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Sample Ballot
Avery County, North Carolina
November 3, 2026

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B. Where authorized, you may write in a candidate by filling in the oval and writing the name on the Write-in line.
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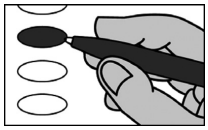

PARTISAN ELECTIONS

US Senate
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Michael Dublin *Green Party*
- ● Roy Cooper *Democratic Party*
- ○ Shannon W. Bray *Libertarian Party*
- ○ Michael Whatley *Republican Party*

US House of Representatives District 11
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Jennifer Capps Balkcom *Republican Party*
- ● Jamie Ager *Democratic Party*
- ○ Travis Groo *Libertarian Party*

NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 1
(You may vote for ONE)

- ● Anita Earls *Democratic Party*
- ○ Sarah Stevens *Republican Party*

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 1
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Michael C. Byrne *Republican Party*
- ● John S. Arrowood *Democratic Party*

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 2
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ George Cooper Bell *Republican Party*
- ● Tobias (Toby) Hampson *Democratic Party*

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 3
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Craig Collins *Republican Party*
- ● Christine Marie Walczyk *Democratic Party*

NC State Senate District 47
(You may vote for ONE)

- ● Frank Patton Hughes III *Democratic Party*
- ○ Ralph Hise *Republican Party*

NC House of Representatives District 85
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Dudley Greene *Republican Party*
- ● Suzanne Gavenus *Democratic Party*

NC Superior Court Judge District 35 Seat 1
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Matthew Rupp *Republican Party*

NC District Court Judge District 35 Seat 1
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Eric F. Eller *Republican Party*
- ● Andrew Brooks *Democratic Party*

District Attorney District 35
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Seth Banks *Republican Party*

Avery County Board of Commissioners
(You may vote for THREE)

- ○ Robert Burleson *Republican Party*
- ○ Dennis Aldridge *Republican Party*
- ○ Jason Grindstaff *Republican Party*

Avery County Clerk of Superior Court
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Susannah McCoury Dibble *Unaffiliated*
- ○ Teresa I. Benfield *Republican Party*

Avery County Sheriff
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Mike Henley *Republican Party*

NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

Avery County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor
(You may vote for TWO)

- ○ Bill Beuttell
- ○ Brad Smith
- ○ _____ Write-in
- ○ _____ Write-in

REFERENDA

Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting.

- ○ For
- ● Against

Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).

- ○ For
- ● Against

Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.

- ○ For
- ● Against

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