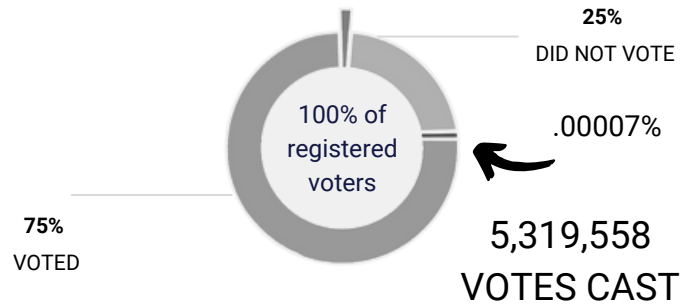


WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

In 2020, the race for Chief Justice of the NC Supreme Court was decided by just **401 votes or .0007%**.



MAYORS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

decide what can be built where, provide public services and utilities such as trash and recycling pickup, water and sewer, roads and sidewalks, parks and recreation, and police and fire.



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

pass the budget that funds services including the County Board of Elections, public health, safety, human and mental health services.



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

are in charge of your public school district, approve and fund school construction, renovation and management, and set the student discipline policy.



SHERIFFS

manage the county law enforcement agency, provide security in jails, and courtrooms, work with ICE, and oversee daily conditions of the jails and inmates in custody.



DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

decide what crimes to prosecute, whether a person will be prosecuted and on what charge, and if people are diverted into special programs to avoid criminal records. Their decisions are final.



JUDGES

decide who gets detained and for how long, and who goes to prison, and for how long.



CONGRESS & NC LEGISLATURE

decide what is a crime and how it should be punished. They make rules on how our courts, prisons, and jails are managed and how people should be treated when they are in custody. They make decisions on public health including reproductive health.

LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER.



1 PUBLIC SAFETY

Local lawmakers set the local budget and duties for city police, county sheriffs, city jails, and county detention centers.

2 PUBLIC HEALTH

Local lawmakers decide what types of stores and facilities (grocery stores, laundromats, bus stops) can be built, where they are located, and the location of cultural and community sites (theaters, sports, playgrounds, parks and recreation). State legislature makes decisions on reproductive health

3 EDUCATION

Local lawmakers hire and oversee local school superintendents and draw school district maps that determine where children go to school.

4 CIVIL RIGHTS

Local lawmakers decide where voting sites are located, set local equal employment opportunities and nondiscrimination policies.

6 HOUSING

Local lawmakers plan and fund affordable housing programs and help ensure the safety and accessibility of local housing stock; manage evictions and upkeep.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Local lawmakers decide rules for and oversee drinking water, public buildings (dump, water/sewer authority, recycling center), roads, and vehicles.

5 ECONOMY & JOBS

Local lawmakers can provide tax benefits for businesses to create jobs, fund job and worker training programs, and set wages for city/county employees and contractors.

