

Clay County Conservative Voter Guide

November 3, 2026 General Election

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WHEN & WHERE

Election Day: Tue Nov 3, 2026.

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Federal

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE — **Jennifer Capps Balkcom** [VC] [HCG] [BCG] [HCG2] District 11

U. S. SENATOR **Michael Whatley** [NVC] [C] [C2] [FFC] [WCG] [JCG] [HCG] [BCG] [OCG] [CCG] [PCG] [NHCG] [UCG] [GCG] [HCG2] [BCG2] [FCG] [SCG] [CCG2] [SCG2]

State

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION **Brett Woody** (Republican nominee)

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION **Jason Shook** (Republican nominee)

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION **Kevin Crawford** (Republican nominee)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE — **Karl Gillespie** [NVC] [VC] District 120

STATE SENATOR — **Kevin Corbin** [NVC] [VC] District 50

County

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **Andy James** (Republican nominee)

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **Dwight S. McClure, Sr.** (Republican nominee)

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **Jason A. Rickett** (Republican nominee)

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (UNEXPIRED) **Bill Carter** (Republican nominee)

CLAY COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS **Angie Shook** (Republican nominee)

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF **Mark Buchanan** (Republican nominee)

Judicial

CLAY COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT **J. Tim Barrett** (Republican nominee)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 43 **Ashley Hornsby Welch** (Republican nominee)

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 1/2/3 — **1: Michael C. Byrne** [NVC] [WCG] [JCG] [HCG] [BCG] [OCG] [CCG] [PCG] [NHCG] [UCG] [BCG2] [FCG] [SCG] [SCG2]; **2: George Cooper Bell** [NVC] [WCG] [JCG] [HCG] [BCG] [OCG] [CCG] [PCG] [NHCG] [UCG] [BCG2] [FCG] [SCG2]; **3: Craig Collins** [NVC] [O] [WCG] [JCG] [HCG] [BCG] [OCG] [CCG] [PCG] [NHCG] [UCG] [GCG] [BCG2] [FCG] [SCG2]

NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 43 SEAT 1 **Donna Forga** (Republican nominee)

NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 1 **Sarah Stevens** [NVC] [O] [WCG] [JCG] [HCG] [BCG] [OCG] [CCG] [PCG] [NHCG] [UCG] [BCG2] [FCG] [SCG2]

Local

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - MAXIMUM INCOME TAX RATE OF 3.5% **For (NP)**
Listed by NC Republican Party (also Wake County Republican Party (nonpartisan race) — source: NC Republican Party (also Wake County GOP, Henderson County GOP) [NRPWC]

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT **For (NP)**
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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - REQUIRE PHOTO ID FOR VOTING **For (NP)**
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Key: NVC = NC Values Coalition (endorsed); C = iVoterGuide (Conservative); C2 = CatholicVote; FFC = Faith & Freedom Coalition; WCG = Wake County GOP; JCG = Johnston County GOP; HCG = Henderson County GOP voter guide; BCG = Buncombe County GOP; OCG = Orange County GOP; CCG = Craven County GOP; PCG = Pamlico County GOP; NHCG = New Hanover County GOP; UCG = Union County GOP; GCG = Gaston County GOP; HCG2 = Haywood County GOP; BCG2 = Bladen County GOP; FCG = Franklin County GOP; SCG = Stokes County GOP; CCG2 = Columbus County GOP; SCG2 = Scotland County GOP; VC = iVoterGuide (Verified Conservative); O = iVoterGuide (Originalist); NRPWC = NC Republican Party (also Wake County GOP, Henderson County GOP). (Republican nominee) = Republican on the ballot, no published endorsement found. NP = nonpartisan race; "Listed by" = a Republican Party's listing, not a nomination. Recommendations are the listed groups', not this guide's; a blank race means no published recommendation was found, not that none exists.