

BREAKING DOWN THE BALLOT

Ballots aren't always easy to understand. Read this guide to ensure that you know who to vote for — and how.

SAMPLE BALLOT

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
ORANGE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 2, 2004**

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE VOTING! MARK ONLY WITH THE PEN PROVIDED BY THE OFFICIAL TO VOTE: COMPLETE THE ARROW(S) ← → POINTING TO YOUR CHOICE(S), LIKE THIS: ← →

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

- To vote for one candidate, complete the arrow at the right of the name of the candidate you wish to vote.
- To vote for a straight-party ticket, complete the arrow at the right of the party for which you wish to vote.
- To vote for a ballot by not completing the arrow at the right of the party but by completing the arrow at the right of the name of each candidate for whom you wish to vote.
- To vote for a ballot by not completing the arrow at the right of the party but by completing the arrow at the right of the name of any candidate you choose of a different party for any one office, you must vote for every other candidate of that party for which you wish to vote.
- To vote for a ballot by not completing the arrow at the right of the party but by completing the arrow at the right of the name of any candidate you choose of one party for which you wish to vote, you must vote for every other candidate of that party for which you wish to vote.
- To vote for a ballot by not completing the arrow at the right of the party but by completing the arrow at the right of the name of any candidate you choose of one party for which you wish to vote, you must vote for every other candidate of that party for which you wish to vote.
- To vote for a ballot by not completing the arrow at the right of the party but by completing the arrow at the right of the name of any candidate you choose of one party for which you wish to vote, you must vote for every other candidate of that party for which you wish to vote.

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

DEMOCRATIC ←

JOHN F. KERRY
JOHN EDWARDS

REPUBLICAN ←

GEORGE W. BUSH
DICK CHENEY

LIBERTARIAN ←

MICHAEL BADNARIK
RICHARD CAMPAGNA

STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET ←

DEMOCRATIC (DEM) ←

REPUBLICAN (REP) ←

LIBERTARIAN (LIB) ←

FOR US SENATE

ERSKINE BOWLES DEM ←

RICHARD BURR REP ←

TOM BAILEY LIB ←

**FOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS
4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

DAVID PRICE DEM ←

TODD A. BATCHELOR REP ←

FOR GOVERNOR

MIKE EASLEY DEM ←

PATRICK J. BALLANTINE REP ←

BARBARA HOWE LIB ←

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

ROY COOPER DEM ←

JOE KNOTT REP ←

FOR AUDITOR

RALPH CAMPBELL DEM ←

LESLE MERRITT REP ←

FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

BRITT COBB DEM ←

STEVE TROXLER REP ←

FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

JIM LONG DEM ←

C. ROBERT BRAWLEY REP ←

FOR COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

WAYNE GOODWIN DEM ←

CHERIE BERRY REP ←

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

ELAINE F. MARSHALL DEM ←

JAY RAO REP ←

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

JUNE S. ATKINSON DEM ←

BILL FLETCHER REP ←

FOR TREASURER

RICHARD H. MOORE DEM ←

EDWARD A. MEYER REP ←

**FOR NORTH CAROLINA SENATE
23RD DISTRICT**

ELLIE KINNAIRD DEM ←

ROBERT E. (WHIT) WHITFIELD REP ←

**FOR STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56TH DISTRICT**

VERLA INSKO DEM ←

TURN BALLOT OVER AND VOTE BOTH SIDES

VOTE FOR PRESIDENT SEPARATELY
If you wish to vote a straight-party ticket (all Democrats or all Republicans), you still must vote separately for United States president.

PRESIDENT
The chief executive of the United States is also commander in chief of its armed forces. President Bush, who seeks a second term, faces John Kerry and Michael Badnarik.

U.S. SENATE
The Senate is the upper body of Congress, comprising 100 members, two from each state. In North Carolina, Erskine Bowles and Richard Burr are locked in a dead-even race.

U.S. HOUSE
The House is the lower body of Congress, in which states' representations are proportional to their population. In the N.C. 4th District, incumbent David Price takes on Todd Batchelor.

GOVERNOR
The governor is the state's chief executive. In North Carolina, incumbent Mike Easley faces GOP contender Patrick Ballantine and Libertarian longshot Barbara Howe.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
The lieutenant governor serves as the state's second-in-command and also as president of the N.C. Senate. Incumbent Beverly Perdue faces Jim Snyder and Christopher Cole.

ATTORNEY GENERAL
The state attorney general serves as head of North Carolina's Department of Justice, the state's top criminal-enforcement agency. Incumbent Roy Cooper faces Joe Knott.

AUDITOR
The state auditor is in charge of making sure North Carolina's government agencies spend their money in an appropriate fashion. Incumbent Ralph Cambell battles Les Merritt.

AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER
The agriculture commissioner regulates and protects the state's farms and picks a group to run the State Fair. Incumbent Britt Cobb faces Steve Troxler in this year's election.

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
The state insurance commissioner serves as overseer of the industry in North Carolina and also deals with instances of fraud. Incumbent Jim Long faces Robert Brawley.

LABOR COMMISSIONER
The state labor commissioner is charged with the health and well-being of North Carolina's 4 million workers. Incumbent Cherie Berry faces Democrat Wayne Goodwin.

SUPERINTENDENT
The superintendent of public instruction is charged with overseeing the state's school system along with the Board of Education. June Atkinson is up against Bill Fletcher.

TREASURER
The treasurer serves as the state's banker and chief investment officer and also performs a variety of other services. Incumbent Democrat Richard Moore faces Republican Ed Meyer.

N.C. SENATE DISTRICT 23
The state Senate, comprising 50 members, is the upper body of the N.C. legislature. Incumbent Democrat Ellie Kinnaird is running against GOP newcomer Robert Whitfield.

N.C. HOUSE DISTRICT 50
The state House is the lower body of the N.C. General Assembly. Comprising 120 members, it works with the Senate to set policy. Incumbent Verla Insko, a Democrat, is running unopposed.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
The Board of Commissioners is a five-person panel in charge of Orange County policy. Four candidates — two Democrats, a Republican and a Libertarian — aim to fill four seats.

N.C. SUPREME COURT
The state's highest court has seven members and hears cases dealing with interpretation of the law or error in judicial proceedings. There are two nonpartisan races to fill two seats.

N.C. COURT OF APPEALS
The Court of Appeals decides questions of law in all cases in which there has been some sort of appeal, except death penalty cases. There are three nonpartisan races.

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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(You may vote for TWO)

MICHAEL CAREY, JR. DEM ←

WALTER FOUNSHEE DEM ←

JAMIE DANIEL REP ←

ANTHE L. FRANKLIN LIB ←

END OF STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING

FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
DISTRICT 15-B

CHARLES ANDERSON ←

FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
DISTRICT 15-B

ALONZO "BROWN" COLEMAN, JR. ←

FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
DISTRICT 15-B

M. PATRICIA (PAT) DEVRNE ←

FOR SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
(You may vote for ONE)

WILL SHOOTER ←

ROGER TATE ←

**FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
N.C. SUPREME COURT**

SARAH PARKER ←

JOHN M. TYSON ←

**FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
N.C. SUPREME COURT**

RONNIE ANBLEY ←

RACHEL LISA HENTER ←

HOWARD E. BARRING, JR. ←

BETSY MCCRODDEN ←

FRED MORRISON, JR. ←

PAUL MARTIN NEWBY ←

MARVIN SCHILLER ←

JAMES A. WYNN, JR. ←

FOR JUDGE COURT OF APPEALS

LINDA MCGEE ←

BILL PARKER ←

FOR JUDGE COURT OF APPEALS

WANDA G. BRYANT ←

ALICE C. STUBBS ←

FOR JUDGE COURT OF APPEALS

BARBARA JACKSON ←

ALAN THORNBERG ←

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS I, II, AND III**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

- To vote in favor of an amendment, complete the arrow pointing to the word "FOR".
- To vote against the amendment, complete the arrow pointing to the word "AGAINST".
- If you favor or oppose an amendment mark the ballot, when I find get another.

AMENDMENT I
Constitutional amendment to promote local economic and community development projects by (i) permitting the General Assembly to enact general laws giving counties, cities, and towns the power to finance public improvements associated with qualified private economic and community improvements within development districts, as long as the financing is secured by the additional tax revenues resulting from the enhanced property value within the development district and is not secured by a pledge of the local government's faith and credit or general taxing authority, which financing is not subject to a referendum; and (ii) permitting the owners of property in the development district to agree to a minimum tax value for their property, which is binding on future owners as long as the development district is in existence.

FOR ←

AGAINST ←

AMENDMENT II
Constitutional amendment to provide that the General Assembly may place the clear proceeds of civil penalties, civil forfeitures, and civil fines collected by a State agency in a State fund to be used exclusively for maintaining free public schools.

FOR ←

AGAINST ←

AMENDMENT III
Constitutional amendment to provide for the first term of office for magistrates of the General Court of Justice to be two years and for subsequent terms to be four years.

FOR ←

AGAINST ←

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Chairman, Orange County Board of Elections

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DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
N.C. District Court 15-B comprises Orange and Chatham counties. It hears some civil and criminal cases, as well as juvenile cases. Three nonpartisan races are on the ballot.

SOIL & WATER SUPERVISOR
The county Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor is charged with the area's conservation needs. Incumbent Roger Tate takes on Will Shooter in the nonpartisan race.

AMENDMENT ONE CAUSES CONTROVERSY

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An amendment to the state constitution that in the past 22 years has been voted down twice by North Carolinians will take a third shot at approval on Tuesday's ballot.

Amendment One, as it is known, has been defeated twice before, in 1982 and 1993. This year, though, proponents are hopeful that its strong public support will carry through to the polling booth.

If passed, Amendment One would allow local governments to issue bonds, referred to as "self-financing bonds," for infrastructure

projects in special development districts without voter approval.

Essentially, it would offer governments the option of using public funding to support private development in hopes of attracting businesses and increasing a town's tax base. Such options now require the approval of voters in a referendum.

Proponents of the amendment say governments can pay back the bonds because they allow for increases in property tax revenue.

Also, they say, the bonds allow local governments to make improvements to surrounding areas and services in conjunction

with a private investor.

"(The bond) can't be used just for the heck of it," said Don Hobart, counsel for the N.C. Department of Commerce.

Hobart said businesses ask local governments to make improvements because they cannot afford to pay for the projects. Starting a business in some areas would not be possible without the improvements, he said.

More than 300 organizations have voiced support for the amendment, including the Chapel Hill Town Council, former Gov. Jim Hunt, Gov. Mike Easley and gubernatorial candidate Patrick

Ballantine. North Carolina is one of only two states that does not permit self-financing bonds.

"Bottom line on this thing is local governments would have another tool to promote jobs in stagnant areas," Hobart said.

Mark Kleinschmidt was the only Chapel Hill Town Council member to vote against supporting the bill. "I think the people of North Carolina aren't being given enough information to make a decision," he said.

He added that though he does not necessarily oppose the amendment, he is worried that voters are being told taxes will not increase.

Those claims are untrue, he said.

Local governments will have to pay for more fire protection, emergency services and schools made necessary by new developments. But the increase in property taxes goes toward paying off the bonds, not for these extra services, he said.

Cary Town Council member Michael Joyce created the Web site Noamendmentone.org to voice his opposition to the bonds.

"On the heels of the World Series, I'm hoping the citizens of North Carolina give (Amendment One) its third strike, and it's out," he said.

Joyce said he fears that the

increase in tax revenue will not always cover the price of bonds.

He agreed with Kleinschmidt that information has not properly been presented to state citizens.

Additional information on the amendment can be seen at <http://www.ncjustice.org/btc>.

Two less controversial amendments are also on the ballot. Amendment Two would allow state money from civil cases to go to schools; Amendment Three would lengthen the terms of magistrates.

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