational marijuana. He has indicated that he wants to remove science and social studies from first-through fifth-grade curriculum, abolish the State Board of Education, and expand charter schools and school voucher programs, potentially supplanting the public-school system. He denies the Holocaust, opposes Muslims and LGBTQ citizens, opposes Civil Rights and Martin Luther King, Jr. He advocates for the killing of people whose political position is contrary to his. Sources: WRAL, The Charlotte Observer, The Washington Post and The News & Observer



Mike Ross’s priorities include: 1. Transparent government for the people, 2. Free Market Education, 3. Protect the Police, Protect the Public, 4. Peace through prosperity, 5. Preserve the environment, 6. Limit government regulation of controlled substances, and 7. Remove the government from the doctor-patient relationship and end unnecessary regulations and bureaucracy that drives up health care costs



Wayne Turner’s platform includes: 1. Providing jobs with adequate pay and benefits, 2. Improve education, 3. Address environmental issues, 4. Address the rising cost of healthcare, 5. Resolve inequities in prisons, jails and policing throughout NC, 6. Campaign against state and local law enforcement cooperation with the Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICS) and highlight the economic contributions of immigrants to our economy, and 6. Protect the rights of labor in NC and repeal laws to the contrary



Walter “Vinny” Smith’s policies include: 1. Protect all life, 2. Phase out property tax, 3. Fight for veterans and their families, 4. Support parent’s choice for educating their children, 4. Economic growth through workforce development, and 6. Healthcare and medical freedom



North Carolina State
NC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

DEMOCRAT Rachel Hunt, REPUBLICAN Hal Weatherman,
LIBERTARIAN Shannon Bray, CONSTITUTIONAL Wayne Jones



Rachel Hunt's priorities: Investing in NC public schools, expanding access to health care, and helping local businesses thrive.



Hal Weatherman's priorities: Supports: School choice, Men out of Women's sports, Donald J. Trump, Politics out of classrooms, Pro-life, Election Integrity, Deporting illegals, and Armed guards in schools



Shannon Bray's issues focus include: A fair abortion system that takes into account and balances the competing rights of each person inhabiting a single body; Encourage the governor to appoint a qualified individual who will support and implement policy changes throughout the police departments in NC; Encourage the governor to issue an Executive Order directing State Law Enforcement agencies to not enforce marijuana laws, prioritizing violent and property crimes above marijuana offenses; As president of the NC Senate, work with the General Assembly to pass laws that decriminalize or legalize marijuana; Work with the allow counties and municipalities the option to conduct their elections utilizing the "instant runoff" rule and work with the North Carolina General Assembly on legislation that will provide a way to include independent voters on each Board of Elections and end discriminatory treatment of registered independent candidates



Wayne Jones does not have a campaign website or online photo



North Carolina State
NC ATTORNEY GENERAL:
DEMOCRAT Jeff Jackson vs. REPUBLICAN Dan Bishop



Jeff Jackson's priorities: 1. Expand early childhood education and funding NC Pre-K and Smart Start, 2. Go after any predatory companies that use illegal medical debt practices or health care systems that wrongfully lower their standards of care, 3. Go after political corruption, 4. Identify and break up the distribution cells for fentanyl, 5. Aggressively address scammer and the abuse of Artificial Intelligence, and 6. Establish a Cold Case Unit to help get justice for victims and identify perpetrators who remain at large

Dan Bishop's campaign website does not include priorities or issues.

Dan Bishop states that he is a conservative who tells the truth and he is running for Attorney General to defend the rule of law and protect North Carolina. Dan believes Democrats like Roy Cooper and Josh Stein have abused the state's top law enforcement office by turning it into a stepping stone for higher office and a platform to spread liberal propaganda. Source: Dan Bishop's website



North Carolina State
NC AUDITOR:

DEMOCRAT Jessica Holmes, REPUBLICAN Dave Boliek,
and LIBERTARIAN Bob Drach



Incumbent **Jessica Holmes'** priorities include: 1. Accountability – Implementing and maintaining clear, well-documented internal processes to hold OSA accountable for being good stewards of tax dollars, 2. Integrity – Uphold integrity as a core value and ensure audit and report finding are supported by facts and through analysis, and 3. Transparency – Audits and reports will offer clear insights and meaningful recommendations to improve government services

Dave Boliek's campaign website does not include priorities or issues.

Boliek stated in Business NC, that he would take a more collaborative stance as state auditor. As a member of the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees and chair of its Budget, Finance and Infrastructure Committee, he told NC Newsline, "I think the best way for the board to move forward is to advocate for the removal of all DEI funding from the UNC-Chapel Hill budget. I'm going to advocate that that be the case. I think this entire DEI effort has been one of, if not the most divisive things in higher education in modern history." Sources: Business NC & NC Newsline



Bob Drach's campaign website does not include priorities or issues.

He states his reasons for running include: 1. He is a third-party conflict without conflict, and 2. He represents the idea of accountable government





North Carolina State
NC COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE:
DEMOCRAT Natasha Marcus vs. REPUBLICAN Mike Causey



Natasha Marcus' focus: Be the people's advocate, ensuring that we have a vibrant, competitive marketplace of insurance options with fair rates, honest coverage, and smart regulation; Hold public hearings where she will require insurance companies to justify their rate increase requests with evidence presented under oath and subject to cross-examination; and Fight for affordable, reliable insurance for North Carolinians' home, vehicles, businesses, and healthcare; Will be an honest, frugal steward of the taxpayer money funding the Department of Insurance

Incumbent **Mike Causey's** beliefs: More competition will provide lower rates and greater access; Improved efficiency and increased transparency, and greater accessibility by the people to his office



North Carolina State
NC COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE:
DEMOCRAT Sarah Taber, REPUBLICAN Steve Troxler,
and LIBERTARIAN Sean Haugh



Sarah Taber's platform include: On-ramps for new farmers; Fair funding for Black and other marginalized farmers, who are on the leading edge of farm loss in NC; Facilities to turn high-value crops into the foods people use like nut butters, sauces, noodles, frozen vegetables, and more; Skilled workers who can make a living wage; and Investment in rural infrastructure and workforces



Incumbent **Steve Troxler's** past and future focus includes: Developing new markets for NC farm products, preserving working farms, and protecting the state's food supply



Sean Haugh's priorities include: Greater education opportunities for students and families, stronger economic potential for businesses and employees; Better healthcare options for patients and providers; and Restoring equal justice for all





North Carolina State
NC COMMISSIONER OF LABOR:
DEMOCRAT Braxton Winston vs. REPUBLICAN Luke Farley



Braxton Winston's platform includes: Supporting NC working families and businesses by ensuring all workers go to work in a safe environment: Advocating for all people to be paid fairly under NC labor laws; Prioritizing a fully staffed workforce, defending workers rights, and taking a "whole worker" approach

Luke Farley's issue of focus include: Workplace safety; Workforce development; Maintaining NC as a right-to-work state; Medical freedom for NC workers; Reversal of Biden's heat stress regulations; and Restoring accountability for elevators



North Carolina State
NC SECRETARY OF STATE:
DEMOCRAT Elaine Marshall vs. REPUBLICAN Chad Brown



Incumbent **Elaine Marshall's** issues of focus include: business regulation, consumer protection, and election integrity

Chad Brown's "On the Issues" statement is: Christian, Pro-life, 2nd Amendment and Conservative



North Carolina State
NC SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:
DEMOCRAT Maurice Green vs. REPUBLICAN Michelle Morrow



Maurice (MO) Green's pillars include: Invest fully in public education; Prepare each student for their next phase in life; Revere public educators; Enhance parent and community support; Ensure safe, secure learning environments; and Celebrate the good in public education

Michelle Morrow's issues of focus: Support fair discipline policies to deter crime and promote classroom civility; Ensure that earmarked money gets to the classroom; Support and enforce the Parent's Bill of Rights; Support American Unity and Patriotism by eliminating lessons that portray American as a racist and oppressive nation. **Advocated for the use of the military to keep Trump in office in 2021. Attended/supported the insurrection. Advocated for the "killing of prominent Dem politicians and philanthropist, including the execution of Obama by firing squad while being televised on Pay-per-view. (Source: WRAL News)**



North Carolina State
NC TREASURER:
DEMOCRAT Wesley Harris vs. REPUBLICAN Brad Briner



Wesley Harris' pillars include: Think and plan not just for tomorrow, but for the years to come; Protect our state bond ratings and expand our investment capacity; Do right by our state employees; Empower our people to know what's happening with our state's finances; and Depoliticize the Treasurer's office and focus on great returns

Brad Briner's campaign website does not address his priorities or platforms

He does share what he thinks can be done for the NC Retirement System: Better governance, and Change investment strategy





North Carolina State
NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SEAT 6:
DEMOCRAT Allison Riggs vs. REPUBLICAN Jefferson Griffin



Incumbent Allison Riggs' principles are: Everyone should be treated with dignity and respect, Our courts should operate with transparency as much as possible to foster accountability

Jefferson Griffin's judicial philosophy: He is an originalist and a textualist. Judge Griffin believes the words of the Constitution mean what they say. Judge Griffin believes in the separation of powers, judicial restraint and the independence of the judiciary.



North Carolina State
NC SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, SEAT 12:
DEMOCRAT Carolyn Jennings Thompson vs. REPUBLICAN Tom Murry



Incumbent Carolyn Jennings Thompson's judicial beliefs: Equal justice as required by our laws and Constitution; True justice is independent of party affiliation, divisive ideologies, and social differences; Believe in the oath to consistently uphold our laws and Constitution.

Tom Murry's judicial philosophy: He believes in the original meaning of the Constitution and that the plain meaning of words should guide Constitutional and statutory interpretation.



North Carolina State
NC SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, SEAT 14:
DEMOCRAT Ed Elred vs. REPUBLICAN Valerie Zachary



Ed Elred is dedicated to: Upholding constitutional freedoms, Preserving the rights of all North Carolinians and restore balance to the Court

Valerie Zachary's judicial philosophy: He believes in the original meaning of the Constitution and that the plain meaning of words should guide Constitutional and statutory interpretation



North Carolina State
NC SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, SEAT 15:
DEMOCRAT Martin Moore vs. REPUBLICAN Chris Freeman



Martin Moore's belief: Our judiciary is strongest when it includes a diverse set of experiences and backgrounds. We need judges who understand the people of North Carolina and are committed to equal justice for everyone in North Carolina.

Chris Freeman's judicial philosophy: Bring my steadfast commitment to conservative judicial philosophy to the appellate court level, serving all North Carolinians





North Carolina State NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 29:

DEMOCRAT Kevin Clark vs. REPUBLICAN Dave Craven, Jr.



Kevin Clark's platform includes: Support fully funding public school and state colleges for a quality education; Comprehensive system for affordable housing and healthcare which is accessible to all residents; Advocate for the equitable distribution of infrastructure resources; and Combat drug addiction in our communities

Dave Craven's issues focus include: Conservative values (limited government and right to life), Job and Economic Development, Education (higher teacher pay and the Vouchers) and First Responders



North Carolina State NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 35:

DEMOCRAT Robin Mann vs. REPUBLICAN Todd Johnson



Robin Mann does not have a campaign website

Incumbent Todd Johnson's campaign website is only set up for donations and an invitation to join his team



North Carolina State NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 55: DEMOCRAT Judy Little vs. REPUBLICAN Mark Brody



Judy Little does not currently have a campaign website

Incumbent Mark Brody's campaign website is currently down



North Carolina State NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 68: DEMOCRAT Cristal Robinson vs. REPUBLICAN David Willis



Cristal Robinson's platform includes: Healthcare – Right to Reproductive Healthcare, Access to Gender-affirming care, Abortion Rights, Medicare for all; Education – Public Education bills, Equity in education, Universal breakfast and lunch, Qualified, diverse, dedicated workforce: Safety – Significant public safety issues, Affordable housing, Minimum wage, Reduce gun violence

David Willis' issues of focus include: Education – Curriculum or set of state standards that meets our student needs, more teaching time and less test-preparation time; Infrastructure – Remove red tape that impedes projects such as roads; Economic Development - Reduce costs, eliminate duplication and streamline operations and run the government like a business





North Carolina State
NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 69:
DEMOCRAT Leigh Coulter vs. REPUBLICAN Dean Arp



Leigh Coulter's platform includes: Gun Safety – reduce the number of unsecured weapons and promote gun safety measures; Health Safety – Expand Medicaid and maintain reproductive rights; Climate Safety – reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and move to clean energy solutions

Dean Arp's values: Traditional American Values, Limited Constitutional Government, Pro-Business Economy for Job Growth, Energy Independence, and Local Control in Education



North Carolina State
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 30, SEAT 1:
DEMOCRAT (No candidate) vs. REPUBLICAN Chris Gray



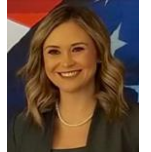
Brad Briner's campaign website does not address his priorities or platforms



North Carolina State
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 30, SEAT 2:
DEMOCRAT (No candidate) vs. REPUBLICAN Stephen Higdon

Stephen Higdon: Unable to locate any online information or photo

North Carolina State
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 30, SEAT 3:
DEMOCRAT (No candidate) vs. REPUBLICAN Meagan Simpson



Meagan Simpson: She does not have a campaign website but does have a Facebook page. Unable to locate information re: issues, philosophy, etc.

North Carolina State
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 30, SEAT 4:
DEMOCRAT (No candidate) vs. REPUBLICAN Erin Hucks

Eric Hucks: Unable to locate any online information or photo

North Carolina State
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 30, SEAT 5:
DEMOCRAT (No candidate) vs. REPUBLICAN Anna Goodwin



Anna Goodwin: She does not have a campaign website but does have a Facebook page. Unable to locate information re: issues, philosophy, etc.

North Carolina State
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:
DEMOCRAT (No candidate) vs. REPUBLICAN Christina Helms
REPUBLICAN Gary Sides

Christina Helms: She does not have a campaign website but does have a Facebook page. Unable to locate information re: issues, philosophy, etc.



Gary Sides issues of focus: First Responders, Schools – increase funding for public school system, Sensible growth, Favorable economic development to lessen homeowners' taxes, Preserve our rural setting, and Road and intersection improvements



North Carolina State
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (UNEXPIRED):
DEMOCRAT (No candidate) vs. REPUBLICAN Clancy Baucom



Clancy Baucom: He does not have a campaign website. Unable to locate information re: issues, philosophy, etc.

North Carolina State
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (AT LARGE):
DEMOCRAT Liz Baxter vs. REPUBLICAN Sarah May
DEMOCRAT Weston Burroughs vs. REPUBLICAN Todd Price



Liz Baxter's platform includes: Thriving Public School system – fullsome education and fully funded so that students have the necessary resources; Fight for students, faculty and teachers

Sarah May's focus: College & career readiness – many options (college, trades, military); Advocate for parent involvement in all our schools; and Retain talented teachers and staff





Weston Burroughs' platform includes: Health & Safety, Diversity, and Academic Success



Todd Price: He does not have a campaign website.

He believes the greatest benefit in Union County is their thriving school system, He believes he can further the tradition of strong public schools.



North Carolina State
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (DISTRICT 1):
DEMOCRAT John Kirkpatrick IV vs. REPUBLICAN (No candidate)

John Kirkpatrick does not have a campaign website

His reason to serve: Enhance the quality of education for all students, no matter their social status or challenges; and Bridge the gap between community and education for a successful and bright future for all



North Carolina State
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (DISTRICT 2):
DEMOCRAT Jenn Sanders vs. REPUBLICAN Matt Helms



Jenn Sanders's platform includes: Teacher Empowerment – ensuring fair compensation and support; Veteran Teacher Appreciation – compensation progression; Board Transparency – overhauling the consent agenda; and Equality and Inclusion – A commitment to representation for all UCPS students

Matt Helms does not have a campaign website

His reason to serve: To create a positive learning experience for the students of UCPS that will get them ready for higher education or to join today's workforce upon graduation



North Carolina State
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (DISTRICT 5):
DEMOCRAT (No candidate) vs. REPUBLICAN Joseph Morreale

Joseph Morreale does not have a campaign website but has a Facebook page.

His reason to serve: Institute policy that will allow Union County residents to enjoy the greatest schools in the region while doing everything in my power to maintain the low tax rate



North Carolina State
UNION COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS:
DEMOCRAT (No candidate) vs. REPUBLICAN Crystal Gilliard

Incumbent Crystal Gilliard does not have a campaign website