



2026 ENDORSEMENTS



ALL 2026

ENDORSEMENTS IN

GENERAL ELECTIONS



This is about
**power, not
preference.**

Our central question is never simply
"Who do we like?"

It is: **"What endorsement will
contribute the most to building
the power of our people?"**



“VOTE NO”

on **TWO** constitutional amendments

The first of these amendments would block local governments from setting their own property taxes based on the needs of their communities.

The second one would cap the North Carolina income tax at 3.5%.

When working people are already struggling, it sounds good to limit taxes “for all.” But the biggest property taxpayers in many counties are massive corporations like Duke Energy, corporate real estate developers, and out of state mega corporations. **Limiting personal income taxes ensures that millionaires and billionaires never pay what they truly owe in taxes.** We will end up paying more for services whose costs should be shared: **public schools, community centers, emergency services, health care programs, SNAP and WIC, and more.**

These amendments would devastate public schools, public services, and working families for generations by making tax giveaways to wealthy individuals and corporate property owners permanent. **We are endorsing a “NO” vote on both amendments.**



Anita Earls

Anita Earls serves as an **Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court**. Assuming office in 2019, she is currently the court's Senior Associate Justice. **She is the only Black woman and one of two Democrats serving on the state's highest bench.**

Justice Earls is a principled and fierce defender of the rights and freedoms that North Carolinians are guaranteed in our State Constitution. She has dedicated her career to ensuring that no matter our race, gender, background, or political affiliations all North Carolinians have access to a quality public education, healthcare, worker and consumer protections, and the

right to vote.

**NC
SUPREME COURT**





Roy Cooper

US SENATE (DEFENSIVE ENDORSEMENT)

Roy Cooper is the Democratic nominee for the United States Senate representing North Carolina in the 2026 general election. He previously served as **the 75th Governor of North Carolina** from 2017 until his second term expired in January 2025.

Roy Cooper's platform aims to "**Make Stuff Cost Less**" for working people; focusing heavily on: **opposing utility rate hikes and lowering childcare and grocery costs.**





NCGA ENDORSEMENTS



[HD-106] **Rodney Sadler**



[HD-60] **Amanda Cook**



[HD-27] **Rodney Pierce**



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HD-74: **Amy Taylor
North** (defensive)



HD-59: **Dr. Elma
Hairston** (defensive)



HD-62: **Shelly
Headen** (defensive)



[HD-61] **Mary "Pricey"
Harrison** (offensive)



[HD-20] **Dr. Tim
Merrick** (offensive)



[HD-105] **Ken McCool**
(defensive)



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[HD-35] **Evonne
Hopkins** (defensive)



[SD-13] **Lisa
Grafstein** (offensive)



[SD-42] **Woodson
Bradley** (defensive)



[SD-07] **Jessica
Bichler** (offensive)



[SD-18] **Haseeb
Fatmi** (offensive)



[HD-32] **Bryan
Cohn** (defensive)



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[HD-24] **Dante Pittman** (defensive)



[HD-25] **Lorenza Wilkins** (defensive)



[HD-63] **Ian Baltutis** (offensive)



[HD-73] **Thomas Monks** (offensive)



[SD-11] **James Gailliard** (defensive)



[SD-34] **April Cook** (defensive)



NEW HANOVER FOR ALL ENDORSEMENTS

Primary Endorsements (on the ballot in General)



Dr. LeShonda Wallace
for County Commission



Brittnei LaRue for the
Board of Education



Jerry Jones for the
Board of Education



NEW HANOVER FOR ALL ENDORSEMENTS

General Endorsements



Margie Gewirtzman

School Board
(offensive)



Rob Zapple

County Commission
(defensive)



FORSYTH FREEDOM FEDERATION ENDORSEMENTS



Marsie West
(defensive)



GUILFORD FOR ALL ENDORSEMENTS

Primary endorsements (on the ballot in General Election)



Ebony Burnett for Board
of Education District 4



Alan Sherouse for Board
of Education At-Large



Derek Mobley for County
Commission District 3



ENDORSEMENTS ARE STRATEGIC.

Defensive Endorsements are the BLOCK.

We make defensive endorsements to ensure that the most dangerous forces on the authoritarian right do not win. This sometimes means endorsing candidates who do not align with everything we stand for but who **represent the necessary protective perimeter between our communities** and those who would do us real, immediate harm.

Offensive Endorsements are the BUILD.

We also call these candidates our "**Champions.**" **These are the candidates who deeply align with our DNA** and our platform, leaders rooted in the multiracial working class, who will not just vote the right way but who will govern in **true strategic alliance with our organizations.** Examples of champion endorsements include: Jillian Johnson in Durham, Carla Catalán Day in Winston-Salem, Cecile Crawford in Greensboro, and Rodney Sadler for HD106.

Champions are the ones we pour our full organizing power behind. Our volunteers, our ground game, our voice, and our credibility.



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