



2026 GENERAL

Election Date: 11/03/2026

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted in **CATAWBA** County on **11/03/2026**. This notice contains a list of all of the ballot measures and federal, State, and local offices this county expects, as of this date, to be on the ballot on the date of the election. (See Attachment)

An Election Notice will be prepared not later than 100 days before a regularly scheduled election that permits absentee voting, and as soon as practicable in the case of an election or vacancy election not regularly scheduled. For a second primary, an Election Notice will be prepared, no later than the day following the date the appropriate board of elections orders that a second primary be held.

As soon as ballot styles are printed, this county board of elections will update this notice with the certified candidates for each office and ballot measures and referenda questions that will be on the ballot. For General Elections during even-numbered years, ballots will be printed **60 days** prior to the election. For statewide primaries and other elections (except municipal elections), ballots will be printed **50 days** prior to the election. Municipal ballots are available **30 days** prior to Election Day. **You must request an updated Election Notice.**

Transmitting a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:

This notice may be used in conjunction with the federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB). Covered military & U.S. citizens living outside the U.S. seeking to vote by absentee ballot may use the FWAB to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and vote an official military-overseas ballot. When using the FWAB to register to vote, and/or request an absentee ballot, please transmit your signed and completed FWAB no later than **5:00 p.m. on the day before Election Day**. If submitted later than this day and time, your absentee ballot will not be counted. Federal write-in absentee ballots are available at www.NCSBE.gov. You may also request a regular absentee ballot by using the federal postcard application (FPCA), available at www.FVAP.gov. A regular ballot can be mailed, faxed or emailed to you. You may return the FWAB or a regular absentee ballot by mail, secure fax (1-919-715-0351) or email (absentee@ncsbe.gov).

Marking a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:

When marking a FWAB, for each office for which you wish to vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party designation. For ballot measures or referenda, write either "YES" (you are *for* the ballot measure or referendum) or "NO" (you are *against* the ballot measure or referendum). In a primary, if you are registered as Democratic, Green, Libertarian, or Republican, for partisan contests, you may only vote for the candidates of the party for which you are affiliated. You are also eligible to vote for non-partisan contests. If you are registered as unaffiliated ("independent"), in a primary, you may choose to vote for the partisan contests of one of the parties or you may choose to vote for non-partisan contests only. Please contact your local [board of elections](#) to confirm your party affiliation or voter registration status.

Please check the website for the NC State Board of Elections (www.NCSBE.gov) for additional information on military-overseas absentee voting.

Election Notice Of Contests and Referenda

CATAWBA BOARD OF ELECTIONS (11/03/2026)

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CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
US SENATE		
MICHAEL DUBLIN	Michael Dublin	GRE
ROY COOPER	Roy Cooper	DEM
SHANNON BRAY	Shannon W. Bray	LIB
MICHAEL WHATLEY	Michael Whatley	REP
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 10		
STEVEN FELDMAN	Steven Feldman	LIB
ASHLEY BELL	Ashley Bell	DEM
PATRICK HARRIGAN	Pat Harrigan	REP
NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 01		
ANITA EARLS	Anita Earls	DEM
SARAH STEVENS	Sarah Stevens	REP
NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 01		
MICHAEL BYRNE	Michael C. Byrne	REP
JOHN ARROWOOD	John S. Arrowood	DEM
NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 02		
GEORGE BELL	George Cooper Bell	REP
TOBIAS HAMPSON	Tobias (Toby) Hampson	DEM
NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 03		
CRAIG COLLINS	Craig Collins	REP
CHRISTINE WALCZYK	Christine Marie Walczyk	DEM
NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 45		
GREGORY CRANFORD	Greg Cranford	DEM
MARK HOLLO	Mark Hollo	REP
NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 089		
ROBERT THOMPSON	Robert (Spider) Thompson	DEM
MITCHELL SETZER	Mitchell Smith Setzer	REP
NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 096		
JAMES ADAMS	Jay Adams	REP
PARK INGLEFIELD	Park Inglefield	DEM
NC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 19 SEAT 01		
NATHANIEL POOVEY	Nathaniel J. (Nathan) Poovey	REP
NC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 19 SEAT 02		
SHERRI ELLIOTT	Sherri Wilson Elliott	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 36 SEAT 01		
DAVID AYCOCK	David W. Aycock	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 36 SEAT 02		
WESLEY BARKLEY	Wes W. Barkley	REP

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CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 36 SEAT 03		
MATTHEW CABE	Matthew D. Cabe	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 36 SEAT 04		
ROBERT MULLINAX	Robert A. Mullinax, Jr.	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 36 SEAT 05		
GREGORY HAYES	Gregory R. (Greg) Hayes	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 36 SEAT 06		
SCOTT LIPPERT	Scott M. Lippert	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 36 SEAT 07		
MARK KILLIAN	Mark L. Killian	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 36 SEAT 09 (UNEXPIRED)		
ASHLEY MARKHAM LIPPERT	Michelle Markham Lippert	REP
DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 19		
DAVID REILLY	D. Scott Reilly	REP
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS		
SHERRY BUTLER	Sherry Edmonds Butler	REP
JESSE ALDEN	Jesse Alden	DEM
COLE SETZER	Cole Terrell Setzer	REP
JASON MOORE	Jay Moore	REP
PHYLLIS MICHAUX	Phyllis Michaux	DEM
AUBREY GREGORY	Aubrey Gregory	DEM
CATAWBA COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT		
KIM SIGMON	Kim R. Sigmon	REP
CATAWBA COUNTY SHERIFF		
DONALD BROWN	Don Brown	REP
CATAWBA COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION		
BRIAN FOX	Matthew Fox	REP
GREGORY WHITENER	Greg Whitener	REP
KHRISTY SMITH	Khristy Womack Smith	DEM
DON SIGMON	Don Sigmon	REP
TIMOTHY SETTLEMYRE	Tim Settlemyre	REP
KEVIN HAWLEY	Kevin Hawley	DEM
HICKORY CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION WARD 01		
AMANDA MCGUIRE	Amanda Tyler McGuire	REP
HICKORY CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION WARD 02		
SARAH TEMPLE	Sarah Ferrell Temple	DEM
HICKORY CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION WARD 03		

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CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
HICKORY CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION WARD 05		
LAKEYHISA HANNAH	Keyhisa Hannah	DEM
NEWTON-CONOVER SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION CONOVER DISTRICT		
ROBERT GONZALEZ	Robbie Gonzalez	REP
NEWTON-CONOVER SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWTON DISTRICT		
JENNIFER CANROBERT	Jennifer Canrobert	REP
TIMOTHY HAYES	Tim Hayes	REP
CATAWBA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR		
WILLIAM SHILLITO	William (Bill) Shillito	
CHRISTOPHER LITTLE	Brett Little	

CHOICE	DESCRIPTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - REQUIRE PHOTO ID FOR VOTING	
For	Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting.
Against	Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting.
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - MAXIMUM INCOME TAX RATE OF 3.5%	
For	Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).
Against	Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT	
For	Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.
Against	Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.