



**ORANGE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY 2017 ELECTION VOTER GUIDE
CHAPEL HILL, CARRBORO AND HILLSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
CHAPEL HILL/CARRBORO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

This Voter Guide provides information about Democratic candidates who are on the November 7, 2017 Election Ballot. They are listed in alphabetical order. Each candidate has provided information about where they live, relevant education, current employment and other experience related to the office, why they are running, and what they hope to accomplish, if elected. Voters are encouraged to review the websites of candidates or contact candidates by email for additional information.

VOTER ID IS NOT REQUIRED TO VOTE IN THIS YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

Orange County Early Voting locations, dates, and times - Vote Early at your convenience!

Orange County Board of Elections 208 S. Cameron St., Hillsborough	Chapel of the Cross 304 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill	Carrboro Town Hall 301 West Main Street, Carrboro	Seymour Senior Center 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill
Thurs, Oct 19 – Fri, Oct 20: 9am-6pm Mon, Oct 23 – Fri, Oct 27: 9am-6pm Sat, Oct 28: 9am-1pm Mon, Oct 30: 9am-6pm Tues, Oct 31: 9am-6pm Weds, Nov 1 – Fri, Nov 3: 9am-6pm Sat, Nov 4: 9am-1pm	Mon, Oct 23 – Fri, Oct 27: 12pm-7pm Mon, Oct 30: 12pm-7pm Tues, Oct 31: 12pm-5pm Weds, Nov 1 – Fri, Nov 3: 12pm-7pm Sat, Nov 4: 9am-1pm	Mon, Oct 23 – Fri, Oct 27: 9am-6pm Sat, Oct 28: 9am-1pm Mon, Oct 30: 9am-6pm Tues, Oct 31: 9am-6pm Weds, Nov 1 – Fri, Nov 3: 9am-6pm Sat, Nov 4: 9am-1pm	Mon, Oct 23 – Fri, Oct 27: 12pm-7pm Sat, Oct 28: 9am-1pm Mon, Oct 30: 12pm-7pm Tues, Oct 31: 12pm-5pm Weds, Nov 1 – Fri, Nov 3: 12pm-7pm Sat, Nov 4: 9am-1pm

Same Day Registration is currently allowed. Same day voter registration allows a person to register and vote on the same day during the early voting period. A US citizen, at least 18 years old by Election Day and a county resident for at least 30 days, may fill out a registration form at one of the early voting sites, present a document with name and current Orange County address, and vote. The following documents are accepted: NC driver's license; bank or bank-card statement; an electric, gas, phone, water, or cable bill; paycheck or paycheck stub or W-2 form; student ID & school document; or a document from any government agency, such as car registration, tax bill, license to hunt, fish, etc., Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid card or letter, military ID, passport, or other government ID, letter, invoice, etc. **Same Day Registration is not allowed on Election Day.**

Election Day is November 7, 2017. Precinct polling locations are open 6:30am – 7:30pm. The Orange County Board of Elections maintains the list of precinct polling locations at co.orange.nc.us/elect/precincts.asp, or call the Board of Elections at 245-2350 or the Orange County Democratic Party at 919-933-9662.

Absentee Voting: Absentee Ballots are available from the Orange County Board of Elections on Oct 6. The last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail is Oct 31.

The candidate information, unless otherwise indicated, has been supplied by the candidates. Entries have been edited by OCDP to comply with space requirements. Asterisks (*) indicate incumbents.

Non-Partisan Election

Mayor of Chapel Hill

(For all voters living in the town limits of Chapel Hill)

Responsibilities of the Office: *The mayor presides over the Town Council meetings and has full voting privileges as a member of the Council. The mayor is recognized as the official head of the Town by the courts for the purpose of serving civil processes, and by the public for all ceremonial purposes, and has the power to administer oaths. The mayor is the principal representative of the Council in relationships with the federal, state and other local governments.*

Candidates: One Democrat, Pam Hemminger, is on the ballot for mayor. Eugene Farrar, also a Democrat, is running as a write-in candidate. Vote for one.

Name and Personal Information	Relevant Experience	Why are you running for this office?	What <u>specific</u> things would you like to accomplish?
<p>Pam Hemminger* Age: 57</p> <p>Education: BA, Vanderbilt University; Economics & German, 1982</p> <p>PamHemminger.com Pam Hemminger (FB) @pamhemminger (twitter)</p> <p>Info@pamhemminger.com</p>	<p>In 2015, I was honored to be elected to serve as Mayor of Chapel Hill. Prior to holding this office, I served the public as Chair of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) Board and Vice-Chair of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners.</p> <p>A 31-year Chapel Hill resident, I have served on over a dozen local and regional not-for-profit boards including OC Habitat for Humanity, Triangle Land Conservancy, Community Home Trust, Upper Neuse River Basin Association and Rainbow Soccer.</p> <p>Professionally, I worked as a business manager in the computer and real estate industries and today own a small commercial property firm which upfits existing commercial properties. My husband, Brad and I have raised our four children here.</p>	<p>Let me begin by expressing my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Mayor of Chapel Hill. It has been a tremendous journey which has allowed me to connect with people from all parts of our community and to learn a great deal. In the past 21 months, we have made significant progress in achieving the goals we laid out in 2015 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing the community together for Food For the Summer • Purchasing the American Legion Property • Creating the new Enterprise Zone • Improving the Ephesus-Fordham Form Based Code • Addressing downtown parking and safety concerns • Moving ahead on a town-wide Mobility Plan • Installing sidewalks • Creating an Innovation Council • And more. <p>Chapel Hill has a very bright future ahead and I am excited to lead our community as we take the next steps to become a creative, sustainable, livable and inclusive place to live, work, play and learn.</p>	<p>In the past two years, Chapel Hill has laid the foundation for a more innovative, creative, and financially sustainable community that is inclusive and welcoming to everyone. To move us forward, my goals and next steps include:</p> <p>1) Diversify our tax base and increase high-quality jobs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a business accelerator and new co-working space to capture UNC spin-offs and grow start-ups • Welcome opportunities to get commercial office space out of the ground to retain growing companies and attract new ones • Promote light industrial development in areas suitable for advanced manufacturing, research, and the life sciences <p>2) Plan proactively to meet the needs of our growing and diverse community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate and begin implementing a strategic plan to create more affordable housing • Appoint a task force to plan for better opportunities and more recreational space for our teens • Work closely with Orange County to create an aging-friendly community for our senior population • Work to ensure that plans for the American Legion property will provide an exciting and economically sustainable town recreational and cultural amenity • Increase offerings and spaces for arts and cultural activities <p>3) Retake our place as a leader on environmental issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion integrated and innovative regional approaches to water quality issues in the Jordan Lake and other area watersheds • Work with local stakeholders and developers to facilitate increased use of clean energy solutions and best practices • Make it a priority to address storm water issues in order to mitigate the increased flooding and erosion in the downstream areas of our town watersheds.

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Chapel Hill Town Council

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Candidates: Seven persons (six registered Democrats) are running for four seats. Unaffiliated Hongbin Gu is also running. Vote for four.

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<p>Allen Buansi Age: 30</p> <p>Education: BA History, Dartmouth College JD, UNC School of Law</p> <p>allenbuansi.org Allen Buansi (FB)</p> <p>info@allenbuansi.org</p>	<p>I have worked on a number of political campaigns, including the 2016 election, where I was the policy and field director for the newly elected North Carolina attorney general, Josh Stein. If elected, my service on Council would be my first political office.</p>	<p>I am running to add a fresh perspective as a homegrown leader from Chapel Hill. I have lived here since 1998, and I'm a proud product of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. My work and service has required me to listen well and to be thoughtful and collaborative. I love Chapel Hill and want to raise my family here where it's inclusive and affordable. I intend to step-up my commitment to serving our town and lend my thoughtful and engaging approach, as well as my expertise to addressing our Town's continuing challenges related to development, affordability and transportation.</p> <p>As an attorney, I review municipal codes and decisions to assess the fairness of decision-making processes. I stand up for adversely impacted communities. On Town Council, I will ensure that the voices of all stakeholders are heard and, to the extent possible, that they be in partnership on decisions that work for everyone.</p>	<p>We must lessen the tax burden on homeowners. Presently, around 80 percent of Town revenue comes from residential property taxes. This has forced many families out of Chapel Hill. We can help ease this burden by diversifying our tax base to increase revenue generated from commercial properties. Measures such as the Innovative, Light Industrial Conditional Zoning District pilot study are encouraging.</p> <p>I do not have a blanket approach to development, but I do want to make sure that decision-making is transparent, welcomes the input and partnership of adversely affected communities, and is environmentally responsible. Roughly 98 percent of available land in Chapel Hill has been built upon. Council has devoted more resources to expand affordable housing options, but we'll need additional strategies. I will lend steady support to Empowerment, Inc., the Community Home Trust, CASA, Habitat for Humanity and other organizations dedicated to providing housing options for middle- and low-income families. In addition to houses, these organizations have appropriately recognized the need for affordable rental units, and I support their efforts to acquire properties for this purpose.</p> <p>I will also hold developers to standards set forth in ordinances such as the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance. We need a holistic approach to addressing affordable housing. This includes continuing to make it a budget priority, investing in our Affordable Housing Fund and exploring subsidized and workforce housing options. I also support increasing the number of designated affordable housing units and exploring tiny homes as an option.</p>

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<p>Ed Harrison*</p> <p>Age: 66</p> <p>Education: BA, Duke Univ (Trinity College, English); Master of Environmental Management, Duke Univ.; post-graduate short courses at Duke School of the Environment and at NC Botanical Garden.</p> <p>edcharrison@gmail.com</p>	<p>Chapel Hill Town Council, 2001 to present; (Mayor Pro Tem, 2011-13)</p> <p>Prior office, Durham County Soil and Water District Supervisor, 1990-2001 (Chair 1993-97, 1999-2001); Democratic Party precinct chair, 1991-2001, 2011-present (first to organize the precinct); member, NC Democratic Party State Executive Committee, 2013-present.</p> <p>Plant community ecologist, and instructor for the NC Botanical Garden in natural area management. Four decades of diverse environmental work, much involving water quality, transportation and land use. Local elected official starting in 1990: Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board (Chair 1993-97, 1999-2001). Volunteer environmental advocate since the late 1970s: Board member Conservation Council of NC, NC Sierra Club, BikeWalk NC; many other local boards.</p>	<p>Above all, to continue being a public servant, which I've been as an office holder for many years. With my environmental planner's orientation toward thinking and working in the long term: to continue my work on a number of complicated projects and processes, some which involve representing CH to the region; to continue working with significant local and regional boards and commissions on achieving progressive goals that benefit Chapel Hill; but especially, continue my constituent service, which they say is excellent.</p> <p>I want to continue: (1) reaching out to constituents to involve them in meetings and processes; these meetings are not the Council's or "the government's" meetings – they're public meetings; (2) notifying people quickly (with just a few keystrokes) to give access to documents and dates that the Council knows about first; (3) making sure questions get answered, whether related to (1) or (2) or to anything involving life in Chapel Hill</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As I've said in every one of my successful campaigns: "connecting Chapel Hill better to itself and to neighboring communities." I work in every conceivable transportation mode, as I have for over three decades. Special interests in this decade include: continuing to lead our process to get Bus Rapid Transit on MLK Boulevard and through UNC to Southern Village; continuing my hands-on advocacy for specific bicycle and pedestrian projects that use the bond funds from the referendum supported by the OC Dems in 2015; 2. To be in the thick of the "rewrite" of our Land Use Management Ordinance. I'm the only councilmember or candidate who was there to vote for the first version of LUMO, after a year of participation in putting it together. Have seen its successes and its unintended consequences for the full range of citizens. I want to heavily involve the public in "remaking" LUMO. We have to come up a new approach to the Ephesus-Fordham district. 3. To lead the Council's end of our open space protection process – a staff initiative finally created by the Town Manager. Have been involved with open space planning for 42 years, and have professional relationships with other experts throughout the region and state, including our highly capable town storm water Analyst, a fellow ecologist. 4. To continue to be part of our progress on creating affordable housing, with a particular personal focus on coming up with appropriate land tracts for this use, which makes us an ever more inclusive community.

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<p>Maria T Palmer* Age: 56</p> <p>Education: Ed.D. Educational Leadership UNC-Chapel Hill M.Ed. Administration/Student Personnel U of Louisville, Seminary studies SBTS (Louisville, KY) B.S. JSU (Jacksonville, AL). Clinical Pastoral Education at Alamance Regional and UNC Hospitals.</p> <p>www.mariapalmer.nationbuilder.com</p> <p>mariatpalmer@gmail.com</p>	<p>Member of the Chapel Hill Town Council (2013- present). Committee co-chair, Chapel Hill 2020 (our community blueprint for growth and progress) Member, appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt, NC Board of Education (1999-2005). Precinct chair and vice chair, Weaver Dairy Precinct, OCDP. I have also served in many advisory boards and committees. Throughout my life I've been a bi-vocational minister/educator. I entered politics to advocate for students and immigrants, whom I have served as a teacher, principal, pastor, and counselor. Currently I serve as Family Support Coordinator for Carolina Donor Services, a non-profit organ-procurement organization dedicated to saving lives through organ donation. Previous positions: Director, Multicultural Center, NC A&T State University Principal, David D. Jones Bilingual Elementary School, Greensboro Pastor, Iglesia Unida de Cristo, Chapel Hill</p>	<p>I am running for re-election because...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I want to use my experience! I have invested the last 4 years into learning how to solve municipal challenges. I love Chapel Hill and believe we can make Chapel Hill better than it's ever been—for ALL our residents! 2. Social Justice requires proactive government. We must continue investing in Black neighborhoods, youth empowerment, and affordable housing. We must promote a Living Wage and minority representation in boards and commissions. We must also keep Chapel Hill's taxes from rising so we don't lose the middle class. 3. Progress must continue! We must implement the Greenways and Bike plans, move forward with storm water Improvements, revise the Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO) and build the Orange- Durham Light Rail. We need a Teen Center and a Farmer's Market and enhanced recreational access and opportunities. <p>I am running because I believe better is possible.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will continue working to increase affordable housing for all socio-economic levels. We cannot tackle social disparities or support our service workers as long as many of our residents don't have an affordable home where they can feel safe, nurture their families and age with dignity. Affordability also includes keeping taxes down, providing accessible public transportation, and supporting public services to enhance the quality of life of low- income families. I support continuing to allocate funds to the Affordable Housing Development Reserve (AHDR) from our general budget. I support investing funds in revising the LUMO to allow more diverse housing options and to incentivize dense urban design, creative infill and affordability. 2. I am committed to continue working to make Chapel Hill a truly multi-modal community that is connected, bike and pedestrian friendly, and provides excellent and accessible public transportation. I support funds for infrastructure for multimodal transportation, including greenways and projects such as BRT and DOLRT, which can facilitate getting to work, lower the cost of living and protect the environment 3. Good jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities for ALL, including vocational/technical pathways and more business incubators. I have supported our Economic Development strategies, including LAUNCH and Midway business incubators, which are bringing investment, new tax dollars and higher-paying jobs to Chapel Hill. Council must continue to work with K-12 education to provide alternative careers for non-college bound residents.

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<p>Rachel Schaevitz Age: 37</p> <p>Education: Ph.D.: Media & Communication, Postdoctoral Fellowship at UNC Chapel Hill: Public Humanities & Community Engagement MFA: Film Studies, BFA: Film production</p> <p>www.rachelforchapelhill.com Rachel Schaevitz for Chapel Hill Town Council (FB) @RachelforCH (Twitter)</p> <p>info@rachelforchapelhill.com</p>	<p>Chair, Town of Chapel Hill American Legion Task Force Town of Chapel Hill Cultural Arts Commissioner</p> <p>As a postdoc, I have worked with myriad community colleges, nonprofits, campus departments, and local businesses to bring the resources of UNC to communities all across the state. I teach a film production course that pairs students with area nonprofit clients. Among my volunteer roles, I currently chair the American Legion Task Force. Both professionally and as a volunteer community leader, I must make sure that all voices are heard and get equal air time.</p>	<p>I have always been engaged in my community, but after our recent national election I felt a new sense of urgency to serve—specifically as a woman and the mother of a young girl. I hope to bring the spirit of creative, collaborative and practical decision making I’ve demonstrated through my work as part of Carolina Public Humanities to the town council.</p> <p>I believe that Chapel Hill is at a turning point and that we need to illustrate our values in the decisions we make. When forces at the Federal, state and local levels make decisions at odds with our values, it is even more crucial that we are clear about what we stand for. As a filmmaker and collaborator, I want to help Chapel Hill write it’s next chapter—one focused on community, authenticity, inclusivity, and decision-making reflective of our shared values.</p>	<p>Affordability is the most critical challenge facing our community. While affordability is usually discussed solely within the context of housing—my definition encompasses housing, shopping, transportation, child care, entertainment, and education. One specific thing I would like to accomplish toward increasing our affordable housing options is to partner with Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools to build teacher workforce housing, similar to what was recently achieved in Asheville.</p> <p>Protecting and enhancing Chapel Hill’s distinctive characteristics is also crucial. The best way to do that is by requiring high standards for new development through revision and enforcement of form-based code. Although well intended, the code that was developed to guide development in the Blue Hill District is not specific or clear enough. The Berkshire—our first product of that code—lacks connectivity, fails to add green space and is an architectural eyesore. It cuts off one business district from the others resulting in driving these long-time local family-owned businesses out. Without revising the code, we’ll continue to lose our local businesses and get the buildings that developers want to give us, rather than the buildings our community wants.</p> <p>I also want to help Chapel Hill become the state’s clear leader in the adoption of clean, renewable energy technologies and move toward our town’s promise to fulfill the Paris Climate Accord. Specific actions I would take toward this goal include substantially and responsibly increasing the number of solar panels on the roofs of schools, playgrounds and bus stops, and expanding our fleet of electric buses.</p>

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<p>Carl Schuler Age: 49</p> <p>Education: Bachelor of Science in Nursing</p> <p>carlschuler.org @carlschuler [Twitter]</p> <p>gocarlschulergo@outlook.com</p>	<p>Second Term Appointment to the Town of Chapel Hill Board of Adjustment</p> <p>RN, Clinical Research Associate</p>	<p>My civic involvement combined with my attention to detail, positive collaborations with fellow volunteers, Town staff and my commitment to the local community lead me to believe that my background is well suited to fulfill the scope of duties as a Chapel Hill Town Council member. In addition to my community experience, I am serving in my second term [Town Council] appointment to the Town's Board of Adjustment.</p>	<p>I would like to continue with the Chapel Hill Town Council's current goals and keep to the spirit of the Chapel Hill 2020 process. My platform includes affordable housing, community and transportation.</p>

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<p>Karen Stegman Age: 48</p> <p>Education: Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools UNC-Chapel Hill as an undergraduate Boston University for a graduate degree in education.</p> <p>stegman4chapelhill.com</p> <p>info@stegman4chapelhill.com</p>	<p>This is my first time running for public office. I have served as Chair of the Chapel Hill Public Housing Advisory Board, Advisory Board Member for the Town Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) program, and Chair of the Ephesus Elementary School Improvement Team.</p> <p>I am the Director of Business Development at IntraHealth International, a Chapel Hill based non-profit dedicated to ensuring that people around the world have access to quality health care. Previously, I served as Program Manager at the Orange County Family Resource Centers, a non-profit that provided family support programs in public housing and low-income neighborhoods in Chapel Hill. Examples of volunteer service include serving as a Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocate and neighborhood PORCH Coordinator.</p>	<p>I was born and raised here. The Chapel Hill I know is progressive, welcoming, and proud of its history as a state leader in environmental protection, civil rights, and social justice. I decided to run to help chart a course that is forward-thinking while staying true to those roots. I have the experience, energy, and skills to contribute towards building a sustainable community that balances economic vitality, social equity, and environmental protection. I want to ensure that Chapel Hill supports positive outcomes for all. I will support policies that advance equality, and be an ear and a voice for people who have been affected by discriminatory laws and policies. I will bring a deep commitment to an open and transparent process and careful, reasoned consideration of issues and diverse viewpoints. Finally, my professional experience with donor cultivation, partnership development, fundraising, and strategic planning will be an asset to the Council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Progressive, comprehensive land use and transportation planning – emphasize smart growth, preservation of existing neighborhoods, and bike and pedestrian connectivity. Continue to participate in regional transportation planning and incentivize alternatives to driving. •Access to housing – prioritize implementation of a comprehensive affordable housing strategy, including incorporating a multi-pronged approach that increases access to ownership and rentals. Explore new approaches to retain and expand our supply of housing for all income ranges as the community grows. •Economic development – continue to enhance downtown as a vibrant cultural arts destination and pursue policies that help entrepreneurs and locally owned businesses to thrive, expand, and diversify our tax base. •Environmental protection – preserve open spaces and ensure that any new development includes sufficient stream buffers and does not exacerbate flooding and erosion. Reaffirm Chapel Hill’s commitment to uphold the Paris agreement goals. •Equity in policing – support the Chapel Hill Police Department’s community-oriented and bias-free policing efforts and champion the town’s resolution to reduce disparities in policing and end profiling. •Innovative community engagement – apply creative approaches that encourage broad participation and representation of diverse voices, including our young people. Use the arts as a tool for community development and empowerment. •Strong and collaborative relations with UNC – strengthen our partnership with the University to identify and act on opportunities for economic development, promotion of cultural arts, and innovation. Welcome student voices in dialogues on issues of importance to our community.

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Mayor of Carrboro

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Candidates: Two persons, both registered Democrats, are running for one seat. Democrat Michael Benson did not participate in the Candidate Survey. Vote for one.

Name and Personal Information	Relevant Experience	Why are you running for this office?	What specific things would you like to accomplish?
<p>Lydia E. Lavelle* Age: 56</p> <p>Education: BA, St Andrews University Masters in Recreation Administration, NC State JD, NCCU School of Law</p> <p>www.lydialavelle.com; @lydialavelle (twitter)</p> <p>lydlavelle@nc.rr.com</p>	<p>Prior to election: Durham Open Space and Trails Commission, and Carrboro Planning Board. Served six years on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen; elected mayor in 2013 and again in 2015. Significant additional service: Executive Committee of N.C. Metropolitan Mayors Coalition; Orange County Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO.</p> <p>I am an associate professor at North Carolina Central University School of Law where I teach several courses, including Civil Procedure, State and Local Governmental Law, and Sexual Identity and the Law. I am licensed to practice law in North Carolina and Ohio. A resident of the Triangle since 1983, I have lived in Carrboro since 2006 when my neighborhood was annexed. My wife and I have two young adult children, both in Boone, NC.</p>	<p>It is a privilege to serve as Carrboro’s mayor, the town I consider the most progressive in North Carolina. I am fortunate to serve our citizens and work with elected colleagues, both on our board and in neighboring jurisdictions, who share my progressive values.</p> <p>As we grapple with challenges placed upon us in recent years from our federal and state governments, it is a critical time for Carrboro to have an experienced leader. Our open-minded community promotes imaginative and out-of-the-box thinking that our Board not only considers, but embraces. As mayor, this generates an energy that is infectious. Leadership in such an engaged community requires organizational skill and a nuanced understanding of policy, law, and procedure. I have developed these abilities over years of service. Carrboro is on a positive, steady course and I am an experienced, responsive leader who is “always on.”</p>	<p>Fear in our immigrant community worsened with last November’s election and again when Trump recently rescinded DACA. Continued support for our immigrant community is therefore of utmost concern. Whatever I can do under the law to support our immigrant community in Carrboro, I will do. There are few greater political accomplishments than the improvement of human rights.</p> <p>Another goal is to plan and build the project located at 203 S. Greensboro Street, which will include the Orange County Southern Branch Library.</p> <p>Access to commercial space is imperative to retain Carrboro businesses as they grow. I hope to continue to shepherd opportunities on Highway 54 and potentially on Old 86 – we are exploring an affordable commercial concept there.</p> <p>Increasing episodes of severe weather have increased storm water impact on residences and existing infrastructure. We have a newly implemented storm water utility public enterprise fund. I am looking forward to prioritizing and allocating money from this to address these problems. We also will be hiring a Storm Water Utility Manager this fall.</p> <p>I hope a new version of the Lloyd Farm rezoning and development proposal (rejected by a majority of the Board) comes back before our Board. If the Lloyds chose to proceed under current zoning, the resulting development will not have many of the attractive features of the first proposal. Those features included ample storm water protection, land donated to the town, affordable housing for seniors, and commercial tax revenue. I believe some version of that plan, which I supported, is best for Carrboro.</p>

Non-Partisan Election

Carrboro Board of Aldermen

(For all voters living in the town limits of Carrboro)

Responsibilities of the Office: *Members of the Board of Aldermen make decisions and set policy to insure the safety, health, attractiveness and economic and social well-being of the community in accord with procedures and responsibilities set out in State law. The Board of Aldermen hires the Town Manager and appoints citizens to serve on advisory boards and commissions.*

Candidates: Five persons (four registered Democrats) are running for four seats. Unaffiliated candidate Paul Clark is also running. Vote for four.

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<p>Barbara Foushee Age: 53</p> <p>Education: James Kenan High School BS, Medical Technology, St. Augustine's University</p> <p>www.barbarafoushee2017.com</p> <p>Elect Barbara Foushee (FB) @BFoushee (Twitter)</p> <p>barbarafoushee4alderwoman@gmail.com</p>	<p>OWASA Board of Directors since 2015 and Town of Carrboro's Human Services Advisory Board since 2014.</p> <p>Currently employed as a Senior Technologist, Molecular Oncology; I have been employed in laboratory sciences for about 30 years. I have lived in Carrboro for 19 years and am married to Braxton Foushee. I am an active and financial member of the Chapel-Hill Carrboro NAACP(Secretary); Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (undergraduate advisor); Order of the Eastern Star, PHA; Community Awareness and Political Action Ministry at FBC-CH and I serve as a mentor with Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocate.</p>	<p>I am running to become a Carrboro Alderwoman to use my experience and community engagement to create sustainable solutions for Carrboro. To be sustainable, a growth plan must include input from all parts of our community. The plan must also balance needs and wants and include a path to partner with community members and organizations to develop creative solutions. Encouraging and enabling diverse civic participation and leadership are good ways to come up with sustainable solutions.</p> <p>I am also running because I believe that in order to be a part of change, one has to have a seat at the table where the changes are being made.</p>	<p>As an Alderwoman, ensuring all parts of the community are engaged as we consider the long-term growth of our community will be a guiding principle and interwoven into my key platform issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Growth and economic development - Continue to support our local businesses while identifying other opportunities to diversify the town's tax base. •Affordable housing - Ensure that housing is broadly available for a variety of income levels. •Promoting and advocating for justice including increased collaboration with key businesses and other local government and community groups. All community members should have equal access to decision-making processes in order to maintain a healthy environment in which to live, work and play.

Name and Personal Information	Relevant Experience	Why are you running for this office?	What <u>specific</u> things would you like to accomplish?
<p>Jacquelyn M Gist* Age: 62</p> <p>Education: Masters of Social Work and BA with Honors in Philosophy, UNC-Chapel Hill</p> <p>Gist For Carrboro (FB)</p> <p>aldermangist@gmail.com</p>	<p>I have served as a Carrboro Alderman for 28 years. I am proud to help lead Carrboro, a community where life is lived on a human scale and we care about each other .</p> <p>Career Counselor at UNC</p>	<p>June was an exciting month in Carrboro. Several important initiatives, that I had helped to lead, came to fruition these included: The extension of sewer to the Roger's Rd community, Approval to move forward with the Carrboro Branch Library, the Creation of the Storm Water Utility to address flooding issues, approval of Final Plans for the MLK Park and passage of the 2017-18 budget with no tax increase. It is a great time to be helping to lead Carrboro and I hope to continue.</p>	<p>If I am re-elected I would like to focus on the following:</p> <p>Providing affordable space for small businesses such as metal and cabinet shops and repair shops, the town is currently working on the creation of an affordable Maker's Village on town owned land. Use the revolving loan fund to encourage low/ moderate income entrepreneurs to be a part of the project.</p> <p>Improve downtown parking while also meeting the demand for additional parking that will come with the new library.</p> <p>I have am leading town efforts to secure additional parking for downtown during and after the construction of the library (the library will be built on an existing parking lot which will go off line during construction)</p> <p>Increase affordable housing stock by encouraging the building the of auxiliary units to provide affordable rentals as well as additional income for homeowners including those who are retired and on fixed incomes.</p> <p>To continue the Carrboro tradition of speaking out against injustices</p>

Non-Partisan Election

Carrboro Board of Aldermen

(For all voters living in the town limits of Carrboro)

Responsibilities of the Office: *Members of the Board of Aldermen make decisions and set policy to insure the safety, health, attractiveness and economic and social well-being of the community in accord with procedures and responsibilities set out in State law. The Board of Aldermen hires the Town Manager and appoints citizens to serve on advisory boards and commissions.*

Candidates: Five persons (four registered Democrats) are running for four seats. Unaffiliated candidate Paul Clark is also running. Vote for four.

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<p>Randee Haven-O'Donnell* Age: 66</p> <p>Education: MS, Bank Street College of Education BS, Stony Brook State University of New York, Certified Diversity Trainer, NC Environmental Educator</p> <p>www.randeehavenodonnell.org</p> <p>Randee Haven-Donnell for Carrboro Alderman (FB) @ranhaven (Twitter)</p> <p>havenod@gmail.com</p>	<p>Former President - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Association of Educators Town of Carrboro Board of Aldermen 2005-Present</p> <p>Science Educator: Durham Academy, formally with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. Academic Director: Duke Action Science Camp for Young Women, Leadership Triangle - former Board Member and Program alumna. Interests: Runner, Yoga, Meditation, Biking, Dance, Music, Art. Volunteer – various local non-profit organizations</p>	<p>These are extraordinary times. People yearn for government that is authentically inclusive of their concerns, that works for them, and that they can trust. The expectation of truth and trust in government begins locally, within our hometown. Serving my hometown is an immense honor. I am running to continue my service to the Carrboro. Carrboro is a progressive and inclusive community. I am committed to the work of establishing stronger responsive and participatory government. Some of my work with the Board of Aldermen: Task Forces: Local Living Economy, Day Laborer, Community Climate Change, El Centro Hispano Center for Employment Leadership, Carrboro Farmers Market Advisory Board, Neighborhood Mediation Team action & advocacy in project development process, community & neighborhood engagement, consensus building & creative problem solving: Rogers Road Projects, E. Main, Shelton Station, S. Green, MLK Park, Storm water utility & neighborhood flooding, advocating for the Orange County Southwest Branch library.</p>	<p>There is much to be accomplished. Our Board works as a team with our community. Let's accomplish this in Carrboro: the creation of the Orange County Southwest Branch Library, the reorganization and renovation of Town offices and facilities, Town Commons, the co-location with the Arts Center, development of a maker space, light manufacturing and an arts guild on town property. I look forward to the opening of the newly designed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and the bike pump tracks on the recently purchased Shetley property. The future of Carrboro will be determined by how well we address the issue of affordability and the widening social and economic gaps in our community. I would like to meet our goals and implement the recommendations made in energy efficiency and climate change mitigation, advance partnered programs to address poverty, food insecurity, living-wages, and affordable housing. I will work to reduce restrictions on housing density, residential in-fill, and encourage mixed-use design, especially in areas that are served by public transit and positioned for transit nodes in the future. We must make stronger connections among the components of multi-modal transit, including: bike boulevards, bike share stations, zip and electric cars, expanded bus service (more stops, later hours), clear and efficient downtown parking wayfinding. I will continue to work with our community to ensure the human-scale, right-size growth in review of projects such as the Old 86 and Eubanks (Flex zoning), South Green, dynamic downtown 300 E. Main and the potential Lloyd Farms.</p>

Name and Personal Information	Relevant Experience	Why are you running for this office?	What <u>specific</u> things would you like to accomplish?
<p>Sammy Slade* Age: 43</p> <p>Education: BS with honors, UNC-Chapel Hill Chapel Hill/Carrboro schools (Ephesus & Chapel Hill High School), Middle school in Colombia, (South America)</p> <p>sammyslade.org @sladesammy (Twitter)</p> <p>sammy0slade@gmail.com 919-951-5200 (text)</p>	<p>Elected twice to Carrboro BOA; Served on productive task forces: Rogers Rd., Affordable Housing, and Climate Change; Served on 10 advisory boards and commissions; Chaired Carrboro Local Living Economy Task Force; Organizer for Orange County Democratic Party in 2004 and 2006; Served as chair of various OCDP precincts</p> <p>I work as a carpenter, trying to use sustainable building methods. My life's work is to cultivate practices and cultures of sustainability, justice and community. Having recently become a father this has taken on new meaning (and challenge). In addition to serving as alderman I Co-founded the Carrboro Greenspace; Co-founded the Carrboro Community Garden Coalition and established the CCGC garden at Carrboro's MLK Jr. Park, Outreach coordinator for NC WARN (2010 – 2014).</p>	<p>I am running because I believe that Carrboro is a true hope and moral leader in this state. I am inspired by Carrboro's citizens, and feel that I can represent both their visions and needs. HB2, Charlottesville, DACA, Gerrymandering, War Funding, Fracking, Climate Change, systemic and institutional racism are just a few examples of what we speak out about and take action on in these times when the state and federal governments are further retreating from supporting life and, in the process, threatening the livelihoods of current and future generations. In addition to countering these trends, I believe that Carrboro is a place where we can take concrete local actions to create a more just and livable economy, community and environment. I believe being involved in town government is essential to achieving this.</p>	<p>One of my top priorities is being responsive and accountable to the community.</p> <p>To this end, some of the things I want to accomplish include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding our community climate action plan so that we can meet our adopted greenhouse gas reduction goals. • Implementing our affordable housing plan by pursuing and updating identified strategies and funding the effort so that we can meet our affordable housing goals. • Being vigilant and taking action to adapt to climate change (i.e. flood prevention through storm water utility). • Facing our white supremacist and racist history and seek ways (i.e. racism training, truth and reconciliation process, applying a racism impact metric to town projects) to transform and heal from that history and legacy. • Securing affordable commercial space in town to allow light industrial businesses to continue working in Carrboro. • Doing everything we can to protect the historic businesses and institutions that have made Carrboro a hub for music and art, in particular in the face of rising property costs. • Facilitating a process/system so that private parking lot owners (the majority of parking in town) can pool the parking for all to use, for all of downtown. • Supporting alternatives to single occupancy vehicles. • Pilot picking up trash every other week to save money and ghg emissions. (Currently trash bins are on average only half full every week.) • Supporting our locally owned businesses, specifically we need to implement a campaign to raise awareness of the many reasons why locally owned businesses should be patronized first.

Non-Partisan Election Chapel Hill – Carrboro City Schools Board of Education (For all voters in the CH/Carrboro School District)

Responsibilities of the Office: *The board of education has general control and supervision of all matters pertaining to the public schools of the school district and the authority to enforce the school law. The board provides a system of schools and establishes general policies in keeping with the needs of the community and the requirements of state law. Their duties include providing leadership and direction, establishing standards, hiring a school superintendent, and reviewing and approving the school budget.*

Candidates: Seven persons (six registered Democrats) are running for four seats. Unaffiliated candidate Ryan Brummond is also running. Vote for four.

Name and Personal Information	Relevant Experience	Why are you running for this office?	What specific things would you like to accomplish?
<p>James Barrett* Age: 47</p> <p>Education: Proud graduate of Seawell Elementary, Phillips Jr High, Chapel Hill High School B.S. in Math and Computer Science, The College of William and Mary</p> <p>http://barrettforschools.com</p> <p>Barrett for Schools (FB) @jcbarr (Twitter) barrettforschools (Insta)</p> <p>james@barrettforschools.com</p>	<p>Served past 6 years on the CHCCS Board of Education, with 2 yearlong terms as chair</p>	<p>To continue to push for changes in our public school system that will better serve all children. Read more about how to make our district truly great at tinyurl.com/hsjcbarr</p>	<p>a. Maintain strong focus on closing achievement gaps: To accomplish this, the board needs to ensure strong implementation of the equity plan: We must see that the entire district follows through to enable better outcomes for all students, so that every student--no matter what level--learns and grows, measurably, every day, every year, to close our achievement gaps.</p> <p>b. Ensure innovative, engaging instruction: The board must insist on a current plan that lays out what technology for instruction we have and need, and to what end; we must also support new ways of delivering instruction, which may include blended learning (a mix of online and face-to-face instruction that emphasizes content mastery), flipped classrooms, and other innovative, culturally responsive instruction that truly reaches all students and pushes them to learning growth every day.</p> <p>c. Continue progress on transparency and decision-making in our budget process: So far, we have added a 2-pager explaining how our money is used (tinyurl.com/chccsbudget). We should enhance this to clearly show individual program expenses, and overhaul our budget process to align our spending very clearly with the needs of every student. Such priority-based budgeting, which takes into account varying levels of need, would force administrators and the board to think even more carefully about how we follow through on our stated priorities.</p>

Name and Personal Information	Relevant Experience	Why are you running for this office?	What specific things would you like to accomplish?
<p>Joal Hall Broun* Age: 56</p> <p>Education: I am a graduate of Wake Forest University and the Wake Forest University School of Law.</p> <p>www.broun4schools.org Joal Broun for School Board (FB) @Broun4Board (Twitter) broun4schools@gmail.com</p>	<p>I currently serve on the CHCCS School Board. Prior to my appointment to the school board, I was elected three times to serve on the Carrboro Board of Alderman, and I served on the OWASA Board for 6 1/2 years.</p> <p>After a seven-year stint as a public defender, I joined Self-Help, a community financial services organization, as an assistant general counsel. During my career, I have also served as general counsel for the N.C. Department of Secretary of State and currently serve as the NC SOS lobbying compliance director.</p>	<p>As a current Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools Board of Education member, I am running to continue the work to close the achievement gap and to maintain excellence in education for all of our children. I want to continue implementing policies that recruit, retain, and support quality teachers, including the expansion of our grow your own program. I want to ensure that the District provides holistic supports for all of its students, including expanding mental health supports. I also want to increase the opportunities for use of technology to provide greater opportunities for students and ensure accountability throughout the district. I want to improve our communications with our students, parents, stakeholders, employees, and the public. Finally, I want to create partnerships with other organizations to provide increased supports to our students and employees.</p>	<p>I would like to accomplish the following: 1) Consistent and complete implementation of the current equity plan, including implementing the restorative justice model in all of the schools, and improving the District's culture for all of its students and employees; 2) Close the achievement gap by providing the necessary instructional and counseling supports; 3) Recruit and, retain quality teachers and provide staff with professional development that aligns with the District's instructional needs; 4) Develop a capital funding plan that ensures that the District can maintain and renovate all of its schools for safety and to be in compliance with the American Disabilities Act; and 5) Make the District's policies and communications with our students, parents, and our stakeholders more transparent, understandable, and accessible.</p>

Non-Partisan Election

Chapel Hill – Carrboro City Schools Board of Education (For all voters in the CH/Carrboro School District)

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<p>Calvin Deutschbein Age: 24</p> <p>Education: B.S. Computer Science and B.A. Mathematics, University of Chicago</p> <p>M.S. Computer Science, UNC-Chapel Hill</p> <p>cd4sb17.wordpress.com Calvin Deutschbein for School Board (FB) @cd4sb1 (Twitter)</p> <p>cd4sb17@gmail.com</p>	<p>Member, Chapel Hill Community Policing Advisory Committee Westwood Precinct Secretary, Orange County Democratic Party Campus and Personal Safety Advocate, Graduate and Professional Student Federation, UNC-CH</p> <p>Occupation: Ph.D. Student / Teaching Assistant at UNC-CH</p> <p>Volunteer Experience: Society of Women Engineers, Graduate Women in Computer Science, Orange County Justice United, NARAL-NC, ACLU-NC, Catholics for Choice, Colorado Education Initiative, University of Chicago Alumni Board</p>	<p>At a listening session hosted by Orange County Justice United, I was deeply saddened to hear many of my fellow parishioners keep coming back to issue of either themselves or their children seemingly being treated without the appropriate degree of respect by school system because of their race, class, or language. As a education professional and a data scientist, I had been aware of troubling trends in education locally and nationally (and many actionable solutions) but hearing a human side drove home the urgency and necessity of taking a stand for equality.</p> <p>I believe our school board can benefit from a member with recent experience both as a student and as an educator in classroom teaching, academic advising, and college admissions. Furthermore, I believe my experiences and perspective equip me to facilitate the board in making more ambitious progress toward our shared goal of a truly equitable school system.</p>	<p>The favored goal is to foster an environment of representative classrooms across middle and high school. The unfortunate reality is that gifted programming, honors and AP classes, and similar programs often have the practical effect of implementing a de facto intra-school segregation regime. It is well documented at this point that white students with average test scores are more likely to end up with a gifted designation than black students with high test scores throughout the American education system and this phenomenon is consistent with the data we are seeing in our school districts. And the degree of inequality is of course further exacerbated by test scores being biased in favor of white students (among other things).</p> <p>On a first pass, this could either be addressed by de-skewing placement recommendations to account for known biases or simply offering courses exclusively at honors or AP level and investing as necessary to ensure students can succeed in these classes but the specific implementation will have to be the subject of much community discussion.</p> <p>However, I believe pursuing this aim is of such high value because it would provide such a comprehensive equity advancement. By placing students in the same classes, we prevent the possibility of students receiving unequal investment of education resources, ensure students have a chance to learn from each other as well as educators, foster the formation of a more perfectly integrated community between our students, and jump start the next generation for success with student bodies positioned to achieve equally.</p>

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<p>Amy Fowler Age: 49</p> <p>Education: MD with Honors and MPH in Maternal and Child Health, UNC-Chapel Hill BSE in Biomedical Engineering, Duke University NC School of Science and Math</p> <p>committeetoelectamyfowler.com Amy Fowler (FB) @amybf3_amy (Twitter)</p> <p>committeetoelectamyfowler@gmail.com</p>	<p>This is my inaugural experience running for an elected office. I previously have advocated for public schools and health care issues in person at the state legislature and via phone and email to state and US senators and congresspersons.</p> <p>As a pediatrician at Chapel Hill Children's Clinic, I care about our kids and their success. Among many volunteer experiences in CHCCS schools, most notably, I have served on the CHCCS Special Needs Advisory Council Chair for the last 2 1/2 years. In this role, I have listened to parents and staff concerns, researched possible solutions, and advocated for systemic improvements in the Exceptional Children's Department and school district as a whole.</p>	<p>To empower all kids to learn. While CHCCS has served my children fairly well, several areas need improvement so that all children graduate prepared for post-secondary education or success in good jobs. As Special Needs Advisory Council, we advocated for and have seen positive change in the district. Concurrently, the district has started to make inroads into issues of equity. I am ready to take the next step to serve as a voice for all students. We also need to maintain excellence in terms of rigorous and broad course offerings, teacher recruitment and retention, and facilities.</p>	<p>Short answer: 1. Address equity and the achievement gap 2. Improve supports for students with disabilities 3. Maintain excellence in terms of rigor/teacher quality/facilities. Though they may sound disparate, these three goals are interrelated. In this current political era where public schools are under attack, we must maintain excellence in our school district.</p> <p>Expanded answer: 1. Equity and the achievement gap are best addressed through supporting a growth mindset and addressing the opportunity gap. A growth mindset is one that believes that everyone can learn. A growth mindset can be taught through professional development for teachers and staff who can then foster this mindset in students and parents. A second way to address a growth mindset is to provide a challenging curriculum to all students. The opportunity gap is best addressed through expanding prekindergarten and providing effective after school and summer enrichment programs. We must support these efforts.</p> <p>2. Supports for students with disabilities also need to be improved. The district has made progress in recent years, but more work is needed. Specifically, co-teaching should be expanded into more classrooms and used more effectively. Adapted curriculum (separate setting) classrooms have recently instituted reading and math curricula which is a positive step, but now must be monitored through objective data collection. Again, after school and summer enrichment programs need support. Quality instruction to meet each child's needs must be the focus.</p> <p>3. CHCCS has a well-deserved reputation as an excellent school district. It is important to maintain a broad range of rigorous courses across all curriculum areas including the arts, recruit and retain excellent teachers, and maintain excellent facilities. Much work and funding is needed to renovate the older schools as planned. These are elements that serve all students and our community at large.</p>

Non-Partisan Election

Chapel Hill – Carrboro City Schools Board of Education (For all voters in the CH/Carrboro School District)

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<p>Kim Talikoff Age: 49</p> <p>Education: Masters in the Art of Teaching (MAT), NC State University, 2011 – 2013 M.D., Brown University School of Medicine, 1994 B.A., Brown University, 1990</p> <p>www.kimforchccs.com kimforchccs@gmail.com</p>	<p>This is my first experience running for public office.</p> <p>After practicing pediatrics for 14 years, first in the Bronx, NY and later in Durham, I left medicine to become a public school teacher. For the last four academic years, it was my pleasure and privilege to teach 4th grade at Estes Hills here in Chapel Hill.</p> <p>Working alongside a group of dedicated teachers, administrators, and staff members committed to serving the children and families of our community has deepened my understanding of our district’s accomplishments and opportunities for growth.</p>	<p>I have participated in the CHCCS system as a parent, as a teacher and as a member of the superintendent’s advisory committee. From each of these vantage points, I see opportunities to work collectively to improve how we serve our students. In order to achieve that potential, we need to understand how the rubber meets the road inside our schools and across the district. I would be delighted to contribute to that perspective.</p>	<p>Every student in our system needs to feel encouraged and effectively supported to learn. Whatever their levels of experience and accomplishments to date, all students need access to challenging curricula and support to take their next steps. Significant progress towards this goal will require targeted and coordinated efforts at the teacher, school, district, and community levels. Every student needs high-quality teachers. We can retain and recruit talented faculty by endorsing policies that improve instructional support and promote two-way communication throughout the district. These improvements would add efficiency to our practices, facilitate sound financial decision-making, and raise teacher morale. Technology can be a powerful classroom tool when applied purposefully. These tools often are used positively to enhance group learning and to differentiate instruction. Yet, like all tools, technology has its limitations. Let’s extend the use of technologies when and where they facilitate learning. Over the past four years, CHCCS has made strides in both infrastructure decisions and educational programming motivated by sustainability. This has resulted in cost savings, a reduction of CHCCS' carbon footprint, and increased student engagement. Looking ahead, we should continue our search for both efficiencies and inspiration throughout the system.</p>

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<p>Mary Ann Wolf Age: 46 Undergraduate, Accounting and Marketing, Georgetown University, Masters Degree, Education, George Washington University PhD, Education Leadership, University of Virginia</p> <p>http://wolf4chccs.org Mary Ann Wolf for CHCCS School Board (FB)</p> <p>wolf4chccs@gmail.com</p>	<p>I have worked extensively with policymakers at the federal, state and local levels. While leading a small, national education association, I advocated for educational issues, drafted legislation and policy recommendations, and testified before the US House of Representatives Education and Workforce Committee. I have worked with superintendents, district leaders, governors, and state legislators on education and policy issues. I have extensive experience in education, public policy, and business. In addition to having been a classroom teacher and volunteering at the elementary, middle, and high schools in our district, I have worked with hundreds of school and district leaders across our state and the nation. I am a Director at The Friday Institute at NC State University and have had the chance to see what works and what doesn't work, while understanding the critical questions to ask. I have also run a small, national education nonprofit, worked closely with the Board of Directors, and managed the budget and outreach.</p>	<p>I want to apply my experience in education, business, and policy and perhaps most importantly, as a parent of three children who have and continue to attend schools in our district to the CHCCS School Board. CHCCS has a solid foundation within individual schools and at the district level, a community that values education, and students who come to us wanting to learn. I believe, however, that we also have opportunities to more effectively meet the needs of every student in our district. I believe that every child comes to us at an early age eager to learn. Building upon the strengths in our schools, we must ensure that every child in our district has the opportunities and pathways to reach his or her potential.</p>	<p>I would ask critical questions, share tangible examples from other districts and research, and work with the Board and the district leaders to accomplish the following:</p> <p>Ensure equity in our schools and close the achievement gap: Principals, coaches, and teachers must have job-embedded professional learning to understand inequities and the achievement gap and the skills and tools to address them. We must apply what we know about cognitive science and learning to increase access to opportunities. This may require rethinking how we support younger students, but the investment in early childhood and K-3 reading will pay dividends long-term. We need to make sure that remediation does not become rote instruction that does not help students build their skills in collaboration, communication, and critical thinking. We must build a culture that is inclusive, includes high expectations for every child, and believes that every student is capable of having ownership of their own learning.</p> <p>Emphasize teacher retention and morale and continue to address teacher pay: Our state currently ranks 35th and is \$9,000 below the national average for teacher pay. Our state is also at the bottom of the country for principal pay. Our district must continue to emphasize publicly the importance of supporting teachers and principals. We must work with local and state governments to ensure adequate funding for school personnel and infrastructure.</p> <p>Move to student-centered, personalized learning: Even though CHCCS has a strong system and reports high test scores, many new instructional strategies and technologies can be implemented to ensure that all students are growing to meet their potential, including students who struggle and those who need acceleration. This must be an expectation of all schools, not just some.</p>

Non-Partisan Election

Mayor of Hillsborough

(For all voters living in the town limits of Hillsborough)

Responsibilities of the Office: *The mayor presides over the Board of Commissioners meetings and has full voting privileges as a member of the Commission. The mayor is recognized as the official head of the Town by the courts for the purpose of serving civil processes, and by the public for all ceremonial purposes, and has the power to administer oaths. The mayor is the principal representative of the Board of Commissioners in relationships with the federal, state and other local governments.*

Candidates: One registered Democrat, Tom Stevens, is running for one seat. Republican Cindy Talisman is also running. Vote for one.

Name and Personal Information	Relevant Experience	Why are you running for this office?	What specific things would you like to accomplish?
<p>Tom Stevens*</p> <p>Age: 63</p> <p>Education: BA, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1976 MSW, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1983</p> <p>www.tomstevensformayor.com</p> <p>tom@tomstevensformayor.com</p>	<p>Mayor of Hillsborough, first elected in 2005 (currently in sixth term)</p> <p>I've lived in the Triangle area 40+ years since attending UNC-CH. After a 25+ year career in social work (including serving as the executive of a family service agency), I founded and continue to operate a leadership consulting company. I'm also a life-long artist and operate a gallery downtown. Nonprofit board volunteer experience includes serving as president of Leadership Triangle and ACG-Raleigh/Durham.</p>	<p>There is so much in the last decade of which Hillsborough can be proud: building parks and Riverwalk; taking good care of our infrastructure; enhancing connectivity and walkability; sticking to our long term development plan focused on in-town walkable communities rather than sprawling into the countryside; maintaining a healthy 40% commercial tax base; environmental stewardship; engaged community oriented policing; making Hillsborough a great and nationally recognized place to live, work, and play. All this has happened because of people working together, and people working together requires leadership. I want to continue to do my part offering seasoned leadership that engages the community and keeps us on a path forward so Hillsborough is as loved 10, 20, even 50 years from now as it is loved today.</p>	<p>There is so much we've accomplished in Hillsborough, yet there's plenty of work on the horizon. We must deal with a wave of development; we have a train station to build; we have new neighborhoods with new people that need to be welcomed into our town; and we have an exciting opportunity to move town facilities (police, fire, and water billing) from downtown to a new town hall campus freeing space for additional commercial enterprise in our historic town center. We have vibrant activity in all parts of town - north, east, south, west, and center - that needs encouragement, and we need to continue to build connectivity within and between all town neighborhoods. We need to expand our in-town circulator bus schedule. We need to show progress on a recently passed resolution that commits town government to a goal of 100% clean energy. Given the insane disparity of income in our country, we will constantly need to address issues of affordability and inclusion on the local level as we continue to make investments that enhance quality of life in town.</p> <p>I am ready to continue working hard on behalf of our community, and to do so keeping in mind a widely shared vision that emphasizes small-town character, celebrating our cultural and natural heritage, and encouraging sustainable prosperity for folks from all walks of life.</p>

Non-Partisan Election

Hillsborough Commissioners

(For all voters living in the town limits of Hillsborough)

Responsibilities of the Office: *Members of the Board of Commissioners make decisions and set policy to insure the safety, health, attractiveness and economic and social well-being of the community in accord with procedures and responsibilities set out in State law.*

Candidates: Two persons (both registered Democrats) are running for two seats. Vote for two.

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<p>Kathleen Ferguson*</p> <p>Age: 54</p> <p>Education: BSBA, Marketing, University of Alabama Huntsville</p> <p>kathleen.ferguson.2017@gmail.com</p>	<p>Current Hillsborough Commissioner and Mayor Pro Tem, State Council of Gov'ts Alt Delegate, Triangle J Council of Govt, Community Home Trust, Partnership to End Homelessness, Tourism and TDA boards, past chair OC EDC, past member Solid Waste Advisory Group, additional task forces and committees</p> <p>Currently serve as Workforce Planning and Performance Lead for UCB, previously served as Sales and Delivery Strategy and Support for QuintilesIMS. Previous non-government-related volunteer include starting and leading Hillsborough Heights Community Watch, Carolina Theatre Durham Volunteer Advisory Board and Usher Captain</p>	<p>I am running to continue work begun with affordable housing, neighborhood representation, regional collaboration, economic development, and social equity. I continue to advocate for quality development of Highway 70 corridor, particularly North Hills and the western gateway into Town.</p>	<p>I would like to see our board adopt additional affordable housing policies, integrate our newer neighborhoods as they build out while preserving the Hillsborough charm we live, and better prepare our Town for sustainability beyond our current boom and in the face of economic, social, and climate change.</p>

Non-Partisan Election

Hillsborough Commissioners

(For all voters living in the town limits of Hillsborough)

Responsibilities of the Office: *Members of the Board of Commissioners make decisions and set policy to insure the safety, health, attractiveness and economic and social well-being of the community in accord with procedures and responsibilities set out in State law.*

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<p>Jennifer (Jenn) Weaver* Age: 44</p> <p>Education: M.A., Political Science from UNC-Chapel Hill (2005), Bachelors degree, Prescott College, 1997</p> <p>JennWeaverForTownBoard (FB) @Jenn_E_Weaver (Twitter)</p> <p>Jennweaverfortownboard@gmail.com</p>	<p>One term (4 years), Commissioner, Hillsborough Town Board Represent Hillsborough to: Family Success Alliance (co-chair), Orange County Food Council (co-chair), Upper Neuse River Basin Association (secretary), DCH-Metropolitan Planning Organization (alternate) Six years, Hillsborough Park and Rec Board</p> <p>Sometime public policy researcher (most recently, but not currently, at Clean Water for NC, before that at the UNC Program on Public Life), mother, sometime rabble-rouser (NAACP Forward Together/Moral Monday movement), I've worked on farms, I've paddled sea kayaks, I've canvassed for a lot of campaigns before my own.</p>	<p>I want economic, environmental, and social sustainability for all in the town of Hillsborough, and I have some skills to help us move/continue in that direction. I am a good government nerd, and believe that now, more than ever, local government is crucial to thriving communities.</p>	<p>I want to continue to advocate for and pursue ways the Town of Hillsborough can seek and improve racial equity in our operations, staffing, representation, and community. I want to see the groundwork laid for the Town to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2050. I want to keep our board committed to our land use and strategic growth plans to keep our small-town character even as we experience growth.</p>

