

US Senate

Roy Cooper



As Governor, Roy Cooper led North Carolina to be one of the fastest-growing states in the nation with a good quality of life, a strong education system, more health care coverage, and better-paying jobs. The state was named the best state for business three of the past four years.

He represented everyday people and small businesses while practicing law in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, where he and his wife Kristin raised three daughters. His mother was a public-school teacher, which helped cement his deep commitment to public education.

After being elected Attorney General, Cooper prosecuted criminals and protected North Carolina families, small businesses, and seniors for four consecutive terms. He oversaw a sharp decrease in crime and fought for consumers by putting scammers and predatory lenders out of business and standing up to the drug companies and big banks, getting billions of dollars back to North Carolinians. Now he wants to be Senator for North Carolina.

US Senate

Daryl Farrow



Daryl Farrow is a businessman, U.S. Navy veteran, and Democratic politician from North Carolina currently running for the **U.S. Senate** in 2026.

Political Career

- **2020 U.S. House Election:** He was the Democratic nominee for North Carolina's 3rd Congressional District. He received 36.6% of the vote, losing to Republican incumbent Greg Murphy.
- **Personal and Professional Background. Military & Business:** A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Farrow later became a businessman and serves as the Managing Director at DRG in Jacksonville, NC.
- **Education:** Born in Trenton, NC, he attended Jones County public schools and community colleges in Lenoir and Craven counties before graduating from **Kansas State University**.
- **Personal Life:** He is married and has two children.

US Senate Justin E. Dues



Justin Dues is a U.S. military veteran and Democratic politician from North Carolina currently running for the U.S. Senate in the 2026 election.

Professional & Military Background

Military Service: Served as a squad leader in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2003 to 2012, including deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

Career: He is an entrepreneur and educator who joined the North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC) in January 2025 as a Business Development Professional for Rowan, Cabarrus, Stanly, and Anson counties.

Education: Holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Maryland and an MBA from UNC Charlotte (2018).

Previous Candidacy

2024 U.S. House Race: Dues was the Democratic nominee for North Carolina's 8th Congressional District in 2024 but was defeated by Republican Mark Harris in the general election.

US Senate Robert Colon



Robert Colon, a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate in North Carolina for 2026, centers his platform on civil liberties, judicial reform, and global economic integration. His campaign emphasizes moving away from "partisan bickering" toward a system focused on "human dignity and equality". Society must deal with criminals properly. What works best in large cities may not work as well in small towns. Constitutional principles must always guide us.

Immigration

Immigrants should abide by the law. Immigration laws should also be fair. We should give those who come here hope for a better life.

Peace

America has nothing to gain from another war. We should be at peace with the world. Our President is to be applauded for his leadership in this area.

Tax Reform

The principle of low taxes is sure. Government should be frugal.

Values

America is founded on values that we all should defend. These values are freedom, justice, and unity.

US Senate Marcus Williams



Marcus Williams is a Democratic candidate running for the U.S. Senate in North Carolina for the 2026 election.

Background and Experience

Marcus W. Williams is a resident of Lumberton, NC, and has been a practicing attorney for over 45 years.

Legal Career: Private practice attorney and former Assistant Public Defender for North Carolina (2001–2006).

Leadership: Former CEO/Executive Director of the Statewide Legal Services Program in Pennsylvania and Regional Legal Services programs in North Carolina.

Past Political Bids: Williams is a frequent candidate for statewide office, having previously run for U.S. Senate (2008, 2010, 2022), Governor (1992, 2024), and N.C. Attorney General (2016).

Education: Graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Minnesota School of Law, where he served as Student Body President at both institutions.

US Senate Orrick Quick



Orrick Quick is a prominent pastor, community activist, and political candidate based in High Point, North Carolina.

Professional & Spiritual Leadership Political Career

U.S. Senate Campaign: As of early 2026, Quick is a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate to represent North Carolina. He launched his campaign in August 2025 for the seat currently vacated by Senator Thom Tillis.

Platform: His campaign emphasizes constitutional accountability, people-first policies, and addressing racial injustice.

Previous Runs: He has previously run for the High Point City Council.

Personal Background

Athletics: Before his ministry, he was a football player for N.C. State.

Public Speaking: He is a motivational speaker who covers topics such as overcoming adversity, personal growth, and faith-based success. Booking information for his speaking engagements can be found through agencies like AAE Speakers Bureau.

NC Supreme Court Anita Earls



Justice Anita Earls is a civil rights attorney and experienced jurist who is running for reelection to the North Carolina Supreme Court in 2026.

Her values of justice, equality, and fairness for all were born of the struggle she experienced growing up in a mixed-race family at a time when interracial marriages were illegal in most of the country.

President Clinton appointed her to be a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Returning to North Carolina, she worked alongside Julius Chambers at the UNC Center for Civil Rights and, in 2007, founded the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, a nonprofit legal advocacy organization. After serving as the organization's executive director for 10 years, Justice Anita Earls was elected to the North Carolina Supreme Court in 2018. Justice Earls has continued to demonstrate her steadfast dedication to upholding the law by protecting the rights and freedoms of all North Carolinians.

Justice Earls lives in Durham, North Carolina with her husband Charles Walton. She has two sons and three grandchildren.

NC Court of Appeals Toby Hampson



Judge Toby Hampson grew up in Moore County, NC. He is a proud product of North Carolina public schools having attended Sandhills Farm Life Elem., Union Pines HS, and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. He earned his B.A. from American Univ. with honors. Judge Hampson graduated from the Campbell University School of Law in 2002 with honors where he was inducted into the Order of Barristers and was a member of the Law Review.

Judge Hampson was elected to the Court of Appeals in 2018. He joined the court with extensive experience in appellate law.

He began his career at the North Carolina Court of Appeals clerking for Judges K. Edward Greene, Wanda Bryant and Bob C. Hunter. Hampson entered private practice with the Raleigh law firm of Patterson Dilthey focusing on trial and appellate litigation before joining Wyrick, Robbins, Yates & Ponton in 2007. At Wyrick he led the firm's Appellate Practice group.

He is a North Carolina State Bar certified specialist in Appellate Practice and serves on the North Carolina Bar Association Appellate Rules Committee. Judge Hampson lives in Raleigh with his wife, Kristin, a practicing lawyer, and their three daughters.

NC Court of Appeals James Whalen



Originally from Charlotte, James is the oldest of three and a proud product of North Carolina's public schools. James attended UNC Asheville, where he majored in math and philosophy. He worked on President Barack Obama's reelection campaign and served as UNC Asheville's student body president. After working in the N.C. General Assembly and managing winning political campaigns, James earned a full scholarship to UNC School of Law, where he graduated with distinction. While in law school, he interned for U.S. Appeals Court Judge James Wynn, Jr. After graduation, James worked for the Honorable U.S. District Court Judge Loretta Copeland Biggs in Winston-Salem, NC. There, he helped Judge Biggs preside over criminal cases and resolve major constitutional questions. James then worked for Josh Stein's Department of Justice handling high profile appeals. In one case, James fought gerrymandering all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. James is now in private practice in Raleigh, NC, where he focuses his work on appellate cases and democratic causes. James fought to stop legislative intrusion into former-Governor Roy Cooper's to executive powers. In 2024, James led the largest attorney voter protection program in NC history. 2025, he stopped judges from throwing out more than 60,000 votes and ensured that Justice Riggs was rightly installed as a Supreme Court Justice.

NC Court of Appeals John Arrowood



Judge Arrowood was born in Burnsville, North Carolina a son of the late Francis John and Margie Towe Arrowood. He lived in Yancey County until his parents' death when he was fifteen (15) years of age. Judge Arrowood currently resides in Charlotte where he is an active member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He was the Chancellor for the Parish until his appointment at the Court of Appeals. **Educational Information** University of North Carolina J.D.1982 Catawba College, B.A. Magna Cum Laude 1979. Hudson High School, 1975 with Honors. **Professional Background** Judge, North Carolina Court of Appeals, Raleigh, 2017- James, McElroy & Diehl, P.A. Charlotte, 2009-2017. Judge, North Carolina Court of Appeals, Raleigh, 2007-2008 Superior Court Judge, Charlotte, 2007 James, McElroy & Diehl, P.A. Charlotte, 1989-2007 Staff Attorney/Staff Director North Carolina Court of Appeals, Raleigh, 1983-1985, 1986-1989 Research Assistant Hon. Gerald Arnold, N.C. Court of Appeals, Raleigh, 1985-1986 **Honors and Awards** AV Preeminent Rated Martindale-Hubbell Outstanding Young Lawyer, Young Lawyers Division, N.C. Bar Association 1988-1989 Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Catawba College Whitener Award

NC Court of Appeals Christine Walczyk



I have been serving as a district court trial judge in Wake County for 18 years, and I am running for the North Carolina Court of Appeals in 2026. As the most experienced district court judge in Wake County, I have worked hard to safeguard the fundamental rights and liberties of those who appeared in my courtroom with well-reasoned, swift, and nonpartisan decisions.

Four chief district court judges (Democrat and Republican) nominated me to serve in leadership positions including Lead Judge in Family Court for many years, and currently as Lead Judge in the general civil court.

Prior to my service as a judge, I practiced law in Raleigh with Grafstein & Walczyk, P.L.L.C. representing small businesses with their transactional and litigation needs. I also represented indigent defendants in criminal cases and juveniles in delinquency matters.

Born in Raleigh, North Carolina, at the old Rex Hospital, I moved to Florida as a child and returned to North Carolina in 1992. I graduated *magna cum laude* from the Boston College Carroll School of Management and completed my Juris Doctor at the University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill.

I am actively involved in the community and the profession as a member of the National Association of Women Judges' Judicial Independence Committee, the North Carolina Bar Association's Women in the Profession Committee, and as Chair of the Judicial Division of the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys. I am a former instructor at Meredith College's Paralegal Program and Wake Technical Community College.

US House representative West Caudle



I grew up in the Yadkin Valley on the same family land my roots have occupied for over six generations. My grandfathers taught me the dignity of good, local jobs that allowed families to build a future, while my grandmothers - both entrepreneurs - showed me the value of community, hard work, and stepping forward with courage. Those lessons have guided me throughout my life. My early career in **law enforcement** taught me that trust is earned through honesty, integrity, and doing the right thing even when no one is watching. I learned that strong communities depend on leaders who are steady, accountable, and willing to stand up for what is right.

As a **public-school teacher**, I saw firsthand the hopes and challenges facing our kids and families. I worked alongside dedicated educators and students fighting battles many never see. That experience reinforced my belief that every child deserves someone who believes in them, and every family deserves someone who listens.

Today, I bring these same values to my work as a **small business owner** and through my career in the **public business sector**. I understand the pressures facing local businesses, the challenges that come with growth and lean times, and the importance of keeping jobs and opportunity rooted in our communities.

This is not about left versus right. It is about right versus wrong; the top versus the rest of us. I am not running just to send Pat Harrigan back to his lake house; I am running to take the fight to those who sold us out to the billionaires who bank roll them, on both sides of the aisle. We do not have to settle for lies, empty promises, or shallow policy proposals that do little to help our daily lives.

US House Representative

Ashley Bell



Ashley Bell is a lifelong public servant, educator, and healthcare professional running for Congress to bring compassion, competence, and common sense back to Washington. As a physician associate, public school teacher and university professor, Ashley has built a career in putting people first — whether in the clinic, in the classroom, or in the community.

Ashley's journey began in ruby red rural East Texas, where she was raised by small business owners. Her grandfather started an HVAC business in 1957 that still operates today. She became the first in her family to attend college, graduating from the University of Houston - depending on the Pell grant, academic and music scholarships, and multiple part time jobs to pay her way.

In her role as a PA, Ashley has cared for thousands of patients, treating not just symptoms but stories. She has seen firsthand how policy decisions made in Washington ripple through exam rooms, emergency departments, and struggling rural clinics. That experience fueled her next chapter: shaping the future of healthcare by educating the next generation of providers. She understands the importance of truth through science, and has taught evidence-based medicine and research skills at both masters and doctoral levels.

Ashley knows what it means to work hard, serve others, rise to meet a challenge, and pick oneself up after tough times. Her story is not about climbing a political ladder — it is about answering a call. A call from working families who cannot afford another round of political games. A call from students drowning in debt. A call from patients waiting weeks for care they need today. Ashley is running because she believes leadership is about showing up, listening, and doing the right thing — even when it is not easy.

Rooted in the values of education, service, and equity, Ashley's campaign is focused on bold solutions: expanding access to healthcare, strengthening public education, protecting reproductive freedom, and building an economy that works for everyone — not just the wealthy and well-connected.

US House Representative

Mir Yarfitz



I am launching a vigorous and progressive effort to flip NC-10. I am running to try to protect our neighbors from being kidnapped, defend the Constitution, and fight for a better quality of life for all residents of the district.

I've been organizing since I was 17: with unions, farmworkers, tenants, LGBTQ movements, here and abroad. I've lived in Winston-Salem since 2013. I'm a tenured professor of Latin American, Jewish, and gender and sexuality history. In this city, I've organized tenants, helped implement anti-discrimination protections, and volunteered in every election cycle. I have been standing up to bullies my entire life. As a queer and trans man, who transitioned over two decades ago, I have always been out and proud to defend myself and the lives of my friends. This candidacy was born on November 20, 2025, on the corner of Sprague and Old Lexington in Waughtown—Winston-Salem's Little Mexico—as Operation Charlotte's Web spread across the region. Terrified immigrant families and allies held that intersection for twelve hours. People brought food, whistles, and supplies. ICE didn't take our neighborhood that day. His advice to undocumented people? Stay home. we organized instead. We gathered 400 signatures in days, presented a petition, distributed food, diapers, coats—everything disappeared within minutes. We trained businesses, created bilingual materials, debunked ICE rumors, and partnered with other community organizations to verify hundreds of reports. Politicians mostly stayed silent. One incumbent told us plainly: you should run yourselves. The paramilitary violence continued to terrify immigrant communities across the state. So, we decided to try.

These are tough times and getting tougher. But we don't have to just let things get worse. People across NC-10 and around the country are stepping up to take bold action.

Together, we can meet this moment.

US House of Representative Marcus Pearson



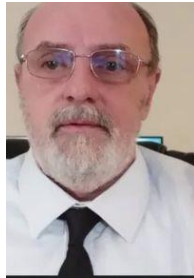
I want to personally welcome you to this exciting journey we're about to take together. I'm a proud father, a dedicated educator, and a passionate advocate for justice and equity—and I'm running for the United States House of Representatives. For the past four years, I've had the privilege of teaching Civics and World History in the public school system, helping young minds understand how the world works and how their government should work for them. Before that, I spent a decade coaching football at Winston-Salem State University, shaping not only athletes but future leaders. My passion for teaching goes hand in hand with my desire to create change—real, lasting change—one student, one classroom, and now, one community at a time. My daughters are my greatest inspiration. As a single father, I've learned firsthand the importance of investing in the future of our children. Through their eyes, I've come to better understand the need for social justice and the urgency of ensuring a more equitable future. The challenges they face today drive me to stand up—not only for them but for every family in our district who deserves a brighter, more inclusive tomorrow. This campaign is about all of us. It's about building a government that listens, learns, and leads with compassion and common sense. It's about making sure our voices are not only heard but respected. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about who I am and what I stand for. I hope to earn your support on March 3rd. Together, let's shape a future our children will be proud to inherit. With gratitude and hope, Marcus Pearson Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives

US House of Representative Harry Morley



I'm Harry Morley — a lifelong advocate for working families, a public school teacher, and now a candidate for Congress here in North Carolina's 10th District. I was raised in Fayetteville, the son of a dedicated Army Lieutenant Colonel who didn't come from West Point, but rose through the ranks by showing up, doing the work, and never backing down. My mom was the steady heart of our family — quiet, strong, and full of grace. They both rest now at Arlington National Cemetery, and not a day goes by that I don't think of the values they lived by sacrifice, humility, and a deep commitment to service. Those are the same values that guide me today — in the classroom, in our community, and in this campaign. **Public Education:** I've watched public schools get drained by private voucher schemes, with my opponent cheering it on. We must stop using taxpayer money to prop up private systems while public classrooms crumble. · I will advocate for restoring full funding to public schools · I will work to reverse the dismantling of the Department of Education and I will fight to ensure every child — rural or urban — has access to quality education **Healthcare & Reproductive Freedom** Your healthcare should never depend on your ZIP code or bank account. And no woman should fear legal consequences for seeking medical care from her own doctor. · I'll lead efforts to codify Roe v. Wade to protect women and providers · I'm here to help make sure that we protect rural hospitals by stopping Medicaid cuts won't stop until we fully fund the NIH and FDA to keep America leading in medical research **Jobs & Working Families** come from a paycheck-to-paycheck world. I've lived the tradeoffs and sacrifices. · I will fight for living wages and workers' rights · Support local businesses, not just big corporations And I'm driven by a promise to Invest in broadband, childcare, and infrastructure **Immigration & Farm Labor** North Carolina's farms run on the backs of immigrant workers — and they deserve a path to stability and dignity. · I support pathways to lawful residency and citizenship · Will work tirelessly to protect DACA and modernize border security and advocate to keep our food systems strong by respecting the labor that feeds us **Environment & Future Generations** We owe it to our kids and grandkids to be stewards of the land. I will: · Stand up for clean air, clean water, and sustainable growth · Restore green energy funding gutted by recent legislation · And ensure rural areas benefit from climate jobs and infrastructure.

US House of Representative Ralph Scott



Ralph Scott, of Statesville, is an Air Force veteran. He is the sixth great-grandson of former President James Madison, one of the nation's Founding Fathers. The below was taken from a Charlotte Observer Survey.

Professional experience: USAF, Automotive, USPS
Education: Some college. Democratic Nominee for Congress in 2024. **What would be your top priority if elected?** To fix the fractured mess the Republicans have made. Example: defund ICE and fix it. **Republican and Democratic candidates often explain the state of the economy differently. How do you see it and what, if anything, would you do that you believe would improve it?** What I see is decades of poor fiscal responsibility. The Republicans don't want to pay taxes, and the poor and middle class can't pay the entire bill. In 2025, **Congress caused the longest government shutdown in U.S. history. What should members of Congress do to prevent this in the future and how important is it for Congress to pass a budget?** The best way to stop a government shutdown is don't introduce bills that harm people. **Where do you stand on Medicaid coverage and Affordable Care Act subsidies?** I think Universal health is the best way to fix health care. **Should the president go before Congress before taking military action in foreign countries?** Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11 of the Constitution requires congressional approval of war. **Do you believe the immigration crackdown has had collateral effects for residents with legal status?** Blowing doors off of hinges with explosives is a bit excessive. **Do you believe oversight of public education should be left up to individual states?** No, there should be a standard. But, the states should have wiggle room. Is there an issue on which you disagree with your party? What is your position on that issue? The Democratic Party holds onto the past too much. It just seems like even when it looks like it's best to explore a new way, they flinch.

Full disclosure: The above information was taken from Campaign Websites or published public information. Formatting was adjusted to accommodate for the various fonts and formats when collected from candidate resources and imperfect.

More information from Democrats running in Lincoln County to come. These Candidates are unopposed.

Rod Powell: NC Senate, District 44

Greg McBryde: NC House District 97

Jim Watson: Lincolnton Mayor

Tommy Husky: Lincolnton City Council

Mary Frances White: Lincolnton City Council

Mary Morrison: Tentative Board of Education (Mary requires a petition of 3000 signatures to run! Come to HQ and sign it for her!)