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Save the Dates

Election Night Watch Party

Nov 3, 7:00 PM
Sunrise Church, Chapel Hill
Please RSVP for headcount:
orange.nc.gop/election_day

Note: There is no Monthly Meeting in November.



Get Involved!

The Orange County GOP is an all-volunteer organization of your neighbors who are interested in smaller and more effective government that follows conservative principles.

Your help will make a difference!

Please consider ways you can assist: organizing events, making phone calls, writing articles, working at the polls, attending county commission meetings, and more! To volunteer, visit orange.nc.gop/volunteer.

To join our email list, visit our website <https://orange.nc.gop> and sign up!

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Volunteers are still needed to help outside polling places to hand out sample ballots and candidate literature. We need people outside each precinct on Election Day, Nov 3.

If you can spare a couple of hours to help with a shift, please call Trish Randall at 919.732.4389.

Your help can make a HUGE difference!



**Every
Vote
Counts**

**If you haven't
voted yet, make
plans NOW for
Election Day and
text 4 friends to go
with you!**



**Orange County
% Turnout during
Early Voting
(as of 10/31/20):**

Democrat 75%
Unaffiliated 62%
Republican 60%
Other 47%

Chair's Corner

Fellow Patriots,

Make voting your priority on ELECTION DAY if you haven't voted. At the close of early voting, Orange County Republican turnout is only 60% compared to 65% statewide (low turnouts). Democrats in OC=75%, NC=65%. Call or text 3-4 friends to vote Tuesday, 6:30am-7:30pm. Not sure of your precinct location? Call John Gaither (336-314-1610) or Trish Randall (919-732-4389). Our votes in Orange County make a difference in state and national final tallies.

- *Waddy Davis, Colonel (Ret.) US Army Special Forces
Chairman, Orange County Republican Party*

Statement on Voter Intimidation Happening in Carrboro

We are fortunate to live in the greatest free country in the world. To believe, think and vote independently is the right of every citizen. Election laws need to apply equally to all people, and the law clearly states that campaigning or political activity within the buffer zone around a voting location is illegal. Unfortunately, the elected officials within the Town of Carrboro have decided to ignore the law and politicize the polling location at Town Hall.

The truly sad thing is the verbal and sometimes physical abuse our volunteers receive from intolerant liberals while working the polling location in Carrboro.

They have been cursed out, had materials stolen, been subjected to obscene gestures, and threatened on an almost daily basis from intolerant liberals. The breakdown of civility we see on the left on a daily basis creates instability, and we need leaders to lead by example and put civility ahead of partisanship.

The elected leadership of Carrboro needs to act on behalf of all citizens of their community, not just those on the left. It is unfortunate that Carrboro town council members have chosen to display Black Lives Matter flags instead of the American flag during this critical election. Karen Brinson Bell, Executive Director of the NC Board of Elections, has issued a formal request to the mayor and council members to remove the flags, yet this request has not been complied with.

Voting without intimidation or harassment is an American right.

US Senate control, immigration policy, hinge on NC by Laura Gutman

The Senate race between Republican Thom Tillis and Democrat Cal Cunningham is one of the most competitive in the nation. And the outcome may determine the future of U.S. immigration policy.

The two parties couldn't be farther apart on this crucial issue. Earlier this year, President Trump suspended most work visas to ensure that American citizens would get first dibs at scarce jobs. The GOP widely backed that suspension during a time of record-setting unemployment.

Joe Biden, by contrast, has vowed to lift that suspension — and thus import over 500,000 guest workers during the worst economic crisis in generations. He also favors maintaining "Optional Practical Training," a cheap labor program that allows foreign nationals who attend U.S. universities to stay and work here after graduation. And he wants to expand the number of employment-based green cards, which would make it easier for companies to hire overseas workers instead of Americans.

North Carolinians can block this influx of foreign labor by reelecting Tillis and ensuring a Republican majority in the Senate.

Before the pandemic, the OPT program drew more than 220,000 participants, many from China or India, where prevailing wages are far lower than in the United States. Yet OPT does not require businesses to pay a competitive wage. Businesses don't even have to pay Social Security or Medicare taxes on many OPT participants.

Several prominent Republicans have called for the suspension of the OPT program altogether. "There is certainly no reason to allow foreign students to stay for three additional years just to take jobs that would otherwise go to unemployed Americans as our economy recovers," they noted in a recent letter.

Republicans have also pushed back against abuse of H-1B visas, which allow U.S. companies to replace American employees with cheaper foreigners. Retailer Lands' End recently announced it would outsource IT jobs to Tata Consultancy Services, an Indian firm and major H-1B user.

And earlier this year, Vanguard Group, an investment management firm, transferred 1,300 employees to Infosys, another heavy user of H-1B visas. The former Vanguard employees will get paid their same salaries and benefits for a year — after which, experts say, they'll likely be replaced by cheaper foreign workers.

Offloading tech and IT jobs to H-1B dependent firms is so prevalent that India's former minister of commerce described H-1B as "the outsourcing visa."

Yet instead of scaling back the program, Joe Biden plans to expand it. He also pledges to eliminate "the limits on employment-based visas by country," which would help solve the "unacceptably long backlogs" for visa applicants.

North Carolina's unemployment rate currently stands at 6.5 percent — with over 300,000 people out of work. Pre-pandemic, unemployment was only 3.6 percent. Many college graduates are underemployed, working at jobs outside their fields.

It's frankly disgraceful that one of America's two major parties is more concerned about visa backlogs than vulnerable North Carolinians. Democrats' immigration proposals are simply out of touch with economic reality. Voters can defeat those proposals — and protect their own jobs — by sending Thom Tillis back to Washington for a second term.

Comparing Pandemic Report Cards by Vince DiSandro, Sr.

The Democrats and Joe Biden want to make Donald Trump's handling of the Corona Virus pandemic the main issue in the election — primarily because they have no other issue to run on. However, if you look at the facts this is a big mistake. President Trump did everything humanly possible to stop and minimize the effects of this deadly China virus. Among many things, he shut down entry of people from China (which Biden opposed) which may have saved up to two million lives.

A little history is in order. When Obama and Biden were in charge in 2009-10 we had the H1N1 pandemic. At least 60 million Americans were infected. The number may have been much higher but we don't know because Obama/Biden abruptly shut down testing in the middle of the epidemic. Thank God "only" 12,000 people died but 300,000 were hospitalized. If the H1N1 had had the same mortality rate as Covid, 1.8 million people would have died. Obama/Biden handled the situation very poorly. By the time a vaccine was developed it was too late; the pandemic was over. Biden's chief of staff Ron Klain even admitted "we didn't do anything right". It was purely a fortuity that this wasn't one of the greatest mass casualty events in American history.

Keep this in mind when you hear Biden and the Democrats claim they would have handled Covid better.

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