

Youth Candidate Guide – Election 2012

Using this guide

Whether you are 18 and a registered voter, a student under 18 who is planning to vote in the mock election, a 10th grader in civics class, or simply interested in the people who are running for office, this guide is for you.

Who created this guide? Arjun Gupta, a senior at Providence High School, was looking for public information about the candidates for Mecklenburg County offices. He found little. In partnership with GenerationNation, a K-12 civic education organization in Charlotte, Arjun contacted the candidates and created this guide as a service to students and the community.

Where does the information come from? In October 2012, all candidates were asked to fill out surveys so that the students of Mecklenburg County as well as the community could get a better understanding of candidates' stances on major issues.

Why are there profiles for some candidates and not others? If candidates did not respond after multiple attempts to reach them, we simply listed their name with the phrase "Candidate did not provide requested information."

*On some of the profiles, information is noted with a *and italics. What does that mean?* To maximize student understanding, definitions for acronyms and terminology have been added to candidate profiles. For example, if a candidate mentioned STEM education, a definition of STEM (*STEM=science, technology, engineering and math) is included. Information provided by the candidates is unchanged.

Where can I learn more? For more information, information on candidates that did not provide information for this voter guide, and links to other good voting resources, see the end of this document.

If you are a registered voter, find information about voting at www.meckboe.org

If you are not a registered voter (including students under 18), find information about the mock vote at www.generationnation.org/index.php/election/KV_election2012

United States House of Representatives

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The US House of Representatives is part of Congress. Duties include:

- Working with the Senate to create and approve legislation.
- Initiating revenue bills, including taxes.
- Impeaching officials.
- Electing the President in the event of an Electoral College deadlock.

House members serve 2-year terms and are elected by citizens in their districts. Representation is determined by the population in a given area. More representation often means more political power.

North Carolina is divided into 13 Congressional districts. Each district will elect one member to the US House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. The districts in our area are US Congress District 8, US Congress District 9, and US Congress District 12.

Find your district:

<http://www.app.sboe.state.nc.us/webapps/redistrict/NCRedistrictMapSingle.html?2468608,,Congressional,2011>

More information about the House of Representatives www.house.gov

Candidates for US Congress District 8

Larry Kissell (Democrat) - Candidate did not provide requested information

Richard Hudson (Republican) - Candidate did not provide requested information

Candidates for US Congress District 9

Jennifer Roberts (Democrat) - Candidate information follows

Robert Pittenger (Republican) - Candidate did not provide requested information

Curtis Campbell (Libertarian) - Candidate did not provide requested information

Candidates for US Congress District 12

Mel Watt (Democrat) - Candidate information follows

Jack Brosch (Republican) - Candidate information follows

Candidates for US Congress - District 9

Jennifer Roberts

Which office are you running for?

US House of Representatives, NC 9

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Facebook: Jennifer Roberts for Congress NC9

Occupation:

Mecklenburg County Commissioner - At-Large

Education:

East Mecklenburg High School, Valedictorian

University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill, Morehead Scholar

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Masters Degree

University of Toronto, Masters Degree

Community Involvement:

Maya Angelou Women Who Lead Award; Girl Scouts Hornets Nest; Governor's Crime Commission; Housing Partnership Mayor's International Cabinet; PTA Board of Smith Academy Middle School; Shelter for Battered Women; Women's Commission Advisory Board

Political experience:

I have been a strong, independent voice for NC families on the Mecklenburg County Commission for the past eight years, five as chairman.

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

As a former High School math teacher I have been a consistent supporter of public schools. As a Congressperson, I will work to eliminate high stakes standardized testing and use the savings to promote science, technology, engineering and math to ensure our students are prepared for the modern workplace.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

I will work every day to bring jobs to the Charlotte area. I have a plan to create jobs for North Carolina families that includes improving workforce training by increasing apprenticeships, making clean energy a priority and expanding North Carolina exports.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I will reach across the aisle and work with both Republicans and Democrats to find common ground for cutting the federal budget.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I have always worked to be an open and accessible representative, listening to all viewpoints. I enjoy being out in the community and will continue to reach out and engage all groups, young and old.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

One of the most important issues facing Congress today is a lack of cooperation and a failure to work together on behalf of people. I will continue to put ideology aside and work with all groups to make tomorrow better than today.

Candidates for US Congress - District 12

Mel Watt (Democrat)

Which office are you running for?

US House - District 12

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Twitter: None

Facebook: None

Occupation:

Member of Congress

Education:

York Road High 1963; UNC-Chapel Hill 1967; Yale University Law School 1970

Community involvement:

Served on numerous boards before being elected to Congress (Communities in Schools, President of Mecklenburg County Bar, Legal Services Corp, etc.)

Political experience:

Managed Harvey Gantt's campaigns for City Council, Mayor of Charlotte & US Senate; Served 1 term in NC Senate; Have served in Congress for 20 years

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

I will continue to vote for funding at the federal level to lift students who are under-performing to acceptable levels (STEM, Title I Reading, School Lunch, Race to Top)* and will continue to support funding for Pell Grants & student loans for students to attend college.

Notes:

**STE means Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.*

**Title I is a federal program to distribute funding for schools/school districts with a high percentage of students from low-income families.*

**Race to the Top is a federal initiative offering funding to states that reform and innovate their education systems*

**Pell Grants are federal, need-based grants to low-income students so they may attend college*

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

I will continue to support tax relief for low & middle-income families, responsible regulation of businesses and expenditures for infrastructure (roads, bridges, light rail, etc.), all of which tend to stimulate the economy.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I will continue to support robust federal funding for Medicare, Medicaid, education, etc, most of which is channeled through state and local governments & has substantial impact on their budgets.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

By continuing to advocate against policies and laws that disenfranchise voters or discourage them from voting (e.g. voter ID laws) and continuing to interact regular with citizens and young people to encourage them to vote and to be involved.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

Thank you for the opportunity to complete your questionnaire. Please stay involved and vote.

Jack Brosch (Republican)**Which office are you running for?**

US Congress NC 12th

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Occupation:

Computer Consultant

Education:

Torrey Pines High School, Del Mar CA, class of 1976 California State University Sacramento, BA-
Management Information Science, class of 1986

Community involvement:

North East Coalition, ??; Derita Statesville Road Community Organization, 2004 - current

Political experience:

Have not run for prior political office, Precinct Chair for Mecklenburg County GOP June 2010 –
Oct 2011

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

Close the federal department of education - this is a States Rights issue

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

Balance budget amendment - jobs through reduced government regulation / interference.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

Local issue.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

6 annual town halls to talk about what is happening in Washington and ask opinions from the
people I serve.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

VOTE!! Good non-partisan information for you and your class can be found at
www.VoteSmart.org.

County Commission

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mecklenburg County consists of:

- Charlotte
- Cornelius
- Davidson
- Huntersville
- Matthews
- Mint Hill
- Pineville
- Stallings (shared with Union Co.)

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is the governing body for Mecklenburg County.

Responsibilities of the BOCC include:

- Adopt the annual county budget
- Set the property tax rate
- Define county priorities and policies
- Hire the county manager, a professional who manages the daily operations of the county

What does county government do?

- Community health and safety – courts, social services, health
- Education and economic development – CMS and CPCC funding, job training, libraries
- Growth and environment – parks and greenways, historic preservation
- County government operations – staffing, budgets, tax collection, code enforcement, elections, public information, property and more

How are commissioners elected?

- Mecklenburg County Commissioners members serve 2-year terms.
- Elections are held in November of even-numbered years, and Commissioners elect a chairman and vice-chairman during their first meeting each December.
- Six Commissioners are elected by district and three at-large Commissioners are elected by county-wide vote (aka at-large).

More information:

- www.mecklenburgcountync.gov
- http://www.generationnation.org/documents/YouthCivics_Mecklenburg_Cty.pdf

Candidates for the Board of County Commissioners

At-Large (represent the entire county) – voters will elect 3 at-large candidates

Pat Cotham (D) - Candidate information follows

Trevor Fuller (D) - Candidate did not provide requested information

Kim Ratliff (D) - Candidate information follows

Jason Bateman (L) - Candidate did not provide requested information

Michael Hobbs (R) - Candidate did not provide requested information

James Peterson (R) - Candidate information follows

Wayne Powers (R) - Candidate information follows

Pat Cotham (Democrat)

Which office are you running for?

At Large County Commission

Website: www.patcotham.com

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Occupation:

Employment Advocate for people who have been in prison

Education:

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO BA Spanish BJ Journalism

Community involvement:

trustee at the NC Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, Education Institute, Peace and Justice Ministry at St. Matthew Catholic Church, visit the dying, supporter of Florence Crittendon Center for pregnant teens

Political experience:

DNC Member (one of seven in state), Precinct Leader, President of Democratic Women three times, Chair of the Uptown Democratic Forum for 11 years, NCDP Executive Council Member, Winner of the Grassroots Democrat of the Year 2012, active in many campaign, Named a "Star" of the state-wide Democratic Women

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

Education is the pathway to prosperity and I will be a strong and vocal advocate. in my job everyday I talk with persons who have dropped out of school and went to prison-it is REAL to me. We must focus on funding that impacts the classroom and increases graduation rates.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

I help people every day find jobs. I have 25 years of experience in recruiting and job placement. I would also talk to CPCC and encourage them to teach nursing, hairstyling and other trades so persons who are not college bound can find jobs with affordable training.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I would ask more input from people within the departments. Students at Providence know more about the school than someone sitting uptown. Budget needs to be "lean but not mean." We must focus on quality of life for everyone.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I have always supported Teen Democrats, College Democrats and young democrats. My daughter a Providence Grad is the youngest woman in the NC House. Youth voices are important to the political conversation. If I win invite me to speak!

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

We need to talk more about mental health as a community. We need to protect our environment and educate people on how to do that. We need to focus on promoting a healthy life. Government should not be an obstacle for business but a partner.

Kim Michele Ratliff (Democrat)

Which office are you running for?

Mecklenburg County Commission At Large

Website: www.kimformeckcounty.com

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Facebook: KimforCountyCommission

Occupation:

Full-time Candidate

Education:

Degree in Political Science/Public Administration from North Carolina Central University

Community involvement:

Chapter President for NCCU Alumni Association Member of Young Democrats Member of Mecklenburg Democratic Women Club Member of Black Political Caucus VP of Holiday Hills/Alexander Hills Neighborhood Association Former Precinct 61 Chair

Political experience:

Former Legislative Chair for Communication Workers of America Local 3603 Former Legislative Chair for Black Political Caucus Lobbied at the local, state and federal level for CWA and AFL-CIO Worked on local campaigns since 1992

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

I plan to work with other elected officials, the Chamber of Commerce* and small business owners to recruit new businesses and inspire growth to hire the unemployed/underemployed.

**Chamber of Commerce is a private, volunteer-led organization that seeks to make Charlotte a great place to run a business. They work to strengthen Charlotte's economic atmosphere and make*

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

As a county commissioner we really only deal with the local budget for soft services of Mecklenburg County. I will work with City Council and the General Assembly* to do what is best for the citizens.

**The General Assembly is the legislative branch of North Carolina's state government. It includes the State House of Representatives and the State Senate.*

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

When I elected I will help to get more students involved in the political process and how government works. I would also encourage our youth to take the civics course offered by League of Women Voters*.

**League of Women Voters-A community organization that works to educate voters with impartial information on local candidates and issues.*

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

I am a Charlotte native and passionate about students and their education beyond high school. As a commissioner and mentor

James Peterson (Republican)

Which office are you running for?

County Commission At Large

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JamesPetersonCountyCommission>

Occupation:

Financial Services

Education:

Executive MBA - McColl School of Business/Queens University Computer Science - University of North Carolina Charlotte

Community involvement:

YMCA Youth programs CRM - Charlotte Rescue Mission Youth Sports Coach Assist the HHH with feeding homeless

Political experience:

None of the Mecklenburg County Commission at Large candidates has ever served in office before. I believe this is an asset and helps to keep our leaders in touch with our community and not a typical politician mentality.

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

The history of the commission and CMS has been strained over the last few years with contention from budgeting. I will make sure communications with CMS and Superintendent Morrison occurs on a regular basis and not just at budget time. We can find commonalities in our objectives and create a more transparent environment for the public.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

My focus is on jobs. Charlotte/Mecklenburg continues to experience a flight of people and business across the county and state lines for the purpose of lower taxes. We, the county and state need to stop this loss of employers. We need to reduce the overhead* local companies pay so that they can remain competitive and stay in our county. Fifteen years ago Charlotte/Mecklenburg did not have to pay companies to move here. We attracted them with our resources, our people, our location, and simply our business friendly environment. We need to get that back.

**Overhead-The general, fixed costs of running a business*

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I will broaden our tax base* by reducing taxes and increasing the number of people employed. Mecklenburg county currently has an unemployment rate of approx 10% and approx 20% for minorities. That is simply not acceptable for our great city/county.

**Tax base-All the citizens who pay taxes. This is where the government draws its revenue.*

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I will create a more transparent government. I believe we should have sessions available with our local leaders where citizens can actually get feed back on their concerns. Not just a 3 min address to the commission with no response.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

Our County commission has fallen off track with many issues. DSS*, CMS**, and the property revaluations*** are just the top three. I will make sure these responsibilities are addressed with my leadership. County Commissioners are not just there to collect a check and get favoritism from their districts. They are there to do a job. I will do that job with a passion because I know that the decisions I will make not only directly impact my family but it also directly impacts your family. Please Vote James Peterson: www.ElectJamesPeterson.com

**Department of Social Services*

***Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools ***Property revaluations-The county determines how much someone's house is worth. This matters because based on that number is how much that person will pay in property tax*

Wayne Powers (Republican)

Which office are you running for?

At-Large Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/ElectWaynePowers

Occupation:

Independent Business Owner, National Voice Artist. Former radio talk show host (WBT)

Education:

B.A. - American History, Political Science

Much specific professional training in theatre and broadcasting.

Community involvement:

I've sponsored Little League teams; as a member of the Carolina Theatre Preservation Society Board of Directors, I negotiated the last deal which saved this Charlotte landmark from the wrecking ball; very active in helping our neediest neighborhoods, much more.

Political experience:

Politically active for most of my life, including many opinion pieces on a wide array of issues in the Charlotte Observer and other publications, but I've never run for office before.

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

I will help guide the County Commission in working with the School Board and our new Superintendant to restore trust and cooperation so we can restructure CMS to focus our resources on the students and teachers the classrooms, rather than the bureaucrats in the office towers.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

Our tax base* is fleeing over the county and state lines, and we're bleeding jobs as a result. I will work to lower taxes and restore an attractive economic climate for businesses and families to relocate here and stay here.

**Tax base-All the citizens who pay taxes. This is where the government draws its revenue.*

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I will work to eliminate waste, fraud and duplication of efforts in our county budget, which is now approximately \$1.5 BILLION per year.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

Our youth is our future, and citizen engagement is absolutely essential if we are to solve our growing problems. I have always strongly advocated for both and will continue to do so in every way possible. This is critical!

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

Yes. Please visit my campaign web site (www.ElectWaynePowers.com) and view the "Meet Wayne Powers" video. It's a recent TV interview. You'll get to know me well by the end of it. Thank you for your interest!

Candidates for Board of County Commissioners, Districts

Here's an approximate guide to help you find your district. This lists which district each school is in, based on the school address. If your school is not on the list, use the closest school as a guide.

<http://www.generationnation.org/documents/2012electiondistricts.pdf>

Board of County Commissioners - District 1

Keith Bradford (Democrat)

Which office are you running for?

County Commissioner Dist 1

Website: www.voteKeithBradford.com

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Twitter: none

Facebook: none

Occupation:

Sr. Systems Analyst

Education:

High School graduated

Community involvement:

I have been feeding the Homeless for over 11 years. Financially support youth throughout CMS in playing sports & summer camp.

Political experience:

Working & supporting candidates work similar ideas. Attending County, City & School Board meetings.

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

I would continue to support the Arts & Sciences Council*. Holding the School Board accountable for making sure All children receiving a fair & equal education. I would also go into the schools to make sure children are receiving the benefits

**Arts and Science Council is the major city advocate for art, science, history and heritage. They are the public arts agent for the city of Charlotte, and plan cultural activities in the city.*

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

I would work with the school system to make sure we are creating a workforce in bring companies here. CPCC has the ability to retrain people for jobs that are coming to our region.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

First I believe that if we are funding programs that are successful then we need to continue to fund them. If we are underfunding then we need to look at ways to be able to fund. I would work with all levels of government to make sure we are working together in our budgetary efforts.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I have a plan to have senior citizens & youth work together in showing the connection & creating values in forming relationships.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

No but I will be available as an elected official as well as a private citizen.

Karen Bentley (Republican)

Candidate did not provide requested information

Board of County Commissioners - District 2

Vilma D. Leake (Democrat)

Which office are you running for?

County Commissioner District 2

Website: N/A

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Twitter: N/A

Facebook: Vilma Leake

Occupation:

Former Educator, Public Speaker, Consultant

Education:

B.A. Livingstone College

Masters in Education from University of Buffalo, NC; completed coursework for Doctorate at University of San Francisco; other advanced studies

Community involvement:

Member of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, National Council of Negro Women, NAACP, Black Political Caucus, Pi Lambda Theta National Honor Society, Community Relations Committee, President of CMAE, Missionary

Political experience:

11 years on Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education; presently serving 2nd term on Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

I will support CMS financially through the County's annual budget process, communicate with parents on the issue of the importance of a quality education for ALL children, I will work with organizations that support public education

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

I will continue to support efforts to attract and retain businesses and jobs to the Charlotte Community. I presently convene a Small Business Consortium* bi-monthly to provide opportunities for small business contracting and training. I will continue to encourage colleges to provide training programs to help workers develop new skills.

**A consortium is a combination of business people working together for mutual benefit, often to perform some financial action that requires a lot of money.*

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I will continue as I have to advocate for children and teachers and important priorities in the budget adoption schedule.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I will continue to attend and read available materials that support young people and encourage the community to become involved and engaged in support for our youth. I will also work to encourage adults to set good examples for our young people.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to answer these important questions. I have dedicated my life and my energy to support and value education and the needs of young

people. Quality schools, teachers, and administrators are a vital part of making a difference. My motto is that it is "all about the children"

Kevin Spitzmiller (Republican)

Candidate did not provide requested information

Board of County Commissioners - District 3
(Uncontested Race - 1 Candidate)

George Dunlap (Democrat)

Which office are you running for?

County Commission, District 3

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Occupation:

Retired Police Officer, former SRO and DARE Officer

Education:

MPA UNCC BS Criminal Justice, UNCC AA Police Science, CPCC AA Correctional Science, CPCC

Community involvement:

Chair of the Board of Directors, Centralina Economic Development Commission Chair of the Board of Directors, Saint Paul Baptist Church Board Member, Communities in Schools Board Member, CARS Board of Advisors, Alexanders

Political experience:

Member of the Board of Education for 14 years County Commissioner 4 years

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

I will impact education by supporting a budget request from the School Board that provides for a quality education for all children.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

I will impact the economy by continuing to support incentives that bring jobs to our community.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I will impact the local, state or federal budget by ensuring the county runs as efficiently as possible; void of as much waste as possible.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I will impact youth and citizen engagement by ensuring that both have a forum whereby they may express their issues and concerns.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

I appreciate the support and vote of confidence given to me by the citizens of District 3, as I continue to serve you for another term of office.

Board of County Commissioners - District 4
(Uncontested Race - 1 Candidate)

Dumont Clarke (Democrat)

Candidate did not provide requested information

Board of County Commissioners - District 5

Paula Harvey (Democrat)

Which office are you running for?

County Commission District 5

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/paula.harvey>

Occupation:

Human Resources Consultant and College Instructor

Education:

MBA from UNC Charlotte with concentration in Human Resources Management.
Bachelor's of Business Admin from the University of Texas at Austin.
Certified HR professional (SPHR, GPHR)

Community involvement:

Serving as NC Society for HR Management State Director. Past President, Charlotte Area SHRM. 18 year volunteer with American Red Cross. Lifetime Girl Scout and 11 year troop leader and council trainer. Served on NFP boards and active as a lay minister in my church.

Political experience:

This is my first time running for office.

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

As an educator for the last 12+ years, I will always be an advocate for quality education. Hopefully in my future role as county commissioner I will work with the school board to approve a budget for CMS that will be financially responsible and support the students, teachers and staff.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

As a successful business owner of two debt-free companies, I understand the needs of businesses to be successful. We must influence legislation in the county that will retain and attract organizations to the area providing good jobs to get people back to work.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

One of the main roles of the county commissioner is to be a good steward of the county's tax revenues and to approve and work with the \$1.3 Billion budget. Since I teach budgeting and taxation courses, I am extremely qualified to work with any size budget.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I teach undergrads at UNC Charlotte and continuing education at CPCC and have had over 7000+ students in the Charlotte area. This experience allows me to have great understanding of young people and many consider me to be their mentor. Also my 20-year-old twins keep me well informed on youth issues.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

I am passionate about being a wonderful future county commissioner. I feel that I am very qualified to perform the duties of the job. I will research, listen and make informed decisions. It would be an honor to serve my community as a commissioner.

Matthew Ridenhour (Republican)

Candidate did not provide requested information

Board of County Commissioners - District 6

Connie Green-Johnson (Democrat)

Which office are you running for?

County Commissioner District 6

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Twitter: [conniegreenjoh1](https://twitter.com/conniegreenjoh1)

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

Occupation:

Retired Health Care Provider

Education:

Masters in Public Administration Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary with a Concentration in Health Administration

Community involvement:

Mecklenburg County Democratic Party precinct chair for 227, Mecklenburg Democratic Women, serve as the Chair for Issues, Member of the North Carolina State Democratic Executive Committee, co-founder of the South Mecklenburg Democratic Coalition & Facilitated the meeting, Set on the Charlotte Relations Committee, serve on the Education sub-committee, Volunteer at the Matthews Presbyterian Hospital Charlotte; Community Health Clinic; Harvey Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture; Charlotte Film Festival; Mecklenburg County Adult Care Home Advisory Committee; American Association of University Women; League of Women Voters; 3rd Vice Chair Black Political Caucus of Mecklenburg County; member & co-founder of the International Rotary Club of Mecklenburg.

Political experience:

First time candidate.

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

I would advocate for the Teachers to keep their jobs depending on their peer/ site inspectors' evaluations. I would look at the higher salaries of the school system, do away with a lot of heavy staff administrators. I would continue to advocate for increase salaries of teachers and it would not depend test scores.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

I would continue to encourage small business opportunities. Provide more vocation training for other job markets. Encourage businesses to move their companies to Mecklenburg County offer incentives, but monitor their delivery of jobs for our citizens.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I would not "RUBBER STAMP" the Mecklenburg County Budget. I would review each "LINE ITEM". And ask the Hard questions about the different items.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I plan to hold quarterly Town Hall meetings, open door policy to all the citizens. Plan to set-up youth government program and instead of talking to/at youth, really began to listen to them and ask if they have complains (which there should, come with solutions/suggestions).

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

You included all that I would want to know, Thank you for including our campaign.

Commissioner Bill James (Republican)

Which office are you running for?

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retired CPA*

**CPA-Certified Public Accountant*

Education:

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Community involvement:

Chairman of the City of Charlotte Privatization Committee (1994 to 1996) Member of the County Capital Budget Advisory Committee (1995) Candidate for City Council (1993 and 1995) Member of the County Commission since 1996

Political experience:

1993 Candidate for Charlotte City Council 1994 to 1996 Charlotte's Privatization Committee
1995 Mecklenburg County bond committee 1996 Elected to County Commission 1998 Re-elected to County Commission 2000 Re-elected to County Commission 2002 Re-elected to County Commission 2004 Re-elected to County Commission 2006 Re-elected to County Commission 2008 Re-elected to County Commission 2010 Re-elected to County Commission 2012 Running for Re-election to County Commission 1996 Delegate to the GOP Convention (San Diego, Ca) 1984 Attended the GOP Convention (Dallas, Tx)

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

Public education won't work without functioning parents. Government can't 'fix' public education because the problem isn't a shortage of money.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

The best way to help the economy is to cut the Mecklenburg County budget and reduce taxes. Lower taxes means more money in the pockets of taxpayers. Money that they can spend on things they need. Government needs to be smaller.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I won't raise taxes and will vote to prioritize spending. Democrats just raise taxes for everything. To them everything is a 'top priority'.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I have zero interest in promoting 'youth and citizen engagement' other than raising my children to participate in the public square. It is the responsibility of other parents to raise their own children. It is not the responsibility of government to do so. Children and adults should want to 'engage' in the elections process. Government doesn't need a 'program' to help them.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

No

North Carolina General Assembly

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) is the legislative branch of state government.

This body makes laws for the state. Like the United States Congress, the NCGA is divided into two parts:

- House of Representatives
- Senate

In the House of Representatives:

- Members serve 2-year terms
- The House is presided by the Speaker, elected by the members
- In 2012, Mecklenburg County has 10 House district representatives

In the Senate:

- Members serve 2-year terms
- The Senate is presided by the Lieutenant Governor, who is elected by NC citizens for a 4-year term. He/she has no vote in the Senate, except to break a tie.
- The Senate also elects members to serve as officers, including the Senate Pro-Tem.
- In 2012, Mecklenburg County has 5 Senate representatives.

The General Assembly meets in January of each odd-numbered year, and reconvenes in each even-numbered year for a short session.

More information

- www.ncleg.net
- www.generationnation.org/documents/02-Voter_GeneralAssembly.pdf

Find your NC Senate District:

<http://www.app.sboe.state.nc.us/webapps/redistrict/NCRedistrictMapSingle.html?2491894,,Senate,2011>

Find your NC House District:

<http://www.app.sboe.state.nc.us/webapps/redistrict/NCRedistrictMapSingle.html?2491898,,House,2011>

Candidates for NC State Senate District 37

Daniel Clodfelter (Democrat)

Candidate did not provide requested information

Michael Alan Vadini (Republican)

Candidate did not provide requested information

Candidates for NC State Senate District 38

Joel Ford (Democrat)

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Occupation:

Business Operations Executive

Education:

SouthPoint High School (Gaston County), North Carolina A&T University

Community involvement:

Current chair of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Authority* and sits on the board of advisors for the Stratford-Richardson YMCA. He is on the Myers Park Traditional Elementary School Leadership Team and is a past board member for Council for Children's Rights.

**Notes:*

The Housing Authority is a nonprofit, public real estate company that provides safe and affordable housing to low and moderate-income families.

Political experience:

Was the Mecklenburg County Democratic Party chair from 2008-2011. He is a graduate of the Institute of Political Leadership ('04) and Leadership North Carolina, XI.

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

Joel believes we need to work with educators, administrators, parents and students to help determine the optimal mix of subject matter taught. We need to equip teachers with the tools they need and the pay/benefits they deserve. Companies want to ensure their employees' children have a quality K-12 experience, need to be able to train their workforce at community colleges and should be able to recruit talent from North Carolina higher education institutions.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

As an entrepreneur Joel knows economic incentives, education and transportation/infrastructure are just part of the equation when recruiting and retaining businesses to North Carolina. He also places a premium on qualified workers, efficient public safety and criminal justice systems, protected natural resources, vibrant cultural and recreational offerings. Without them, North Carolina can't continue to attract – and land – more business.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I do support comprehensive tax reform by reducing the rate, expanding the base and closing loopholes.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

By speaking with youth in our schools as frequently as I can given my schedule between Raleigh and Charlotte.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

No, but I thank you for the opportunity and encourage students to educate themselves on the political process and begin voting as soon as they can upon turning 18.

Richard Rivette (Republican)**Which office are you running for?**

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Occupation:

Marketing/Product Development

Education:

School of Visual Arts College, Broward College, Gaston Community College - Marketing/advertising, Constitutional and criminal law, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, Java, JavaScript and computer coding

Community involvement:

Boy Scout Scoutmaster 5 years, troop and pack founder, Woodbadge trained leader Lead Jamboree campouts, and merit badge encampments; Served as President Homeowners Association; Founding Board member of a Community Theatre group; fundraising for libraries. Hurricane Andrew relief efforts in tent cities - brought toys and children's entertainment to homeless kids. Kids in Distress fundraising for battered children. Speedway Children's charities fundraising for kids with medical conditions. Chaired the Global Conference on Haitian Reconstruction in 2010. Developed and presented plans to the Clinton/Bush Foundation for helping house a million homeless Haitian refugees. Spoke at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington D.C. to the cabinet secretary of Commerce. Helped form private sector initiatives to solve complex refugee problems of security, disease, employment and housing.

Political experience:

I have helped with campaigns in the past but have not run for elected office until now. I have helped in many community fundraising projects. I also had legislation passed to recover several hundred million dollars from fraud so that we could help elderly and disabled people. Unfortunately the bureaucrats did not do their job, so I am now running for office to make sure we get people what they need.

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

With school choice* every family could afford to send their children to any school. With competition, schools will improve and children benefit. My plan includes the ability to put unspent funds in trust for college so kids have \$10,000 - \$30,000 ready for them when they go to college.

**School Choice-Programs designed to allow families to choose which school their child attends, rather than the school they are zoned for.*

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

By reforming all taxation with a FAIRTAX*, poor people and elderly will not pay taxes. Without income tax and corporate taxes (which just get passed to consumers anyway) we will be able to rebuild manufacturing in North Carolina, and have plenty of good career jobs for all our upcoming graduates.

**Fairtax-A tax reform proposal that would replace all types of federal income taxes with a single, broad national sales tax on retail sales.*

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I plan to recover over \$3 billion in fraud so we can hire 20,000 new teachers, build roads we need, cut college costs in half, and provide services society truly needs without raising taxes. We will balance our budget, put away for the future, and satisfy all sides.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

With fully funded programs, children will enjoy art, music, science, and all the extracurriculars without having to worry about cuts in the future. School choice allows more freedom for families, and kids can spread the word. I want parents and students to control their destiny and decisions.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

I am a dad, husband, scoutmaster (shout out to Boy and Girl Scouts!), and a business consultant for over 30 years. I have helped dozens of companies grow bigger and sell billions of dollars in product and services. That expertise will help North Carolina grow so your generation can succeed.

Candidates for NC State Senate District 39

Jack Flynn (Democrat)

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Occupation:

Co-owner Tucat Studio, a graphic design and web development firm

Education:

BS from the University of the State of New York

Community involvement:

Member of NC Commission for Veterans Affairs, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars

Political experience:

Ran for Congress in 2004 and Charlotte City Council 2007

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

By engaging the business community to help write future curriculum to better prepare students for jobs in the community.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

By helping promote the state as a place for energy companies to develop new technologies.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

By helping to reform the tax system to better reflect the economy that we have today. The tax system is still centered around agriculture and manufacturing not the information technology and energy industries.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

By promoting youth involvement with industry. A youthful outlook can spur innovation since they see things from a different perspective. Industry can at times benefit from new thinking.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

This is one the best ways for youth to be involved in the civic process.

Bob Rucho (Republican)

Candidate did not provide requested information

Candidates for NC State Senate District 40

Earl Philip (Republican)

Which office are you running for?

NC State Senate District 40

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Bachelor of Science Bluefield College Criminal Justice

Morgan State University Management and Marketing Project Management Certified

Community involvement:

Earl attends a Baptist church within Charlotte and is an active mentor to young teenage boys. During his college years, Earl tutored and mentored high school kids. He received a City Citation from the Mayor of Baltimore City, Kurt Schmoke, for his leadership and compassion for the kids of Lakeside High School. Earl was also honored in the Virgin Islands for being a Mentor and leader for the Torch Light Program for the Boys and Girls Club of St. Croix. Earl was sought out to and he facilitated several fundraisers for several groups in the Virgin Islands. Earl and his wife sponsor several single mom families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. He would work, collect and donate money to give 100% of the proceeds to single moms and their children. Earl continues his community involvement and leadership by speaking, mentoring and leading by example to children and adults alike, who are in need of good righteous and positive guidance... Earl's passion for being caring and compassionate stood out from his peers. Currently, Earl is the Director of The Frederick Douglass Foundation in the Greater Mecklenburg County. Earl is responsible for a group of leaders who go into their community and educate, lead and share positive motivation to help improve lives and future.

Political experience:

I have been an active Republican for 26 years. I started when I was a teenager volunteering for the mayor of Baltimore City as a mentor to students. After my military career, I continued my public service volunteering at the boys and girls club of the US Virgin Islands. While living in Hampton Roads, Virginia, I gave regular talks and speeches to high school students and graduates about the differences between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. I then attended Troy University, receiving a Masters in Public Administration, and was one of the biggest advocates for Conservatism* against liberal professors and their agenda to brainwash graduate students on liberalism*. After moving to Charlotte, I was recruited by the Frederick Douglass Foundation and accepted the position of Director of the Frederick Douglass Foundation of North Carolina, Greater Mecklenburg Area to include Cabarrus County, Gaston County, Anson County, Union County, Randolph County and more...I am also the Founder and Chairman on National Veterans for Republicans Association, The Chairman of National Minority Conservative Convention. After getting involved in the Meck GOP in 2007 and sharing knowledge of minority conservatives, I was sought after to consult on many different campaigns. I also attended and graduated from North Carolina's Institute of Political Leadership (IOPL). I am sought after to give speeches to local Republican clubs and organizations. Campaign involvement history: Campaign Consultant – Les Phillip for Congress, Alabama Campaign **Manager** – Christopher Hailey for Mecklenburg County Sheriff Campaign Manager – Ed Toney for Charlotte City Council Campaign Consultant – Dr. John Whitley for Congress, NC Campaign Consultant – Jack Brosch for Congress, NC Campaign Consultant – Dr. Mike Beitler for Secretary of State, NC Organizational involvement and affiliations: NC Precinct #205, Chair NC District #12, Vice-Chairman RNC National Convention 2012, Delegate North Carolina's Institute of Political Leadership, Fellow Innovative Consulting Services, President/Owner Frederick Douglass Foundation North Carolina, Greater Mecklenburg County Area, Director National Veterans for Republicans Association, Chairman National Minority Conservative Convention, Chairman CAUTION, Senator

Member North Mecklenburg Republican Women, Associate Member Cabarrus County Republican Women, Associate Member Mecklenburg Evening Republican Women, Associate Member

**Conservatism-A political school of thought with many aspects. In general, conservatives want to limit change to existing institutions or ideas, and want to maintain or restore traditional values.*

**Liberalism-A political school of thought with many aspects. In general, liberals want to change existing institutions or ideas, and*

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

I will impact education by being an advocate for quality education, by advocating the hiring of quality educators and not quantity.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

I will impact the economy by advocating to decrease small business regulations and tax incentives for small businesses who employs a predetermine number of locals and more...

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I hope to hold our government responsible and accountable for spending. We don't have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I don't understand the question. Youth and citizen engagement? I believe you are asking for community involvement. Anything with youth or our children starts at home with parents and grandparents. Education starts at home and church.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

My number one priority is to do my part to help increase jobs. Number two is safety within our communities and number three is community involvement by civic groups, religious organizations and other non-profits to help people help each other.

Malcolm Graham (Democrat)

Candidate did not provide requested information

Candidates for NC State Senate District 41

Jeff Tarte (Republican)

Candidate did not provide requested information

Candidates for NC House of Representatives District 88

Martha Alexander (Democrat)

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Legislator

Education:

University of North Carolina Greensboro Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

University of North Carolina Charlotte Master of Human Development and Learning

Florida State University, B.S.

Community involvement:

I have been very involved in civic affairs and my church in various activities on a local, state and national level. (Please visit my website.)

Political experience:

I have had the privilege of serving in the North Carolina General Assembly for ten terms. And I have had two appointed advisory appointments: one on the state level and one on the federal level.

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

Education is very important and I would like to see us providing the necessary resources and monies to our whole education system: from Pre K through high school, as well as our community college and university systems.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

It is very important, on the state level, that incentives and grants are accessible to both small businesses as well as large businesses. We need to continue to invest in education for jobs that are identified and needed within our state.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

The state budget is very complex and it is important that we look at both the revenue and appropriations side. It is imperative that we set priorities that will enable our citizens to live quality, healthy lives and that they are able to make a livable wage.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I have had the opportunity to support young people who wanted to be pages and have had interns over the years. I have been a mentor to the interns and would look forward to continuing to work with them. I have also encouraged citizens to play a role within our government structure.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

I have had the privilege and pleasure of serving our community and I look forward to continuing to serve.

Rob Bryan (Republican)

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Rob Bryan for NC House

Occupation:

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Education:

B.A., History 1992, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;
J.D., 1998, Duke University School of Law, with honors;
semester abroad,
Pontifica Universidad Catolica, Santiago, Chile (Fall 1997)

Community involvement:

Christian Legal Society of Charlotte, President (2006 - 2011); Exodus Project, Steering Committee (2007--2009); Teach For America, School Board Fellow (2005-2006); Teach For America Week Teacher (2006); Foundation for NC Future, Advisory Board (2007-2009); Christian World Foundation, Ethiopia, Advisory Board; Pregnancy Resource Center of Charlotte, Board of Directors (2006-Present), Chair, Nominating Committee; Charlotte Leadership Forum (Class of 2006); El Centro Hispano, Vice-Chairman (2002-2004); Johnston YMCA, Board of Managers (2001-2003); Uptown Church, Elder (2001-2004); St. Augustine Academy, Board of Directors (2000)

Political experience:

Chairman of the Mecklenburg County Republican Party (2009-2011); Mecklenburg County Republican Party Executive Committee (2003); Ruth Samuelson for County Commission, Treasurer (2000)

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

We can improve our state's schools by empowering parents, teachers and principals. Parents need more choices. Teachers and principals need the flexibility to use the techniques they think will be effective in the communities they serve. Then, we should hold them responsible for the success of their students - and compensate them appropriately.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

To create jobs, we must focus our solutions on removing the barriers to job creation. I often hear from small businesses that the most difficult issue they face is excessive regulation. It stifles innovation and creates uncertainty. That's why I believe that creating jobs starts with reforming the regulatory process and applying it consistently, fairly, and with transparency.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

With our state facing a budget crunch, we must be particularly vigilant in rooting out every wasteful use of taxpayer dollars. State government is rife with overlapping responsibilities, outdated systems, and unchecked corruption. Every department should be able to justify every penny it takes from taxpayers. If we are serious about cleaning up the culture in Raleigh, we must increase transparency and oversight by the General Assembly

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I'm concerned that many of today's youth lack a basic understanding of the principles on which our constitutional republic was founded. I would work to strengthen the civics curriculum for every school district in the state.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

I'm running because our freedom is under attack, and I feel called to serve as a citizen legislator - not a career politician. I believe that smaller government means greater freedom to innovate, to create, and to prosper. I will work every day of my term to push power away from Raleigh, back into the hands of the people of North Carolina

Candidates for NC House of Representatives District 92

Robin Bradford (Democrat)

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Retired

Education:

BA Communications/Political Science

Community involvement:

Executive Bd. Member of the NAACP 1st Vice of the Black Political Caucus Trustee Board member of my church A concerned citizen who has a voice

Political experience:

Worked on campaigns since 1975 Ran for School Board 2009 Attends Town, County, City & School Board meetings

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

I would make sure that we reinvest in education & show the value of education Pre-k - the College level.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

Work with the education system to build an educated workforce to attract companies to our region in building our economy.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

I would show how poorly the current General Assembly has carved up a budget that created the issues we have know. We need to work collectively in all branches of government to create a budget that starts with funding education & move forward from there.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I would show the value of both groups. I believe in building relationships which have value. I believe youth can learn so much from our seniors. I think town Hall should be held for youth so they can feel like they matter. If they feel they have a vested interest in what's going on around them

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

I do not believe so but looking forward to representing you & your interest.

Charles Jeter (Republican)**Which office are you running for?**

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Charles Jeter - NC House District 92

Occupation:

President of Logistics company

Education:

B.A. In Business Economics from Wofford College

Community involvement:

Past member of the Board of Directors for Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce, Visit Lake Norman, United Way Lake Norman, Arts & Science Council, Hugh Torrance House & Store

Political experience:

4-Term Town Commissioner in Huntersville

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

We need to allow teachers to do what they do best... Teach. Eliminate teaching for a test and allow more local control in schools.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

We have to ensure proper taxation is in place to attract business. We have to increase our vocational and community college system to make sure we have an educated and prepared workforce.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

We need to eliminate fraud and waste at the NC ESC* and other state agencies. We've got to make sure we spend every tax dollar as if it was our own.

**Notes- North Carolina Employment Securities Commission (Now known as the Division of Employment Security) is the unemployment agency. Helps connect workers of all skill levels with employers who need them, serving as a career resource center. Also provides labor market data to government officials.*

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

As a Huntersville Town Commissioner, I've worked hard to make sure I was always responsive and engaged with my constituents. Certainly using social media, having town hall meetings and a weekly newsletter are effective tools I'll continue to use.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

Go to my website, www.votejeter.com, to learn more. And of course, please vote Charles Jeter for NC House.

**Candidates for NC House of Representatives,
District 98**

Thom Tillis (Republican)

Candidate did not provide requested information

**Candidates for NC House of Representatives,
District 99**

Rodney W. Moore (Republican)

Candidate did not provide requested information

**Candidates NC House of Representatives,
District 100**

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Occupation:

Assistant Principal/ Small Business Owner

Education:

B.A. History/Political Science Masters of School Administration UNC

Community involvement:

Civic, Political, Church

Political experience:

In my 3rd term in the NC House.

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

I will continue to be a strong voice for our students and our schools. As the only licensed principal in the legislature, I bring real word experience and knowledge.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

Continue to push for laws that positively impact small business owners. I'm proud that NC is repeatedly rated as a great place to do business.

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

A legislator's budget vote is one of the most critical votes we take. I will not support a budget that is harsh to our schools or children.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I sponsored the bill to allow 16 and 17 year olds to pre-register to vote. I believe strongly in youth civic participation. I started when I was 10!

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

CMS Graduate,(Providence High) CMS Teacher of the Year, Mommy to a toddler.

**NC House of Representatives,
District 101**

Beverly Miller Earle (Democrat)

Candidate did not provide requested information

**NC House of Representatives,
District 102**

Becky Carney (Democrat)

Candidate did not provide requested information

**NC House of Representatives,
District 103**

Bill Brawley (Republican)

Candidate did not provide requested information

**NC House of Representatives,
District 104**

Ruth Samuelson (Republican) unopposed

Candidate did not provide requested information

**NC House of Representatives,
District 105**

Jacqueline Schaffer (Republican) unopposed

Candidate did not provide requested information

**NC House of Representatives,
District 106**

Carla Cunningham (Democrat) unopposed

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Rep. Elect Carla Cunningham House District 106

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**BSN-Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

Education:

WSSU

**Winston-Salem State University*

Community involvement:

NAACP Member, Charlotte Healthcare Coalition Co-Chair, BPC Member, Precinct Chair
213,MCDW Member, SEC Member, Sunstone Community Organization Member,NC

Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services

Political experience:

Activist

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

I will support funding early childhood learning, Community Colleges, and other Institutions of Higher Learning so that our youth can compete on a global stage in the future. I will also support arts and sciences, this increases cultural diversity in our communities.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

Encourage infrastructure* upgrades, green energy, and healthcare careers.

**Infrastructure-The underlying facilities and systems that serve a city: transportation and communication networks, roads, bridges, and power plants*

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

Will have to examine how I will impact local and state budget after I get there, I do understand that we are a service industry and not a manufacturing industry* in NC, We also will have to examine our outdated tax codes.

**"Service, not manufacturing"-A service industry is where people offer time and skills to do a job or provide a service for someone else. Teachers, doctors and lawyers, waiters, pizza deliverers are all service professions. Manufacturing industries create an end product. Any factory job is a manufacturing profession.*

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

Hopefully I will bring an authentic, honest, and objective approach that will appeal to youth and ordinary citizens by engaging via facebook, email, community meetings, and having an open door policy in Raleigh

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

no

**NC House of Representatives,
District 107**

Rep. Kelly Alexander (Democrat) unopposed

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Education:

Diploma, West Charlotte High School

AB, Political Science, UNC Chapel Hill

MPA, UNC-Chapel Hill

Community involvement:

Been active in community since age 9, when I worked with my parents on voter registration. Served in various capacities with NAACP from local to national level; Mecklenburg Co. Planning Commission, Airport Advisory Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Mothers of Murdered Offspring, Friendship CDC to name just a few

Political experience:

Served in legislature since 2008. Over the years have worked on various campaigns; organized GOTV activities through NAACP

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

Think teacher pay needs to be increased; cost of tuition in state supported colleges & universities should be brought back into reach of the average family...got to find a way to reduce student debt

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

Believe in tax policies that benefit small business, to help them grow & employ more people. Important to invest in infrastructure and the training of workers displaced by the recession with new skills

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

Have no influence on local budgets, but support state tax policies that stimulate business investment, esp. small business. Think budget should be reflective of supporting safety net services and education as highest priorities

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I hold town hall meetings, circulate newsletter, post information on Facebook and have an open door policy while in Raleigh

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

If you are not old enough to vote, volunteer in the campaign or with the political party of your choice. Our liberties rest upon an active and informed citizenry.

Register of Deeds

Register of Deeds

REGISTER OF DEEDS

The Register of Deeds is a county office, elected every 4 years. The Register of Deeds maintains official records of Mecklenburg County including real estate records, birth certificates and marriage licenses.

William D. Alexander, Jr.

Which office are you running for?

Register of Deeds

Website:

N/A

E-mail:

Bigd28209@yahoo.com

Twitter:

N/A

Facebook:

N/A

Occupation:

Restaurant Management

Education:

Class 1995 Wesley Uptown High School Charlotte NC

CPCC Criminology Studies No Degree

Community involvement:

Volunteer for American Council for the Blind, Mecklenburg Blind Bowlers

Political experience:

None

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

Studying the possibility of starting a mentoring program for CMS students by our employees in the office to help guide students in homework and community activities

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

In this position it's an office manager position to ensure deeds are filed to specific standards of NC General Statutes

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

Run the office more effectively and reduce wasteful spending in the office. Ensure prompt service and support to the residents of Mecklenburg County.

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

Be willing to speak to all CMS students and Public about the duties that the register of deeds has because a lot of our residents have no or little knowledge of the functions of the register of deeds office

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

If elected I would be proud to serve the residents of Mecklenburg County

David Granberry

Which office are you running for?

Register of Deeds

Website:

www.davidgranberry.com

E-mail:

granberryd@windstream.net

Twitter:

N/A

Facebook:

N/A

Occupation:

Register of Deeds

Education:

B.S. Business Administration, 1986, North Carolina Wesleyan College

Community involvement:

New Outreach Ministries, food and school supply drives

Political experience:

2008 - Won first campaign for Register of Deeds,

If elected, how will you impact education? (30-50 words)

The Register of Deeds has no direct impact. I work with local colleges and the Charlotte School of Law, speaking on public records, and also speak on history and genealogy for interested groups.

If elected, how will you impact the economy? (30-50 words)

There is no direct impact to the economy. The office houses records that show real time economic data on property sales and foreclosures.

**foreclosure-When someone cannot continue to pay a loan they took out to pay for their house, the bank takes the property and tries to re-sell it.*

If elected, how will you impact the local, state or federal budget? (30-50 words)

The Office generates more revenue from fees than it spends on expenses. The surplus revenue provides several million dollars to fund other county services.

**Revenue-The income or money an organization makes.*

If elected, how will you impact youth and citizen engagement? (30-50 words)

I will establish a special citizens advisory board to discuss important issues.

Is there anything we did not ask that you want to add? (30-50 words)

The Register of Deeds Office is the home the most important citizen records - birth and death certificates, marriage licenses and all real property records. The earliest records date back to 1763.

Other information

Offices on the Ballot 2012

National

President and Vice President (4 Years)

1 Seat

U.S. House of Representatives (2 Years)

8th Congressional District

9th Congressional District

12th Congressional District

1 Seat Each

State of North Carolina Offices

Governor (4 Years)

1 Seat

Council of State (4 Years)

Lieutenant Governor

Attorney General

State Auditor

Commissioner of Agriculture

Commissioner of Insurance

Commissioner of Labor

Secretary of State

Superintendent of Public Instruction

State Treasurer

1 Seat Each

State Senator (2 Years)

District 37

District 38

District 39

District 40

District 41

1 Seat Each

State Representative (2 Years)

District 88

District 92

District 98

District 99

District 100

District 101

District 102

District 103

District 104

District 105

District 106

District 107

1 Seat Each

Mecklenburg County Offices

County Commissioner At-Large (2 Years)

3 Seats

County Commission Districts (2 Years)

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

District 5

District 6

1 Seat Each

Register of Deeds (4 Years)

1 Seat

Soil & Water Conservation District (4 Years)

1 Seat

Judicial Seats

NC Superior Court District 26-A (8 Years)

Non-Partisan

2 Seats

NC Supreme Court (8 Years)

Non-Partisan

1 Seat

NC Court of Appeals (8 Years)

Non-Partisan

3 Seats

District Court Judges (4 Years)

Non-Partisan

12 Seats

North Carolina

North Carolina's state government is divided into three branches, just like the federal government. The three branches are the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch and the Judicial Branch.

The Executive Branch consists of the Governor and the Council of State. They are elected every four years.

North Carolina Council of State

Learn more: www.generationnation.org/documents/07-Voter_NC_Council_State.pdf

Ten members of the executive branch are popularly elected. This includes the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, and the State Auditor. The departments of the executive branch that have elected department heads are Agriculture, Insurance, Justice, Labor, and Public Instruction. The remaining department heads are appointed by the governor. Source: NCPedia

State Auditor

The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) serves as the watchdog for State government by providing citizens, legislators, and government officials with professional, independent evaluations of the State's financial records and public program performance. They analyze and evaluate government programs to see how cost-effective they are, as well as how much money they waste. The State Auditor also assesses the security and integrity of the State's information technology systems, as well as providing monitoring and technical assistance for private non-profit organizations who receive grant funds from the State. Source: www.NCAuditor.net

The Attorney General is the head of the North Carolina Department of Justice. The Department has four primary functions:

- Provide legal representation to state agencies;
- Assist local law enforcement in fighting crime and prosecuting cases;
- Provide training and standards for law enforcement;
- Protect North Carolina consumers.

The Attorney General and attorneys in the [Department of Justice's Legal Services](#) provide legal advice and representation to state government departments, agencies and commissions. If someone sues the State of North Carolina, the Attorney General is the State's lawyer

The Attorney General also provides legal opinions at the request of public officials and handles all criminal appeals from state trial courts. When public safety and interests are at stake, the Attorney General can take legal action on behalf of the State and its people.

The Department of Justice provides assistance to [law enforcement agencies](#) across North Carolina.

<http://www.ncdoj.com/About-DOJ.aspx>

Secretary of Agriculture

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' divisions have responsibilities in regulatory and service areas covering agronomy; animal health; weights and measures; gas and oil inspection; crop and livestock statistics; USDA commodity distribution; state farm operations; food, drug and cosmetic testing for purity; agricultural marketing and promotion; agricultural marketing grading; international agricultural crop and livestock marketing; operation of the North Carolina State Fair and North Carolina Mountain State Fair.

<http://www.ncagr.gov/htm/aboutus.htm>

Secretary of Insurance

The Department of Insurance provides valuable services to the people of North Carolina by regulating the insurance industry, licensing insurance professionals and others, educating consumers about different types of insurance, handling consumer complaints, and much, much more. The Department also houses the [Office of State Fire Marshal](#), which is responsible for a host of other services that improve North Carolinians' daily lives. With some 400 employees and 20 divisions, much of what the Department of Insurance does directly affects you as a citizen, though you may not realize it.

Any insurance business in this state first must be approved by the Commissioner, and companies and agents must meet rigorous standards before they receive a license to do that business. But the Department also provides other services not directly associated with insurance. Some of the things it does that may surprise you include:

- licensing bail bondsmen
- overseeing motor clubs and collection agencies
- protecting consumers from fraud and illegal behavior with law enforcement officers in the Investigations Division
- educating North Carolinians about safety issues such as child safety seats, fire protection, natural disaster preparation and other family safety issues
- interpreting the state's building codes and suggesting new and improved codes to further protect citizens
- obtaining and maintaining insurance coverage for all state-owned buildings, including such items as the Battleship North Carolina in Wilmington and the campuses of the state university system
- assisting the elderly and others with Medicare and Medicaid questions through the nationally recognized Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program

<http://www.ncdoi.com/About.aspx>

Secretary of State

Lieutenant Governor

State Treasurer

The Department of the State Treasurer serves the people of North Carolina through a variety of functions related to the financial health of the state and its citizenry. The State Treasurer serves as the state's banker and chief investment officer, and, as such, she is responsible for more than \$74 billion in assets.

The Department administers the public employee retirement systems for more than 850,000 North Carolinians, as well as the 401K and 457 plans for public employees. The Department provides financial assistance and expertise to local governments by assisting them in the sale of local government debt obligations and in maintaining good budgeting, accounting, reporting, and other financial procedures. It also administers NC Cash, the unclaimed property database that holds approximately \$340 million.

<https://www.nctreasurer.com/inside-the-department>

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Commissioner of Labor

The N.C. Department of Labor is charged with promoting the "health, safety and general well-being" of more than 4 million workers in the state. The department serves the needs of the workplace through a variety of programs aimed at making the employees of North Carolina safe.

A commissioner of labor is elected every four years as head of the department and also serves on the Council of State. The commissioner has broad regulatory and enforcement powers to carry out the department's duties and responsibilities.

The department is divided into three divisions: Administration, Occupational Safety and Health, and Standards and Inspections.

The Legislative Branch

The legislative arm of the state is the [North Carolina General Assembly](#). They enact general and local laws that promote the best interests of the state, and establish rules and regulations governing the conduct of the people.

The Legislative Branch consists of the NC State Senate and the NC State House of Representatives. These offices are elected every 2 years.

The legislature meets annually; the so-called "Long Session" occurs in odd numbered years, while the "Short Session" occurs in even numbered years. Occasionally, in the case of a special need, the Governor may call a Special Session of the General Assembly after they have adjourned for the year.

[Senate](#)

The Senate has 50 members. Elections for all 50 seats are held every two years. The Lieutenant Governor is the President of the Senate; however, his/her main duty is to cast a deciding vote in the case of a tie. At the beginning of each biennium, the Senate chooses a President pro Tempore, who presides in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor. The most important duty of

the President pro Tempore is to appoint the members to the various standing committees in the Senate.

House of Representatives

The House of Representatives has 120 members. Elections for all 120 seats are held every 2 years. At the beginning of each session, the members of the House choose a Speaker, who presides over the business of the House. In extraordinary cases, such as in the 2003-04 biennium, when the house was evenly divided between the two political parties, co-Speakers may be chosen. As in the Senate, the most important duty of the Speaker is to appoint the members to the various standing committees.

Law making

Much of the work of the General Assembly is done by standing committees. These committees consider the bills introduced into the two houses, hold hearings, make such changes and amendments as they think necessary, and report their findings back to their respective chambers. If the report on the final version of the bill is favorable, it comes up for debate on the floor of the House or Senate. After final passage in one chamber, the bill is then sent to the other chamber, where the same events occur. A bill passed by both houses is then sent to the Governor, who may either veto the bill, or sign it into law.

<http://ncpedia.org/government/state/legislative>

The Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch has three parts, District Courts, Superior Courts, and an Appellate Division. The Appellate Division consists of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. Judges are elected, but these positions are non-partisan. Non-partisan means that judges have no formal associations with political parties such as Democrats and Republicans.

The [District Courts](#) handle the vast majority of the trial level cases. They have exclusive jurisdiction over civil cases involving less than \$10,000, almost all misdemeanors, probable cause hearings in felony cases, juvenile proceedings, mental health hospital commitments, and domestic relations cases. As of 2006, North Carolina had 41 district court districts, and 239 district court judges, elected to four-year terms. www.ncpedia.net

The [Superior Courts](#) are the general jurisdiction trial courts for the state. All felony criminal cases, civil cases involving more than \$10,000 and misdemeanor, and infraction appeals from District Court are tried in Superior Court. A jury of 12 hears the criminal cases. In the civil cases, juries are often waived. The Superior Court is divided into eight divisions and 46 districts across the state. Judges are elected to 8 year terms, and rotate every six months between the districts within their division. www.ncpedia.net

The [Appellate Courts](#) are North Carolina's intermediate appeals court. The Court of Appeals reviews the proceedings that occurred in the trial courts for errors of law or legal procedure; it

decides only questions of law - not questions of fact. All cases appealed from the Superior and District courts in civil and criminal cases, except murder cases in which the Superior Court pronounces a judgment imposing the death penalty, are heard by the Court of Appeals. In addition, direct appeals from certain of the state's administrative agencies are heard by the Court of Appeals. Judges of the Court of Appeals serve eight-year terms and are elected in a non-partisan election. Ncpedia.net

The [Supreme Court](#) is the state's highest court. This court has a chief justice and six associate justices, elected to eight-year terms, who hear oral arguments in cases appealed from lower courts. The Supreme Court considers errors in legal procedures or in judicial interpretation of the law. Its case load consists primarily of cases involving questions of constitutional law, legal questions of major significance, and appeals from convictions imposing death sentences in first-degree murder cases. Ncpedia.net

Additional Information

<http://charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/BOE/Pages/default.aspx>

The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections website.

http://charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/BOCC/2011Redistricting/PublishingImages/lm_plan_b.jpg

A map of the County Commission districts.

<http://www.app.sboe.state.nc.us/webapps/redistrict/NCRedistrictMapSingle.html?2491894,,Senate,2011>

a link to the US congressional, NC Senate, and NC House district maps.

<http://rebic.com/2012%20SPACE%20Questionnaire.html>

The Real Estate and Building Industry Coalition's candidate questionnaire.

ncvoterguide.org

Voter guide provided by UNC TV. Begins by asking for an address, then customizes the ballot to your races. Or, you can scroll through races by county and position. Makes it easy for users to compare candidate biographies and personal statements side-by-side. Has a lot of other information to assist voters.

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/politics/#navlink=navdrop>

The Charlotte Observer's Politics page-Has a link to a ballot customized to your address, with links and other information on local candidates. Includes a wealth of information on state, local, and national races

www.VoteSmart.org.

A good source of information on candidates running for state and higher offices. Presents detailed background information for many candidates, as well as database on different aspects of politics in general-Learn how politically courageous your elected officials rank, about state and national legislation, and much more on this user-friendly site.

VoterRadio.org-links to many state candidate forums. Contains many articles and other content related to current and historical US political issues.

<http://generationnation.org/index.php/k12in2012/CLC/election-2012-candidate-information>

GenerationNation's own student information page on all things Election 2012.

http://generationnation.org/index.php/election/KV_election2012/

Cast your own vote in Election 2012

ELECTION 2012: STUDENTS VOTE



Make your voice heard in Election 2012

Here's your chance to cast a vote for President, Governor, U.S. House & County Commission, plus weigh in on the student referendum on local issues.

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www.GenerationNation.org

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House of Representatives

Vote for 1 candidate in YOUR district

Voting site.....

School.....

President

- ☐ Barack Obama (D)
- ☐ Mitt Romney (R)
- ☐ Gary John-

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Governor

- ☐ Walter Dalton (D)
- ☐ Pat McCrory (R)
- ☐ Barbara

Student Referendum

See ballot instructions for student referendum questions

City

County

CMS

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District 8

- ☐ Larry Kissell (D)
- ☐ Richard Hudson (R)

District 9

- ☐ Jennifer Roberts (D)
- ☐ Robert Pittenger (R)
- ☐ Curtis Campbell (L)

District 12

- ☐ Mel Watt (D)
- ☐ Jack Brosch (R)

County Commission

At-Large - Vote for 3

- ☐ Pat Cotham (D)
- ☐ Jason Bateman (L)
- ☐ Trevor Fuller (D)
- ☐ Michael Hobbs (R)
- ☐ Kim Ratliff (D)
- ☐ James Peterson (R)
- ☐ Wayne Powers (R)

Districts - Vote for 1 in YOUR district

District 1

- ☐ Keith Bradford (D)
- ☐ Karen Bentley (R)

District 2

- ☐ Vilma Leake (D)
- ☐ Kevin Spitzmiller (R)

District 3

- ☐ George Dunlap (D)
- ☐ Dumont Clarke (D)

District 4

District 5

- ☐ Paula Harvey (D)
- ☐ Matthew Ridenhour (R)

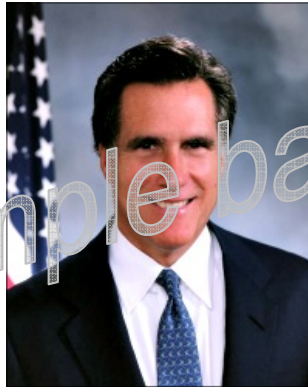
District 6

- ☐ Connie Green-Johnson (D)
- ☐ Bill James (R)



BALLOT INFORMATION

President of the United States



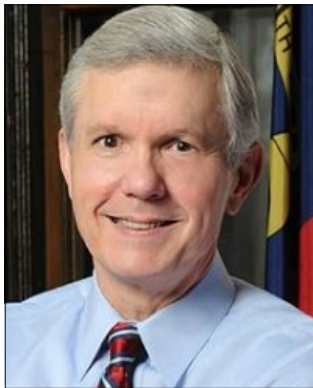
Barack Obama (D)

Mitt Romney (R)

Gary Johnson (L)

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Governor of North Carolina



Walter Dalton (D)

Pat McCrory (R)

Barbara Howe (L)

Student Referendum

See page 2 for questions. Mark your answer on your ballot.



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BALLOT INFORMATION

Student Referendum

**Local officials want to know what you think! Make your voice heard.
Mark the letter answer on your ballot.**

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

You are a leader deciding on next year's county budget. You have extra money. What will you do with the extra funds?

- A. Make the community nicer (parks, libraries, environment)
- B. Help people in need (healthcare, job training, mental health and other services)
- C. Save the money for future uses
- D. Lower taxes

SCHOOLS

Which new magnet school program would you like to see at CMS?

- A. Museum (project-based learning, display of student work, learning lab)
- B. Health & Wellness (nutrition, nursing, physical therapy)
- C. Teaching
- D. Broadcast & Communications (media, social media, broadcast labs)
- E. Leadership
- F. Residential (middle or high school students live on campus)

Go to www.generationnation.org to the online ballot to answer 2 more school questions

CHARLOTTE

City officials are thinking about a plan to make the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County one unit of government instead of having 2 different governments, groups of officials, and budgets in the same community. Do you agree with this idea?

- A. Yes
- B. No