

# A time to show we care for others & ourselves

Who votes this year is being watched carefully. By voting (or not voting), you send a message: Are you satisfied with what's happening in Washington and Raleigh? If we want government to care about the displaced and disrespected, we need to show we care by voting – and by urging others to vote, too.

## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO YOU FROM . . .



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The General Baptist State Convention, civil rights leaders, African-American judges, and the NC Council of Churches urge you to **vote AGAINST the Constitutional Amendments at the end of your ballot and vote FOR equal rights in the justice system.** See inside.

Call the hotline 888-OUR-VOTE if you have a question about voting or go to [NCVoter.org](http://NCVoter.org).

**We are all equal at the ballot box;  
one person, one vote.**

## Tips for Voting

- ◆ **Review your own ballot:** Go to [demnc.co/distr](http://demnc.co/distr) – follow instructions to see your ballot and your Election Day polling place.
- ◆ **Learn about a candidate** at [NCVoterGuide.org](http://NCVoterGuide.org), [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) or Google the name and office.
- ◆ **When to vote:** Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. Polls open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. Early voting ends Saturday, Nov. 3.
- ◆ **Where to vote:** Early Voting places are at [demnc.co/ev2018](http://demnc.co/ev2018). On Election Day, go to your own precinct's poll; look it up at [demnc.co/distr](http://demnc.co/distr).
- ◆ **Take a list** of your choices into the poll, on paper or your phone.
- ◆ **No photo ID** is needed, but a newly registered voter may need to show some form of ID.
- ◆ **Assistance:** Any voter may receive help in the poll from a close family member. A voter with a reading or other disability may get help from anyone but their employer or union agent.
- ◆ **Best resource:** Get answers to your questions at the all-purpose website: [NCVoter.org](http://NCVoter.org).
- ◆ **Trouble voting?** Or want to report trouble? Call the hotline: 888-OUR-VOTE (888-687-8683)

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***Look not only to your interests,  
but to the interests of others.***  
***- Philippians 2:4***

# 2018: Justice is on the Ballot!

This year, you can pick **the next Justice on the NC Supreme Court**. You can vote for other judges, state and U.S. lawmakers, and county officials. And you can vote against unjust Constitutional Amendments that would restrict voting, let state legislators pick judges, and shift taxes from big corporations to you!

## NC SUPREME COURT CONTEST

*NC Supreme Court justices are powerful! They decide cases affecting everything from your light bill, to voting rights, to who gets the death penalty. Choose 1 of the 3 candidates. They are here in their order on the ballot.*



**Barbara Jackson**

*Party:* Republican

*Occupation:* Justice,  
NC Supreme Court

*Experience:* Judge,  
NC Court of Appeals;  
General Counsel, NC

Labor Department; Associate General  
Counsel, Governor Jim Martin.

*Favorite endorsements:* Chief Justice  
(retired) Burley Mitchell; Comm. of  
Labor Cherie Berry; NC Republican Party



**Christopher  
(Chris) Anglin**

*Party:* Republican

*Occupation:*  
Attorney

*Experience:* Legal  
practice at all

levels of civil, criminal and family  
trial courts in state and federal courts  
for 7 years.

*Favorite endorsements:* None listed



**Anita Earls**

*Party:* Democrat

*Occupation:* Civil-  
Rights Attorney

*Experience:* Deputy  
Assistant Attorney  
General, Civil Rights

Division, US Justice Department; UNC  
Center for Civil Rights; Southern  
Coalition for Social Justice.

*Favorite endorsements:* NC AFL-CIO;  
Equality NC; NC Advocates for Justice

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

*At the end of your ballot, there are 6 proposed changes to the NC Constitution. The descriptions may sound nice, but they are misleading. The actual amendments leave many details to legislators; in fact, they are all designed to give more power to the leaders who control the NC General Assembly. Here's a brief summary:*

- **Right to Hunt:** Sounds good, but does it mean people can challenge laws against hunting near schools? The legislature will fill in details. This change is not needed. It's backed by the corporate gun lobby.
- **Victim's Rights:** Victims need protection, but this amendment will delay justice and cost millions to notify victims of each detail of court action. News report say a billionaire donor got legislators to put it on the ballot.
- **7% Income Tax:** Today's rate is 5.5% so why do this? It's aimed at saving rich donors from paying a higher tax rate than others in the future. That will lead to more sales taxes, which shifts the burden to working families.
- **Photo ID to Vote:** Only Mississippi has a photo ID mandate in a Constitution. Will student or military IDs be accepted? Unknown! Legislators can exclude who they want! Courts said the last ID law targeted Black voters.
- **Fill Judicial Vacancies\*:** Governors now get local input to fill vacancies. This new scheme lets legislators control who can be appointed. It's a way to make their friends judges and end the courts' independence.
- **Elections Board\*:** This would remove the Unaffiliated member of the State Board and create a 4-4 deadlock of Democrats & Republicans. Gridlock lets legislators control more election rules and avoid oversight.

*"These amendments would destroy our system of checks and balances. Vote against them."*

*- all 11 former Governors and NC Supreme Court Chief Justices, Democrats & Republicans*

*"Send a message by voting AGAINST: Don't change the Constitution for partisan gain."*

*- NC NAACP, Democracy NC, League of Women Voters, NC Voters for Clean Elections*