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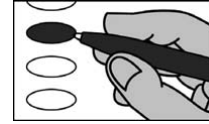
Sample Ballot  
Gaston County, North Carolina  
November 3, 2026

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### BALLOT MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- A. With the marking device provided or a black ball point pen, completely fill in the oval to the left of each candidate or selection of your choice as shown.  
B. Where authorized, you may write in a candidate by filling in the oval and writing the name on the Write-in line.  
C. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to request a replacement.



| PARTISAN ELECTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | NC State Senate<br>District 43<br>(You may vote for ONE)                                                                                                                                                                            | Gaston County<br>Board of Commissioners<br>Gastonia Township<br>(You may vote for ONE) |
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| <b>US Senate</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input type="radio"/> Michael Dublin<br>Green Party<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Roy Cooper ← Democratic Party<br><input type="radio"/> Shannon W. Bray<br>Libertarian Party<br><input type="radio"/> Michael Whatley<br>Republican Party | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Steve Rutherford ← Democratic Party<br><input type="radio"/> Brad Overcash<br>Republican Party                                                                                                     | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Jessica Maria Moreno ← Democratic Party<br><input type="radio"/> Tom Keigher<br>Republican Party                                                                                                   |                                                                                        |
| <b>US House of Representatives<br/>District 14</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Lakesha Womack ← Democratic Party<br><input type="radio"/> Tim Moore<br>Republican Party                                                                                      | <b>NC House of Representatives<br/>District 108</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input type="radio"/> John A. Torbett<br>Republican Party<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Sydnie Hutchinson ← Democratic Party             | <b>Gaston County<br/>Board of Commissioners<br/>Riverbend Township</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input type="radio"/> Chad Brown<br>Republican Party<br><br>Write-in _____                                                  |                                                                                        |
| <b>NC Supreme Court<br/>Associate Justice Seat 1</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Anita Earls ← Democratic Party<br><input type="radio"/> Sarah Stevens<br>Republican Party                                                                                   | <b>NC Superior Court Judge<br/>District 38 Seat 1</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input type="radio"/> David A. Phillips<br>Republican Party                                                                                  | <b>Gaston County<br/>Board of Education At-Large</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Brenda Eskridge ← Democratic Party<br><input type="radio"/> Dot Cherry<br>Republican Party                   |                                                                                        |
| <b>NC Court of Appeals Judge<br/>Seat 1</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input type="radio"/> Michael C. Byrne<br>Republican Party<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> John S. Arrowood ← Democratic Party                                                                                    | <b>NC District Court Judge<br/>District 38 Seat 1</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input type="radio"/> Cameron (Chip) Harrison<br>Republican Party                                                                            | <b>Gaston County<br/>Board of Education<br/>Dallas Township</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input type="radio"/> Josh Crisp<br>Republican Party<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Debra Gunnings-Johnson ← Democratic Party |                                                                                        |
| <b>NC Court of Appeals Judge<br/>Seat 2</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input type="radio"/> George Cooper Bell<br>Republican Party<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Tobias (Toby) Hampson ← Democratic Party                                                                             | <b>District Attorney<br/>District 38</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input type="radio"/> Travis Page<br>Republican Party                                                                                                     | <b>Gaston County<br/>Board of Education<br/>Gastonia Township</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Che'z (Shea) Adams ← Democratic Party<br><input type="radio"/> Tim Taylor<br>Republican Party   |                                                                                        |
| <b>NC Court of Appeals Judge<br/>Seat 3</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input type="radio"/> Craig Collins<br>Republican Party<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Christine Marie Walczyk ← Democratic Party                                                                                | <b>Gaston County<br/>Board of Commissioners<br/>Dallas Township</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)<br><br><input type="radio"/> Cathy Cloninger<br>Republican Party<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Matt Buchanan ← Democratic Party | <div>Continue voting<br/>next side →</div>                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                        |

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| SAMPLE BALLOT                                                                                                                                                             | Gaston County, North Carolina                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                              | November 3, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                              |               | Ballot Style B0024                                                                                          |               | SAMPLE BALLOT |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Gaston County Board of Education Riverbend Township</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)                                                                                                                                          |                              | <b>Constitutional Amendment</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>Barbara Walls</b><br><i>Democratic Party</i> ←<br><input type="radio"/> <b>A.M. Stephens III</b><br><i>Republican Party</i>                                                               |                              | Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).<br><input type="radio"/> For<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>Against</b> ← |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Gaston County Board of Education South Point Township</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)                                                                                                                                        |                              | <b>Constitutional Amendment</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>David Gain-Tang Chee</b><br><i>Democratic Party</i> ←<br><input type="radio"/> <b>Tod Kinlaw</b><br><i>Republican Party</i>                                                               |                              | Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.<br><input type="radio"/> For<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>Against</b> ←                                   |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Gaston County Clerk of Superior Court</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)                                                                                                                                                        |                              | <b>End of Ballot</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="radio"/> <b>Thomas Brown</b><br><i>Republican Party</i>                                                                                                                                                          |                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Gaston County Sheriff</b><br>(You may vote for ONE)                                                                                                                                                                        |                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="radio"/> <b>Chad E. Hawkins</b><br><i>Republican Party</i>                                                                                                                                                       |                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | SAMPLE BALLOT                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
| <b>Gaston County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor</b><br>(You may vote for TWO)                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
| <input type="radio"/> <b>Dan Brandon</b><br><input type="radio"/> <b>Colby Watts</b><br><input type="radio"/> <b>Bill Ward</b><br><input type="radio"/> _____<br>Write-in |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
| <input type="radio"/> _____<br>Write-in                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
| SAMPLE BALLOT                                                                                                                                                             | <b>REFERENDA</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                                                                                             |               | SAMPLE BALLOT |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Constitutional Amendment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                                                                                             |               |               |
| SAMPLE BALLOT                                                                                                                                                             | Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting.<br><input type="radio"/> For<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>Against</b> ← |                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               | <div>This ballot was not produced by the NC State Board of Elections. This is not an official ballot.</div> |               | SAMPLE BALLOT |
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