



2026 ENDORSEMENTS

NEW HANOVER FOR ALL ENDORSES:

NC SUPREME COURT:

- **JUSTICE ANITA EARLS**

SCHOOL BOARD:

- **JERRY JONES**
- **BRITTNEI LARUE**
- **MARGIE GEWIRTZMAN**

COUNTY COMMISSION:

- **DR. LESHONDA WALLACE**
- **ROB ZAPPLE**

HOUSE DISTRICT 29:

- **TIM MERRICK**

SENATE DISTRICT 7:

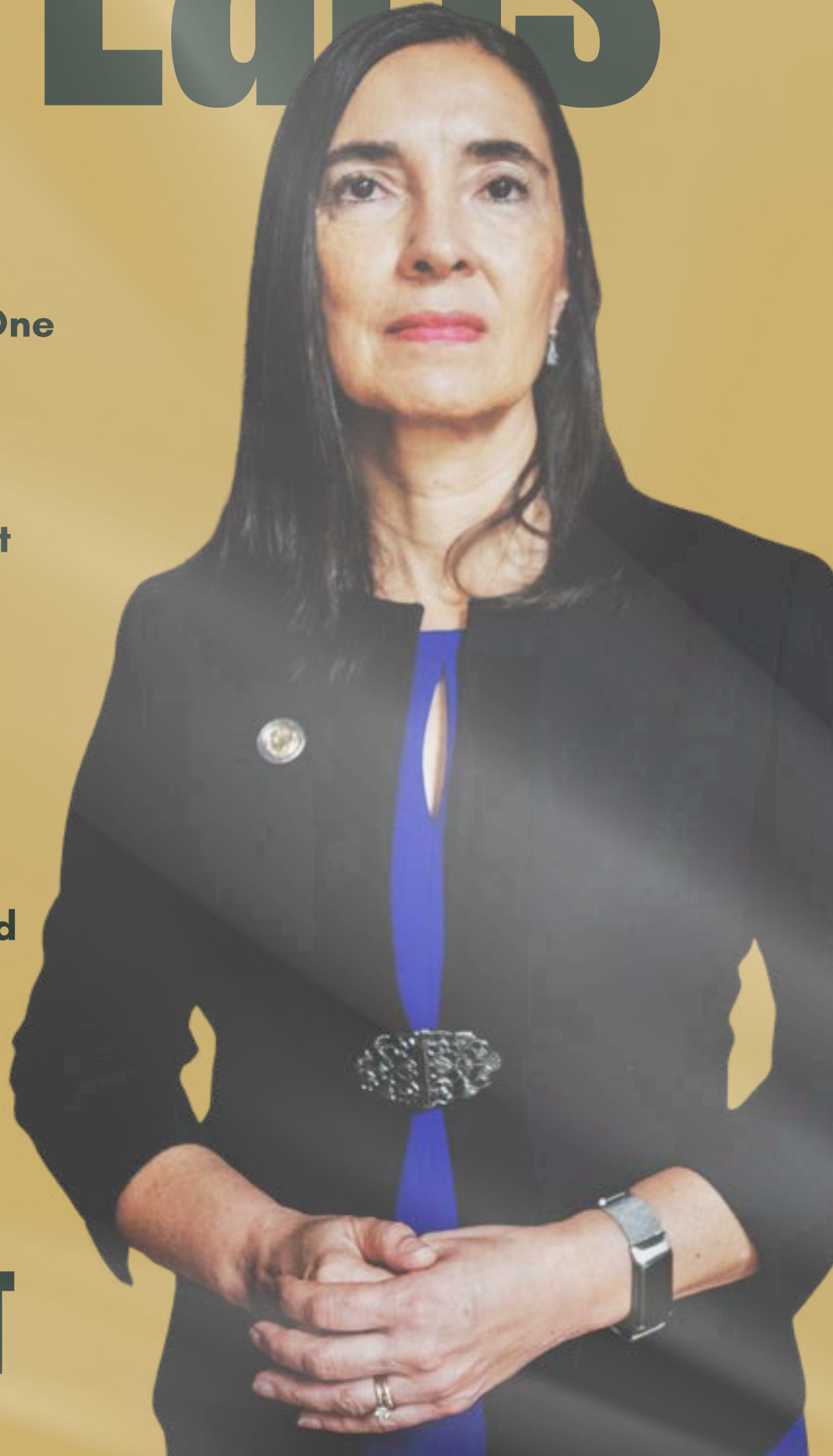
- **JESSICA BICHLER**

AGAINST ALL 3 AMENDMENTS



Anita Earls

- **Experienced: On the Court since 2019. Senior Associate Justice.**
- **Only Black woman on the Court. One of two Democrats.**
- **Principled and fierce defender of our rights, freedoms, and the right to vote**
- **Track record of making sure that North Carolinians across race, gender, and political affiliation have access to a quality public education, healthcare, worker and consumer protections**



**NC
SUPREME COURT**



Jerry Jones

Jerry Jones is a parent and **former public school teacher** with extensive career experience managing large budgets.

He's committed to **understanding the needs of all students and families**, especially those who have been historically marginalized. Jerry is dedicated to making sure students have **access to curriculum and materials that are rooted in the realities of history and science** and that teachers are trusted based on experience and expertise.

SCHOOL BOARD





Brittnei LaRue

Brittnei LaRue moves with intention and strategy. She has a special needs child enrolled in NHCS, so she is committed to making positive change in the school system. She is an independent decision maker, basing her choices and decisions on facts, rather than personal passion or bias. She has a background in finance and is very concerned about making the Board of Education's budget process as transparent as possible.

SCHOOL BOARD





Margie Gewirtzman

Margie Gewirtzman is a champion for students, educators, and families. She knows that public education works best when decisions are driven by community needs, not corporate interests. **Margie is committed to strengthening and fully funding public schools** so that every student, including those with special needs, have the support and opportunities they deserve.

SCHOOL BOARD





Dr. LeShonda Wallace

Dr. LeShonda Wallace believes the people of New Hanover county deserve someone who will advocate for the needs of all and not just a select few. She is a public health leader with a focus on serving the most marginalized in our communities. Her experience in public health informs her approach to affordable housing, mental and physical healthcare access, and protecting our environment. **Her work in the community gives us confidence she will deliver on her promises.** She has attended rallies asking for accountability for ICE's unlawful actions in recent weeks and showed up to engage with the community in venues across the county.

COUNTY COMMISSION

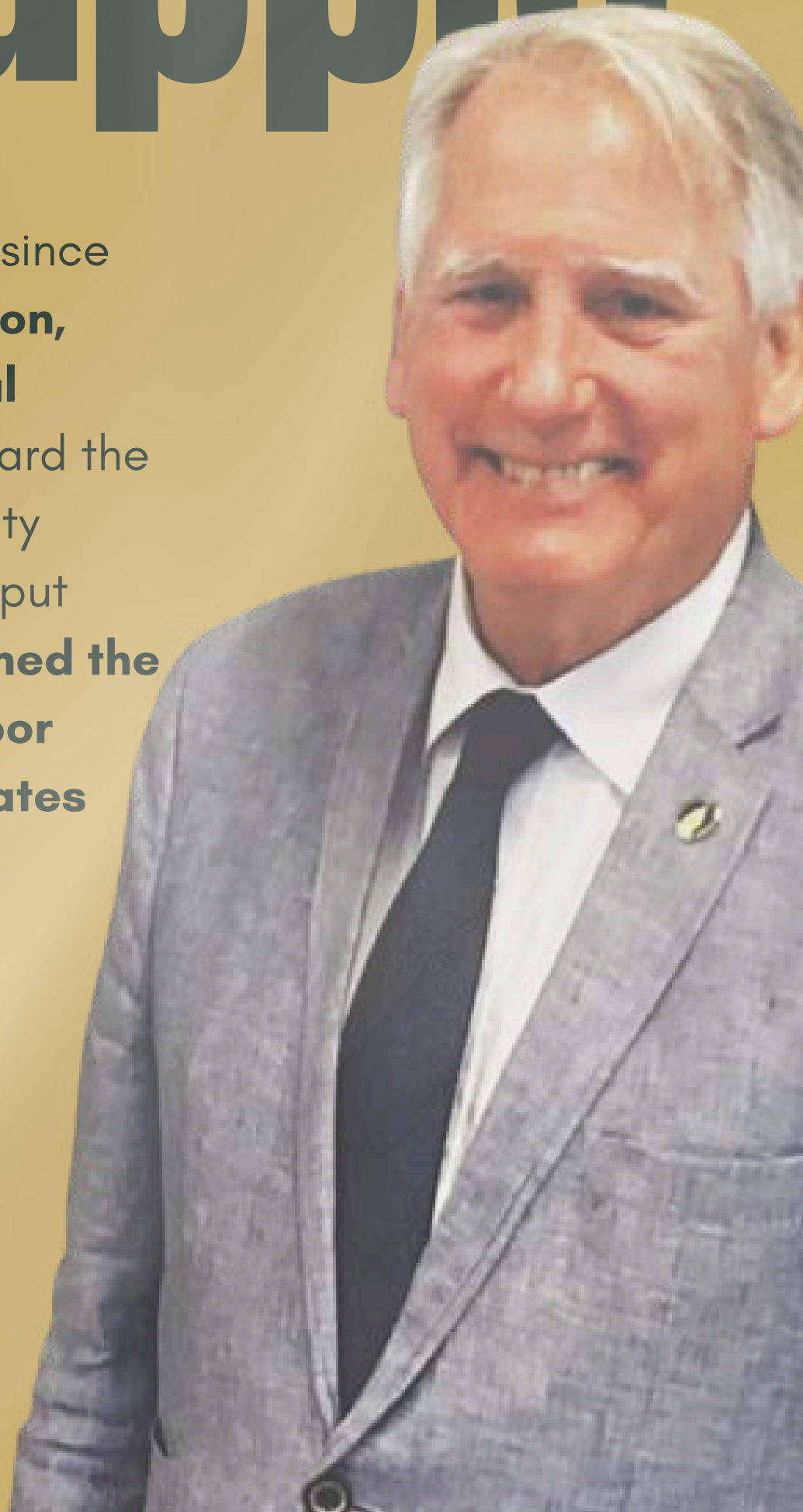




Rob Zapple

Rob Zapple has been a dedicated advocate for New Hanover County since 2014, standing up for **public education, local nonprofits, and environmental protection**. He has worked to safeguard the Cape Fear River, strengthen community resources, and advance policies that put people first. **His leadership has earned the trust and support of educators, labor leaders, and environmental advocates across the region.**

COUNTY COMMISSION





NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The corporate-Republicans who control the NCGA are robbing our communities and attacking our power. They consistently siphon public funds from our communities into the pockets of corporations and wealthy individuals to make themselves richer. Their actions create huge crises that force us to choose between healthcare, food, or utility bills. But those politicians are not invincible. Together with thousands of NC voters like you, we have demonstrated that people power can unseat NCGA incumbents.

It's time to flex our power again to elect leaders like Jessica Bichler and Tim Merrick who'll choose everyday people over corporate and personal profit, fight for our public schools, and protect our environment.



[SD-07] **Jessica Bichler**



[HD-20] **Dr. Tim Merrick**



“AGAINST”

ALL THREE Constitutional Amendments

The Voter ID Amendment would add new rules to the constitution that keep eligible Black and brown voters, students, people with disabilities, rural and older voters from voting.

The Income Tax Amendment would permanently cap the state income tax rate at 3.5%, likely leading to higher sales taxes and less funding for public schools, healthcare, and emergency services.

The Property Tax Amendment would mostly benefit large property owners like AI data centers, Duke Energy and real estate developers. It would offer little relief to struggling homeowners. It would limit the property tax revenue the local government can collect for public schools, safe streets, fire departments, and more.

VOTE AGAINST ALL THREE.