

US Senate Roy Cooper



"FOR TOO MANY AMERICANS, THE MIDDLE CLASS FEELS LIKE A DISTANT DREAM.

Meanwhile, the biggest corporations and the richest Americans have grabbed unimaginable wealth at your expense. I'm running for Senate because it's time for that to change."

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.

Cooper was born and raised in Nash County, North Carolina, where he attended public schools and worked summers on the farm before earning undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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.

For years, he taught Sunday School and tutored students in local public schools. Cooper entered public service after being elected to the legislature, where he worked to raise teacher pay and strengthen law enforcement, and wrote North Carolina's first children's health insurance initiative.

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.

Roy Cooper Kicks Off Statewide "Make Stuff Cost Less" Campaign, Announces New Plan to Lower Food and Grocery Costs

Support Our Farmers and Stop Chaotic Tariffs. Tariffs drive up costs on farmers who have to pass the costs along to restaurants, grocery stores and hardworking North Carolinians. **Block Anti-Competitive Mergers.** Strengthen antitrust enforcement in grocery retail and food processing to block corporate mergers that reduce competition and raise prices. **Ban algorithms** on grocery pricing to make it illegal for companies to raise the price of groceries based on a specific customer. **Make it illegal** for food producers to reduce competition to increase prices using digital tools to collude. Stop companies from using algorithms to coordinate prices and supply information to drive up the cost.

<https://roycooper.com>

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 knows what it means to work hard, serve others, rise to meet a challenge, and pick oneself up after tough times.

Save America

Ashley Bell is running for office with an urgent mission: to save American democracy. At a time when fundamental freedoms, fair elections, and the rule of law are under attack, Ashley is stepping up with the courage to defend our institutions and restore faith in government.

Increase aid for necessary costs

Cap

prescription drug prices and outlaw PBM middleman game. Make housing affordable. Decrease everyday prices. Increase take home pay. Cut other costs i.e. Automatic student loan repayment caps, Universal free school meals, childcare tax credits and direct subsidies, simplify tax filing and reinstate IRS Free File

Make Insurance Pay

Prior authorization must be abolished, Formularies must go, Pharmacy benefit managers should be outlawed.

Medicare For All.

Provide support and funding for private practices. Support healthcare providers. Increase funding for healthcare provider training. Protect the National Health Service Corps and Public Service Loan Forgiveness
Untether healthcare coverage from employment.

Why we must get money out of politics

Big donors drown out everyday voters—policy starts serving wealth, not people. It fuels corruption and the appearance of corruption, eroding trust in democracy.

Education is under attack in America.

From early childhood programs to universities, education is being underfunded, privatized, and influenced by political extremists. Trump is currently trying to dismantle the Department of Education. Why? Because education is how we develop critical thinking skills that enable us to think for ourselves, rather than blindly follow whatever he says.

Abolish ICE

ICE as an institution has terrorized immigrants and US Citizens alike. They cannot be trusted and will never be trusted in the future. They have done irreparable damage to local law enforcement agencies, who have had their attempts to regain and

Women's Rights Women are more than capable of making their own decisions and running their own lives. We don't need the government, politicians, or anyone else helping us with that.

LGBTQ+ Rights In this country, freedom means the right to live without fear, the right to love without shame, and the right to be seen and treated as fully human. That freedom is not negotiable. I believe in the dignity and equality of every person — no matter who they are or who they love. LGBTQ+ Americans deserve the same rights, protections, and opportunities as anyone else. Period.

Disability Rights

Promoting disability rights benefits society as a whole. Inclusive education and workplaces foster innovation and diversity. Public spaces designed for accessibility serve everyone. Upholding disability rights challenges harmful stereotypes and builds a more compassionate, just world. It shifts the narrative from viewing disability as a deficit to understanding it as a natural part of the human experience—one that should be met with support, respect, and equal opportunity.

<https://www.ashleybellforcongress.com>

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.

<https://earls4justice.com/>

Please view Justice Earls Video for more information:

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. 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.

<https://www.judgechristine.org/>

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.

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.

<https://www.judgetobyhampson.com/>

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

<https://www.keepjudgearrowood.com/>

More information from Democrats running in Lincoln County pending.

Greg McBryde: NC House District 97

Jim Watson: Lincolnton Mayor

Tommy Husky: Lincolnton City Council

Mary Frances White: Lincolnton City Council

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NC Senate, District 44

Rod Powell



I'm Rod Powell, a retired public school teacher and tireless advocate for our communities. I'm running for North Carolina Senate, District 44 to stand up for public schools, healthcare access, and small towns that deserve to be heard in Raleigh. District 44 represents Cleveland, Lincoln and the Cherryville area of Gaston County.

Where I Stand For Working Families in District 44.

"I am running to fight for lower bills, better pay, and fair rules for working people"

Public Schools: As a retired teacher, I believe strong public schools are one of the best investments we can make. I support better teacher pay, safe classrooms, strong reading and math instruction and career and technical education that prepare students for real work here at home.

Health Care: People in District 44 should not have to choose between seeing a doctor and paying the power bill, I support protecting Medicaid lowering prescription costs, defending rural hospitals, and improving access to primary care and mental health care.

Cost of Living and Jobs: Families are getting squeezed by groceries, gas insurance, rent, utility bills, and child care. I support fair pay, apprenticeships, job training and economic development that help local workers and small businesses. The people who do the work ought to be able to afford the basics.

Rural Communities: I live in rural Casar, so I know what it means when broadband is weak. Roads need work, and services feel far away. Small towns and rural communities deserve the same attention, respect, and investment as anybody else.

Affordable Child Care: Working parents need child care they can trust and afford. I support practical steps to expand access to child care, especially in rural communities, so parents can stay in the workforce and children can begin school ready to learn.

Housing and Fair Rules: Too many families are on one rent increase or one property tax bill away from real strain. I support affordable housing, fair tax policy, and growth that does not push out the people who already live and work here.

Work

Former Social Studies Educator/Retired at Mooresville Graded School District, 1997 – 2016

Lincoln County NC Public Schools, 1987 – 1997

Outside Sales Representative at Carolina Office Equipment' January 10, 1985 – 1987

College

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Class of 1984

High school

Lucy Ragsdale High 1977 – 1980

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NC House of Representatives, District 97

Greg McBryde



My name is Greg McBryde and together we're going to have to do some amazing things in order to save our democracy. This isn't about right or left, liberal or conservative anymore; it's about what's right and what's wrong. It's about our Constitution and it's about American values.

We've come to the tipping point in this country. This is the moment that we decide if our democracy can be saved and if collectively, we have the strength and courage to do what has to be done to save it.

I've been married for 37 years and I've owned a small business. Believe me when I say that I know how to fight for the important things in my life.

I have three adult children who are the strongest, smartest people I know and I worry constantly about their future. I know what it's like to protect them and insure that their best interests are being met, but the current majority has other priorities in regards to their responsibilities to their constituents.

I've worked hard all of my life, providing for my family, building a home with my wife, and serving my community. I believe in America. I believe in North Carolina. Mostly though, I believe in the people of this great country.

I believe we're better than we've been. I believe in the rule of law, but I believe in compassion and empathy as well. I believe that as a community, as a whole, we can overcome almost anything.

I believe public education is the foundation of our society and deserves so much more than we've given it. We should be dedicated to providing a world class education for all of our children and that means so much more than just ensuring minimal financial support. It means committing our government and ourselves to supporting and ensuring that our system meets the highest standards. Our kids deserve nothing less.

Reliable and affordable Healthcare is also crucial to our societal wellbeing. Healthy constituents make healthy communities and healthy work forces. We cannot abandon our concerns and commitment to the underserved rural and low income communities in our state or we will pay for our lack of foresight in the decades to come.

All of these concerns are amplified by the insidious gerrymandering being weaponized by the Republican majority in our state. We're promised free and fair elections to select our representatives, and their willingness to subvert and oppress the voices of North Carolinians merely to cling to power is reprehensible. It has to stop. When asked about their willingness to abuse the Constitution, their answer is always "Democrats did it first". Every time I hear that I think about my grandmother whose response would be, "Just because Johnny jumped in the pond don't mean you should", and I think that's what it boils down to. Wrong is wrong, no matter how you twist it to fit your own narrative.

Donations are appreciated. ActBlue/Venmo coming soon.
Send checks to Greg McBryde, 209 E Congress Street, Lincolnton, NC, 28092
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VOTE FOR DEMS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

US SENATE.....ROY COOPER

US HOUSE.....ASHLEY BELL

NC SUPREME COURT..... ANITA EARLS

NC COURT OF APPEALSCHRISTINE WALCZYK

NC COURT OF APPEALS....TOBY HAMPTON

NC COURT OF APPEALS....JOHN ARROWOOD

NC SENATEROD POWELL

NC HOUSE..... GREG MCBRYDE

CITY OF LINCOLNTON

MAYOR..... JIM WATSON

CITY COUNCIL..... TOMMY HUSKEY

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