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Sample Ballot
New Hanover County, North Carolina
November 3, 2026

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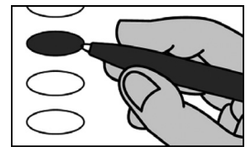

PARTISAN ELECTIONS

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 7
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Maad Abu-Ghazalah *Libertarian Party*
- ○ David Rouzer *Republican Party*
- ● Kimberly Hardy *Democratic 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 7
(You may vote for ONE)

- ● Jessica Bichler *Democratic Party*
- ○ Michael Lee *Republican Party*

NC House of Representatives District 20
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Dane Scalise *Republican Party*
- ● Tim Merrick *Democratic Party*

NC Superior Court Judge District 6B Seat 1
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ G. Frank Jones *Republican Party*
- ● Kelly Colquette Hanley *Democratic Party*

NC District Court Judge District 6 Seat 1
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Lindsey L. McKee *Republican Party*

NC District Court Judge District 6 Seat 2
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Kurt B. Fryar *Republican Party*
- ● James H. Faison III *Democratic Party*

NC District Court Judge District 6 Seat 3
(You may vote for ONE)

- ● Melinda H. Crouch *Democratic Party*
- ○ Janelle L. Cline *Republican Party*

NC District Court Judge District 6 Seat 4
(You may vote for ONE)

- ● Katherine Corpening *Democratic Party*
- ○ Chad Hogston *Republican Party*

District Attorney District 6
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Jason W. Smith *Republican Party*

New Hanover County Board of Commissioners
(You may vote for TWO)

- ○ Bob Drach *Libertarian Party*
- ○ Richard M. Collier *Republican Party*
- ● Rob Zapple *Democratic Party*
- ● LeShonda Wallace *Democratic Party*
- ○ LeAnn Pierce *Republican Party*

New Hanover County Board of Education
(You may vote for FOUR)

- ○ Amy Dunning *Republican Party*
- ● Wendy Dale *Democratic Party*
- ○ Pat Bradford *Republican Party*
- ○ Josie Barnhart *Republican Party*
- ○ Chris Sutton *Republican Party*
- ● Brittnei LaRue *Democratic Party*
- ● Jerry Jones, Jr. *Democratic Party*
- ● Margie Gewirtzman *Democratic Party*

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

- ● Jennie Thomason *Democratic Party*
- ○ Jan Giacalone Kennedy *Republican Party*

New Hanover County Sheriff
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ Ed McMahon *Republican Party*

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NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

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

- ○ deAndre Corniffe
- ○ Cate Calson
- ○ Frank Christopher Meares
- ○ Kelly McConnell
- ○ _____ 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

New Hanover County School Bonds

Additional property taxes may be levied on property located in the County of New Hanover in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on bonds if approved by the following ballot question.
SHALL the order authorizing $320,525,000 of bonds plus interest to provide funds to pay the capital costs of constructing, improving, and renovating school facilities, including, but not limited to, the construction and renovation of classroom facilities, the acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment, the acquisition of land, rights-of-way and easements in land required therefor, and related public infrastructure development, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds be approved, in light of the following:

(1) The estimated cumulative cost over the life of the bonds, using the highest interest rate charged for similar debt over the last 20 years, would be $500,377,988 (consisting of $320,525,000 principal amount of the bonds plus $179,852,988 of interest).

(2) The estimated amount of property tax liability increase for each one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) of property tax value to service the cumulative cost over the life of the bond provided above would be $5.00 per year, which includes the impact of anticipated grant receipts from the New Hanover Community Endowment in the amount of $11,600,000 per year for ten years beginning in February 2028.

- ● Yes
- ○ No

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