



# VOTER GUIDE FOR THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

This VOTER GUIDE provides information about the Democratic candidates and the Constitutional Amendments that are on the General Election Ballot. The candidates for each category are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. There will be multiple ballots in Orange County, based on where the voter resides. Information about the candidates has either been provided by the candidates or gathered from their websites. Voters are encouraged to review these websites or contact candidates by email for additional information. This VOTER GUIDE is available on the Orange County Democratic Party website—[www.orangedems.com](http://www.orangedems.com).

## THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

- 1. IN PERSON EARLY VOTING** Orange County has 5 locations:
  - Orange County Board of Elections, 208 S Cameron Street, Hillsborough
  - Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W Main Street, Carrboro
  - Chapel of the Cross, 304 E Franklin Street, Chapel Hill
  - Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill
  - Efland Ruritan Club Building, 3009 Forrest Avenue, Efland

Dates and Times

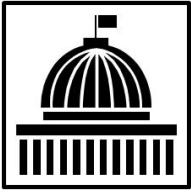
DATES	ALL SITES
Wed.-Fri., Oct.17-19	7am to 7pm
Sat., October 20	8am to 3pm
Sun., October 21	1pm to 3pm
Mon.-Fri., Oct. 22-26	7am to 7pm
Sat., October 27	8am to 3pm
Sun., October 28	1pm to 3pm
Mon.-Fri., Oct. 29-Nov. 2	7am to 7pm
Sat., November 3	8am to 3pm

- 2. IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY - Election Day is November 6, 2018**  
Precinct polling places are open from 6:30 am – 7:30 pm. The Orange County Board of Elections maintains the list of polling places at <http://orangecountync.gov/1216/Precincts-Polling-Locations-Voting-Distr> or call 919-245-2350. You may also contact the Orange County Democratic Party at <http://www.orangedems.com> or call 919-933-9662. **There is no Same Day Registration on Election Day.**

- 3. BY MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT**  
A registered voter may make a written request for an absentee ballot – no reason is needed. It must be submitted on a State Absentee Ballot Request form. The ballot request must be received by the Orange County BOE by 5 PM on October 30<sup>th</sup> and signed by the voter or a near relative. The completed ballot must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Orange County BOE by 5 PM on Nov. 6. **Voter must have 2 witnesses or a notary in their presence as they complete and sign their ballot return envelope.** (See the Orange County Board of Elections website for specific instructions. <http://www.orangecountync.gov/1104/Absentee-Voting-By-Mail>)

**Same Day Voter Registration is available at all Early Voting Sites. You must bring a valid form of ID and vote during Early Voting.**

**Curbside voting is available at all Early Voting and Precinct sites.**



## US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 4<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT

**Responsibilities of the Office:** The Congress has the power to provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States by regulating trade with other nations. Congress appropriates tax money to construct and support a military force and provide and regulate currency, the post office and patents. The Congress oversees the District of Columbia. It has the power to declare war on other nations and to pass any other laws that its body deems necessary.

**Candidates:** Three candidates are running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses David Price.

### David Price, 78 (Chapel Hill, Orange County)

Education: Mars Hill University and UNC-CH, BA; Yale University, B Div. and PhD

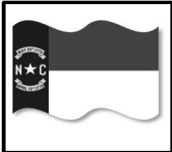
Political Experience: Represented the 4<sup>th</sup> District in US Congress 1987 to present (with exception of one term).

Occupation: US Congressman; Political Science faculty at Duke before entering Congress

Major Issues: “I am running to continue fighting for housing, health care, education, equal rights, and an economy that works for all—not just those at the top. I am also running to help lead the resistance against Donald Trump, who poses a grave threat not just to the progressive accomplishments of recent decades but to our basic American values.” Specific things to accomplish:

- invest in affordable housing and public transit
- create a pathway to citizenship for “Dreamers” as a step toward comprehensive immigration reform
- enact my “We the People Act” which would end partisan gerrymandering, expand voter registration, reduce the influence of SuperPACs, and create public financing for elections
- respond to gun violence with reforms such as reinstating the assault weapons ban and establishing universal background checks

Website: [www.priceforcongress.com](http://www.priceforcongress.com)



## NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 23

**Responsibilities of the Office:** The Senate is the smaller house of the NC General Assembly and shares with the House of Representatives the legislative power of the State. The duties of the Senate are to amend and pass laws that govern the conduct of the state and local governments of North Carolina and its citizens. It has the power, with the House of Representatives, to reapportion the legislative and Congressional districts and to propose amendments to the NC Constitution.

**Candidates:** Two candidates are running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Valerie Foushee.

### Valerie Foushee, 62 (Hillsborough, Orange County)

Education: UNC-CH, BA in Political Science in African/Afro-American Studies

Political Experience: NC State Senator, 2013 - present; elected NC State Representative, 2012; Orange County Board of Commissioners 2004-2012 (first African American female; Chair for 2 years); Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education (Chair for 2 years) 1997-2004.

Occupation and Community Service: Chapel Hill Police Department Administrator, retired 2008 after 21 years; former member Durham Technical Community College Board of Trustees; First Baptist Church Trustee

Major Issues:

- invest in quality public education at all levels
- Independent Redistricting Commission
- strengthen the economy by recruiting/attracting high quality, high paying jobs
- protect our natural and cultural resources
- reverse recent de-regulation of clear air and water standards

Website: [www.valeriefoushee.com](http://www.valeriefoushee.com)



## NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Responsibilities of the Office:** The House of Representatives is the larger house of the NC General Assembly and shares with the Senate the legislative power of the State. The duties of the House of Representatives are to amend and pass laws that govern the conduct of the state and local governments of North Carolina and its citizens. It has the power, with the Senate, to reapportion the legislative and Congressional districts and to propose amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina.

### NC House of Representatives, District 50

**Candidates:** Two candidates are running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Graig Meyer.

#### Graig Meyer, 44 (Chapel Hill, Orange County)

Education: College of Wooster, BA; University of Chicago, MA 1998

Political Experience: NC House of Representatives, 2013-present. Serves on Education (K-12), Finance, Judiciary I, Aging, Homeland Security and Military & Veterans Affairs Committees. Currently taking a lead role in identifying and supporting Democratic candidates for the General Assembly across the state. Previous service includes: Democratic Party Orange Grove precinct vice-chair, Orange County Executive Committee, North Carolina State Executive Committee, and Democratic National Convention Delegate.

Occupation: Co-founder and principal consultant with the Equity Collaborative, LLC. Recently published *More Than a Mentoring Program: Attacking Institutional Racism*. Social Worker; Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate Coordinator for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools 1998-2014.

Major Issues: Worked across party lines to co-found/lead the Early Childhood Caucus and the Life Sciences Caucus. Meyer's primary issues are in the areas of education, small businesses/rural economies (expand markets and provide incentives), job creation (commit to research, technology and innovation), environment (water protection), voting rights and gerrymandering (non-partisan redistricting process), equality (LGBTQ, equal pay, racial justice) and reproductive rights (choice and access to birth control).

Website: [www.graigmeyer.com](http://www.graigmeyer.com)

### NC House of Representatives, District 56

**Candidates:** Three candidates are running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Verla Insko.

#### Verla Insko, 82, (Chapel Hill, Orange County)

Education: BA Fresno State College, Fresno, CA.; MPA, UNC-CH

Political Experience: NC House, 1997-present; Orange County Board of Commissioners, 1990-94, Chapel Hill; Carrboro Board of Education, 1977- 1985; Chair, Orange County Democratic Party, 1983-85.

Occupation: Retired UNC health program administrator; former junior high science teacher.

Major Issues: A quality education from early childhood through our UNC systems, climate change, voting rights, an independent judicial system, access to health care, clean air and water, essential social supports, a reformed criminal justice system, income inequality.

Some Specifics to Accomplish: Establish an independent redistricting commission, establish a Resiliency in Climate Change Blue Ribbon Commission, restore funding cuts to education including teacher salaries, provide business tax credits for apprentice programs, expand Medicaid, expand broadband to rural areas for education and telehealth; fully fund early childhood education subsidies; restore the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Dependent Care Tax Credit, raise the minimum wage and put a hold on further tax cuts until our programs are adequately funded.

Website: [www.verlainsko.com](http://www.verlainsko.com)



## **DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 15-B** (Orange and Chatham counties)

**Responsibilities of the Office:** District Attorneys are the elected representatives of the state in all criminal and some juvenile matters. The primary responsibility of the District Attorney is to prosecute all criminal cases filed in the Superior and District Courts. District Attorneys also advise local law enforcement and prepare the criminal trial docket.

**Candidates:** One candidate is running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses James Woodall.

### **James (Jim) Woodall, 57 (Hillsborough, Orange County)**

Education: BA, UNC-CH, 1982; JD, UNC-CH, 1985

Political Experience: District Attorney for Orange and Chatham Counties in 2005-2018.

Occupation: DA for District 15-B for 13 years (since 2005); previously assistant DA for 14 years. Began law career in 1985 in a private law firm handling both civil and criminal cases.

Major issues: “Virtually my entire professional life has been devoted to working as a prosecutor. I believe prosecutors have the greatest influence on fairness and justice in the criminal justice system. The 15B District Attorney’s Office has a statewide reputation as one of the most fair and hard-working offices in North Carolina. My office is tough, yet fair, compassionate, and innovative in the pursuit of justice. My entire staff is dedicated to upholding our duty to seek justice every day.” Issues: Aggressive prosecution of violent crimes (including gun crimes), while exploring alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenses. Creative solutions to deal with defendants with serious mental health issues and/or substance abuse and addiction problems. Establish a more comprehensive approach to assisting those with criminal records and periods of incarceration to reenter the community and obtain employment, counseling and basic financial assistance.

Website: <http://www.ncdistrictattorney.org/15B/jimwoodall.htm>



## **NC SUPREME COURT**

**Responsibilities of the Office:** The Supreme Court of North Carolina is the state's highest court, and there is no further appeal in the state from their decisions. This court has a chief justice and six associate justices who sit together as a panel in Raleigh. The Supreme Court has no jury, and it makes no determination of fact; rather, it considers error in legal procedures or in judicial interpretation of the law.

### **Associate Justice - Seat 1**

**Candidates:** Three candidates are running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Anita Earls.

### **Anita Earls, 57 (Durham, Durham County)**

Education: Williams College, BA, 1981; Yale University, JD, 1987. Has taught at Duke, UNC and University of Maryland.

Political Experience: NC Board of Elections, 2009-11; successfully litigated NC case against gerrymandering in legislative and congressional districts

Occupation: Founder and former Executive Director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, 2007-17; US Dept. of Justice; Partner in Ferguson, Stein Law Firm, 1988-98. Will receive the 2018 Cecile Richards Progressive Leader Award from the America Votes State Summit for leadership in the fight for NC voting rights.

Judicial Philosophy: As a woman of color with 30 years of legal experience, Earls believes in and supports the right to vote, the importance of an independent judiciary and balance of powers, equality before the law and accountability to the rule of law, and the need to find common ground among competing interests.

Website: [earls4justice.com](http://earls4justice.com)



## NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

**Responsibilities of the Office:** The Court of Appeals is North Carolina’s second highest court. Fifteen judges sit in rotating panels of three, deciding on every case appealed from the Superior and District courts and the Industrial Commission, except death penalty cases. In cases where there is no dissent, the Court of Appeals ruling is final, unless the Supreme Court grants a petition to hear a case.

### Court of Appeals-Seat 1

**Candidates:** Two candidates are running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses John Arrowood.

#### John S. Arrowood, 61 (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County)

Education: Catawba College, 1979 BA magna cum laude; UNC JD, 1982

Political Experience: Appellate Court Judge 2007-08 and 2017 to present.

Occupation: Incumbent NC Court of Appeals Judge (appointed by Gov. Cooper) since April 2017; previously served in 2007-08; has authored opinions, dissents or concurrences in over 180 cases. Has also been a Superior Court Judge. Was an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. Has had 26 years in private practice where he specialized in employment and commercial law at James, McElroy and Diehl firm in Charlotte. Is licensed to practice in NC, US District Courts in NC, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the US.

Judicial Philosophy: “My record reflects that I administer justice equally, fairly and without favoritism for as long as I serve.”

Website : [keepjudgearrowood.org](http://keepjudgearrowood.org)

### Court of Appeals-Seat 2

**Candidates:** Three candidates are running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Tobias (Toby) Hampson.

#### Tobias (Toby) Hampson, 42 (Raleigh, Wake County)

Education: NC School of Science and Math, 1994; American University School of International Service, BA 1998; Campbell University, JD with honors 2002

Political Experience: Law clerk for NC Court of Appeals under Judges Greene, Bryant and Hunter

Occupation: Partner in Raleigh firm of Wyrick, Robbins, Yates and Ponton—leads firm’s Appellate Practice Group. Certified Specialist in Appellate Practice by NC State Board of Legal Specialization. One of 100 Top Super Lawyers in NC. Is married to a lawyer and has three children.

Judicial Philosophy: “The Right Experience Matters”

Website: [tobyhampsonforjudge.com](http://tobyhampsonforjudge.com)

## Court of Appeals-Seat 3

**Candidates:** Three candidates are running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Allegra Collins.

### **Allegra Katherine Collins, 46, (Raleigh, Wake County)**

Education: UCLA, College of William and Mary, BA; Campbell University, JD 2006

Occupation: Allegra is a Professor at Campbell Law School where she teaches Judicial Writing and Appellate Advocacy. She also has her own appellate law practice and represents clients before the NC Court of Appeals, NC Supreme Court, and US Supreme Court. She is the Vice Chair of the North Carolina Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section and a member of its Appellate Rules Committee. She was named to the 2018 Legal Elite in Appellate Law and inducted into NC Pro Bono Honor Society by the NC Supreme Court for volunteering her time as an appellate attorney. She started her law career as a clerk to Judge Linda Stephens on the NC Court of Appeals and then spent four years at the NC Supreme Court as an Assistant Appellate Reporter. She is married to Wake County Superior Court Judge Bryan Collins and they have a 5-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old son.

Judicial Philosophy: "An Independent Thinker for an Independent Court"

Website: [allegracollins.com](http://allegracollins.com)

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



## **DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, DISTRICT 15-B**

**Responsibilities of the Office:** Civil cases such as divorce, custody, child support and cases involving less than \$10,000 are heard in District Court, along with criminal cases involving abused and neglected children, juveniles charged with crimes, family violence, mental health and substance abuse commitments, guilty pleas for criminal felonies, misdemeanors and infractions. The District Court is divided into 42 court districts across the state.

## **District Court Judge – Seat 1**

**Candidates:** One candidate is running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Joseph Buckner.

### **Joseph M. (Joe) Buckner, 58 (Chapel Hill, Orange County)**

Education: BA, UNC-CH, 1982; JD, UNC-CH, 1987

Political Experience: Elected 1994 to open seat, re-elected without opposition 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 & 2014. Registered Democrat since voter age eligible (1978).

Occupation: Chief District Court Judge since 1996, NC District 15-B, Orange and Chatham Counties, presiding over civil and criminal cases. Elected president of NC Association of District Court Judges in 2007; presented continuing judicial education with help from the UNC School of Government.

Major issues: Improving the District Courts' delivery of justice in all mandated areas of responsibility, but especially 1) abused and neglected children, 2) family violence, 3) community safety and 4) assisting court-involved parties with severe and persistent mental health challenges and substance abuse issues.

Contact: (no website) 919-644-4646



## ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Responsibilities of the Office:** The Board of County Commissioners adopts an annual budget (for two school districts and departments such as Health, Mental Health, Social Services, Aging, Planning, Public Works, Housing and Community Development, Land Records, Environment and Resources Conservation), establishes the annual property tax rate, hires and appoints officials, plans for county needs and enacts local ordinances. The Board also has the authority to call bond referenda, enter into contracts and establish new programs and departments.

### Orange County Commissioner, At-Large

**Candidates: One candidate is running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Sally Greene.**

#### **Sally Greene, 62 (Chapel Hill, Orange County)**

Education: George Washington University, JD; UNC-CH, PhD in English

Political Experience: Chapel Hill Town Council, 2003-11, 2013-17 (mayor pro tem 2013-15); Chapel Hill Planning Board (vice-chair), 2002-03; Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness, 2007-17; Orange County Literacy Council; Orange County Food Council

Occupation: Associate Attorney, Bal Brenner, PC (serves Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals as member of DC Bar)

Major issues: "I believe that I can effectively translate my experience from three terms on the Chapel Hill Town Council to the county level. My focus on the council was on human services issues, including homelessness, access to housing, the rights of the formerly incarcerated, the need for effective mental health interventions, and food access and security. My work supporting the arts community has involved engaging with the county to support the hundreds of artists whose work contributes to the vibrancy of Orange County. I am eager to take this experience and apply it collaboratively to the benefit of all county residents." Specific things to accomplish include: creation of a light industrial food campus in order to keep more food start-up businesses in the county; attract new industry; make Orange County a destination venue; strengthen resources for returning prisoners and broaden alternatives to jail; strengthen cooperation/collaboration with municipal jurisdictions and nonprofits.

Website: [sallygreene.org](http://sallygreene.org)

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

### Orange County Commissioner, District 1

**Candidates: One candidate is running for one seat. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Jamezetta Bedford.**

#### **Jamezetta Bedford, 60 (Chapel Hill, Orange County)**

Education: University of Virginia, BA 1980; UNC-CH Master of Accounting, 2004

Political Experience: Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools Board of Education for 12 years (3 as Chair); President, Democratic Women of Orange County, Aug 2016-May 2018; Orange County ABC Board, 2016-present; Past President, Chapel Hill Area Unit of the Autism Society of NC

Occupation: CPA with Coleman, Huntoon and Brown, PLLC since 2008

Major issues: "Committed to making sure Orange County is a wonderful place to live, with a strong and diverse economy, progressive environmental policies and strong safety network for those in need." Priorities are: education, economic development, fiscal planning, sustainability, social services and equity.

Website: [jamezettaforcommissioner.org](http://jamezettaforcommissioner.org)

## Orange County Commissioner, District 2

Candidates: **One candidate is running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Earl McKee.**

### **Earl McKee, 65 (Rougemont, Orange County)**

Education: Graduated from Orange High School; Associate's Degree in Agriculture at NCSU

Political Experience: District 2 Seat on the Orange County Board of Commissioners (2010-present), 2 years as Vice Chair and 2 years as Chair plus more than 24 local regional and special task force boards; Orange County Planning Board

Occupation: Career in agriculture on family farm, while striving to be a good steward of the land; operated a successful agricultural business for 41 years.

Major issues: Continue to get increases for education, including universal pre-K; continue to reduce run times for Fire and Emergency Services agencies; increase our efforts to attract jobs that all of our residents can access; limit gentrification by changing regulations on moderate income housing; encourage conservation of natural resources by all residents; limit property tax increases. "I will continue to speak up for those who do not feel they have a voice in a reasonable yet forceful manner."

Website: <https://earlmckee.com/>



## **ORANGE COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT**

**Responsibilities of the Office:** The Clerk is responsible for all clerical and record-keeping functions of the District and Superior Court. In addition, the Clerk receives and disburses money collected each year from court fees and fines. As judge of probate, the Clerk has original jurisdiction over matters relating to the probate of wills and administration of estates. The Clerk also presides over other legal matters including adoptions, incompetency and guardianship proceedings, condemnation of private lands for public use, and foreclosures, and is empowered to issue arrest and search warrants and to take guilty pleas to minor offenses such as littering and traffic violations.

Candidates: **One candidate is running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Mark Kleinschmidt.**

### **Mark Kleinschmidt, 48 (Chapel Hill, Orange County)**

Education: UNC-CH BA in Education, 1992; UNC-CH JD, 2000

Political Experience: Mayor of Chapel Hill, 2009-15; Town Council member, 2001-09

Occupation: Former social studies teacher. Attorney in private practice for 18 years, focused on complex criminal litigation and fighting for rights of minorities. Kleinschmidt was recruited to run for this office by attorneys, other local officials and community residents to be an engaged partner in criminal justice reform efforts.

Major issues: Make sure that all people are welcomed and respected when they need the services of the office. Improve the functioning of the Clerk's office and partner with other court officials. Improve the website by increasing the amount of information available, adding a FAQ page, and providing the ability to schedule meetings online (Buncombe Co. model). Create an automated court reminder system to increase efficiency and reduce failure-to-appear charges, which disproportionately impact people of lower income; reduce the criminalization of poverty. Improve processing expunction petitions. Do more to help people become eligible for employment or get back into school.

Website: <https://markforocclerk.com/>





## ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

**Responsibilities of the Office:** The Register of Deeds serves as custodian and manager of large numbers of public records. By law, the Register of Deeds is charged with the integrity, completeness, accuracy, and safekeeping of these public records. Services of the office include recording legal documents and maps, issuing marriage licenses, certifying documents, administering Notary Public oaths, and issuing birth and death certificates.

**Candidates: One candidate is running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Mark Chilton.**

### Mark Chilton, 47 (Carrboro, Orange County)

Education: BA in geography at UNC; J.D. from North Carolina Central University

Political Experience: : Register of Deeds since 2014; Mayor of Carrboro, 2005-13; Carrboro Board of Aldermen, 2003-05; Chapel Hill Town Council, 1991-97

Occupation: Orange County Register of Deeds. 16 years as real estate attorney. Founded Land Trust for affordable housing.

Major issues: “Over the last four years, I have expanded public services at the Register of Deeds office, including adding U.S. Passport services, while maintaining the same staff level. Chilton is in the final stages of selecting a new vendor to create a more user-friendly website for the Register of Deeds. I have also recently completed the indexing of over 4,300 records related to enslaved persons mentioned in Orange County’s old deed books; our enslaved persons records project expands opportunities for genealogists while honestly acknowledging our county’s history. I am running for re-election to continue and expand these services and more.”

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



## ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF

**Responsibilities of the Office:** In North Carolina, Sheriffs are Constitutional Officers elected by the people of their counties. On call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, responsibilities include: Patrolling the county and enforcing the law, maintaining and operating jails, properly serving civil process papers essential to all legal actions and providing security for North Carolina's courtrooms. Duties of the sheriff vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, but the sheriff’s office is usually active in all three branches of the criminal justice system: law enforcement, the courts and corrections.

**Candidates: One candidate is running. You may vote for one. The Orange County Democratic Party endorses Charles Blackwood.**

### Charles Blackwood, 58, (Chapel Hill, Orange County)

Education: Advanced Service Award, 2009; Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate, 2000; NCSU Administrative Officer's Management Program, 2000; Basic Law Enforcement Training, 1981; Chapel Hill High School, 1978

Political Experience: Won 2014 Democratic 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary for Sheriff. Elected Sheriff of Orange County in 2014.

Occupation: 38 years in Orange County Sheriff's Office; retired in 2012 as Major of Operations (second in command); served in, managed or supervised all the divisions of the Sheriff's Office

Major issues: Develop law enforcement leadership for the future in the County and across the State; address mental health needs of those in our Detention Center; develop a comprehensive approach to our opioid epidemic; address needs of elderly; provide staff with most up-to-date training; strengthen community relations; continue serving on Biracial Justice Task Force to identify racial disparities in our criminal justice system; continue youth programs; continue our Citizen’s and Youth Academies and volunteer Program; implement Body Worn Camera Program; continue to be available, responsive and accountable to you.

Website: <http://www.blackwoodforsheriff.com/>

## NON-PARTISAN RACES



### SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

**Responsibilities of the Office:** Soil and Water Conservation Districts are responsible for coordinating and carrying out a local natural resources conservation program. Through these Districts farmers and other users, institutions, and groups in the community can manage their own soil and water conservation programs. Districts are also responsible for controlling sediment, nutrients, animal wastes, and pesticides. Districts look for opportunities to provide conservation education – including reaching students, teachers, administrators, churches, media, civic clubs, and Scouts.

#### District Supervisor

**Candidates: Three candidates are running. You may vote for two. All candidates are Democrats. Voters may also write in choices.**

<p><b>W. Chris Hogan, 60 (Chapel Hill, Orange County)</b>  <u>Education:</u> NCSU  <u>Political Experience:</u> Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, 2006-2018  <u>Occupation:</u> Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor. Realtor, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services  <u>Telephone:</u> 919-625-3796</p>	<p><b>Morris L. Shambley, 71 (Efland, Orange County)</b>  <u>Education:</u>  <u>Political Experience:</u> Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, 2010-2018  <u>Occupation:</u> Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor. Co-owner and President of Shambley Farm in Efland, North Carolina  <u>Telephone:</u> 919-593-6154</p>
<p><b>Heather E. Main, CPE, RN, 65 (Efland, Orange County)</b>  <u>Education:</u> NCSU, MS in Industrial Design and Engineering, 1987  <u>Political Experience:</u> none  <u>Occupation:</u> Ergonomics Consultant to environmental health and safety operations for manufacturing companies. President/Owner, ErgoTrack, 1994-present; Ergonomics Consultant, Alcon Laboratories, Inc., 2018-present  <u>Telephone:</u> 919-812-1059  <u>Website:</u> <a href="http://www.hmainnc.com">www.hmainnc.com</a></p>	

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

<p><b>Against</b></p> <p>Why →</p>	<p><b>Constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.</b></p> <p><b>Orange County Democratic Party and the NC Democratic Party <u>OPPOSE</u> this amendment.</b></p> <p>This amendment is unnecessary and is purposely vague so that the current legislature can fill in the blanks to suit them. <u>There is already legislation that protects the right to hunt and fish.</u> The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that conservative voters come to the polls in November by creating a false belief that their rights are under threat.</p>
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<p><b>Against</b></p>    <p>Why →</p>	<p><b>Constitutional amendment to strengthen protections for victims of crime; to establish certain absolute basic rights for victims; and to ensure the enforcement of these rights.</b></p> <p><b>Orange County Democratic Party and the NC Democratic Party <u>OPPOSE</u> this amendment.</b></p> <p>This amendment is unnecessary. North Carolina already has strong victims’ rights laws and making victims’ rights a part of the Constitution ties the hands of the legislature to adjust those laws as new circumstances and harmful side effects become evident. It would cost millions of dollars each year but there is no plan for where the money would come from. This amendment was passed in California in 2008 and is being promoted by conservatives across the country. It is not based on known problems in North Carolina.</p>
<p><b>Against</b></p>    <p>Why →</p>	<p><b>Constitutional Amendment to reduce the income tax rate in North Carolina to a maximum allowable rate of seven percent (7%).</b></p> <p><b>Orange County Democratic Party and the NC Democratic Party <u>OPPOSE</u> this amendment.</b></p> <p>Constitutionally limiting the income tax rate would put more money into the pockets of the wealthiest households while funds for investment in education, clean water, roads and bridges would decline. This change will mean we will need higher property taxes, sales taxes, and local fees, further shifting the tax burden from the wealthy to middle class and poor North Carolinians. The lower your income, the higher the percent of your income that goes to state and local taxes.</p> <p>This amendment changes the North Carolina tax code to benefit the wealthy and powerful.</p>
<p><b>Against</b></p>    <p>Why →</p>	<p><b>Constitutional amendment to require voters to provide photo identification before voting in person.</b></p> <p><b>Orange County Democratic Party and the NC Democratic Party <u>OPPOSE</u> this amendment.</b></p> <p>This constitutional amendment creates new hurdles to voting that will hurt seniors, veterans, young people, minorities, and other groups who are less likely to have a driver’s license. Republicans have yet to offer any details on the policy, instead leaving it vague and telling voters to trust them. The same Republicans who drafted the monster voting law that was struck down now want a blank check to do what they please. This is a solution in search of a problem that has some very serious consequences. North Carolina’s elections are already fair and free of voter fraud.</p> <p>We need to make it easier to vote, not harder.</p>

<p><b>Against</b></p> <p>Why →</p>	<p><b>Constitutional amendment to change the process for filing judicial vacancies that occur between judicial elections from a process in which the Governor has sole appointment power to a process in which the people of the State nominate individuals to fill vacancies by way of a commission comprised of appointees made by the judicial, executive, and legislative branches charged with making recommendations to the legislature as to which nominees are deemed qualified; then the legislature will recommend at least two nominees to the Governor via legislative action not subject to gubernatorial veto; and the Governor will appoint judges from among these nominees.</b></p> <p><b>Orange County Democratic Party and the NC Democratic Party <u>OPPOSE</u> this amendment.</b></p> <p>This amendment does not tell voters that <u>legislators would choose the judges</u> who will rule on the constitutionality of laws that they pass. The legislature may select names of judicial nominees and the Governor must appoint judges only from nominees the General Assembly sends to him or her. Judges appointed under the new system could end up serving an additional 3+ years without standing for election, meaning that it delays the election of judges by the voters. There is already a process for nonpartisan input on the judicial vacancy selection. This amendment inaccurately leads voters to believe that they will have more input on judicial nominees than they actually would have. <u>This amendment fails to inform voters that it strikes a whole section of the state constitution.</u></p>
<p><b>Against</b></p> <p>Why →</p>	<p><b>Constitutional amendment to establish an eight-member Bipartisan Board of Ethics and Elections Enforcement in the Constitution to administer ethics and elections laws.</b></p> <p><b>Orange County Democratic Party and the NC Democratic Party <u>OPPOSE</u> this amendment.</b></p> <p>This amendment doesn't tell voters that power will reside solely in the legislature to determine who will be the members of the Board of Elections and Ethics. The courts recently ruled that the legislature's actions on a similar scheme are unconstitutional. The primary purpose and effect of a 4-4 board is to create gridlock. A bipartisan 9-member Board of Elections already exists — four Democrats, four Republicans and one Unaffiliated board member.</p>

## TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONDS

<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Why →</p>	<p><b>Shall the order authorizing Town of Chapel Hill general obligation bonds in the maximum amount of \$10,000,000 plus interest to pay capital costs of providing housing for persons of low and moderate income and paying related costs, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as adopted by the Town council on May 23, 2018, be approved?</b></p> <p><b>Orange County Democratic Party <u>SUPPORTS</u> these bonds.</b></p> <p>There is a widely-recognized need for more affordable housing in Chapel Hill. For example, Chapel Hill residents making below \$64,500 (family of four) cannot afford 75% of available housing in town. This order authorizes the town to use general obligation bond funds to build and/or preserve 700 affordable housing. Funds could also be used to acquire new property to be used for affordable housing.</p>
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### Orange County 2018 General Election Ballots

Orange County will have four (4) different ballots for the General Election, based on the two NC legislative Districts in Orange County and whether or not voters live in the Chapel Hill town limits.