



VOTER GUIDE for NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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IMPORTANT TIP:

Finish your ballot! Everything counts.

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MY TAKE

In **Mecklenburg County** the **Transportation Referendum** is a needed game changer that deserves to pass as it will bring in an additional \$20 billion over the next 30 years. Funds will be utilized to improve infrastructure by expanding roads, adding additional rail, and making necessary changes to existing bus routes and improving the rider experience, including safety upgrades throughout the entire system. As such, candidates who support the measure and have worked to gain its passage are receiving our recommendation and support from both REBIC and our industry partners.

There are going to be some new faces on the **Charlotte City Council** resulting from two competitive races remaining with the District 6 contest, and two challengers for At Large attempting to break into the top four. We're recommending **Krista Bokhari** in District 6 and **Edwin Peacock** for another At Large City Council position. Both have been outspoken about the need to improve safety within the city and would bring additional balance to council. **James Mitchell** and **Dimple Ajmera** also get our nod as they have been strong supporters of the Transportation Referendum.

Huntersville has recently been a bit of a mixed bag when it comes to the approval of new developments. However, town leadership appears to be taking a managed-growth approach by supporting higher density developments where they make the most sense. **Mayor Clark's** opponent is running on the platform to "Protect our town and our homes from aggressive development." We're not sure why it's necessary to "protect" folks from a future of opportunity and prosperity, but Huntersville voters will have a clear choice here.

Since elected officials from **Cornelius** and **Davidson** have been supportive of the transportation measure as well, we are giving them a nod. We want to acknowledge **Mayor Knox**, a long time Realtor® who has been pounding the pavement to promote transportation measures.

It is worth noting that the **Matthews Board of Commissioners** came out against the transportation measure earlier this year. But, when the Board realized they had not been provided with a complete picture, some of them moved to change their position. Our recommendations for support parallel those who dropped their opposition to the referendum.

Concerns over development growth continue to be a challenge in **Iredell County** and other parts of the region. **James Pressly**, a Realtor® and HBA of Greater Charlotte member, is running for **Statesville City Council**. Raised in the community, he has a better sense than most any other candidate of how to bring together differing factions to build consensus. We still have some work to do in **Statesville** but recognize this election affords an opportunity for new leadership who will move forward in a more common-sense fashion.



In **Concord**, **Steve Morris** previously served as the Chair of the **Cabarrus County Commission** and his record clearly indicates he is business friendly. We think he will steer Concord in a good direction.

Harrisburg has seen its share of recent changes, including an effort by elected officials to stop development at all costs, even when it is detrimental to its own citizens. But several past members of the **Town Council** have come back to run again to address some of the problems that have arisen because of that misguided philosophy.

In **Gaston County** several real estate professionals are running for office. **Ivory Craig** is a Realtor® in Mount Holly. **Morgan Smith**, first-time candidate, is running for a seat on the Bessemer City Council and is an HBA of Greater Charlotte Board Member.

We hope you will dig deep into the guide, then share it with those who can benefit from its content and then aid you in determining the future leadership of the communities in which you live.

Please contact me with any questions.



CABARRUS COUNTY

Concord:

Steve Morris – Mayor | [Vote Steve Morris for Concord Mayor](#)

Jack Lambert – Council Member District 4 | [Jack Lambert](#) | [Lambert for Concord - Concord City Council](#)

Kannapolis:

Doug Wilson – Mayor | [\(20+\) Elect Doug Wilson Kannapolis Mayor](#) | [Facebook](#)

Zach Erwin – City Council | [Please allow me to introduce myself](#) | [Facebook](#)

Dianne Berry – City Council | [Instagram](#)

Isaiah Payne – City Council | [\(20+\) Facebook](#)

Harrisburg:

Steve Sciascia – Mayor | [SteveforHarrisburg](#) | [Mayor](#) | [Harrisburg, NC, USA](#)

Chris Barfield – Town Council | [\(20+\) Facebook](#)

Erin Banks – Town Council | [Information Here](#)

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GASTON COUNTY

Mount Holly:

* **Ivory Craig** – City Council | [Instagram](#)

Lauren Shoemaker – City Council | [Lauren Shoemaker for City Council](#)

Gastonia:

Demetrios Koutsoupas – Council Member Ward 01 | [SOUP FOR GASTONIA](#)

Angela Dreher – Council Member Ward 04 | [Elect Angela Dreher](#)

Kathy Boswell – Council Member Ward 02 | [Home](#) | [Kathy Boswell](#)

Lowell:

Travis Smith – City Council

Bill Knox – City Council

Thomas Gillespie – City Council | [\(20+\) Facebook](#)

Bessemer City:

* **Morgan Smith** – City Council Ward 06 | [Commentary on Morgan Smith](#)

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IREDELL COUNTY

Mooresville:

Chris Carney – Mayor | [Home](#) | [MayorCarney](#)

Gary West – At Large | [\(20+\) Facebook](#)

Lisa Qualls – Ward 4 | [Home](#) | [Qualls for Mooresville](#)

Frank Owens – Ward 3 | [\(20+\) FrankOwensforCommissioner](#) | [Facebook](#)

Statesville:

William Morgan – Mayor | [William Morgan for Statesville City Council](#)

* **James Pressley** – At Large | [James H. Pressly Statesville City Council](#)

Todd Lange – At Large | [\(20+\) Facebook](#)

Alex Walker – Ward 5 | [Home](#) | [Vote Alex Walker](#)

Troutman:

George Harris – Council

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MECKLENBURG COUNTY

General:

[Yes! on the Transportation Referendum](#) | [Transportation for a Stronger Mecklenburg](#) | [Yes for Meck](#)

Charlotte:

[Vi Lyles](#) – Mayor

[Danté Anderson](#) – District 1 | [Home - Dante Anderson for Charlotte City Council](#)

[Malcolm Graham](#) – District 2 | [About — Malcom Graham](#) | [Proven Leadership-](#)

[Joi Mayo](#) – District 3 | [Joi for Charlotte](#) | [Joi Mayo](#) | [Charlotte, NC, USA](#)

[Krista Bokhari](#) – District 6 | [Krista Bokhari](#)

[Ed Driggs](#) – District 7 | [Ed Driggs for Charlotte City Council](#) | [Ed Driggs](#)

[James Mitchell](#) – At Large | [Meet James](#) | [Jamesmitchell](#)

[Dimple Ajmera](#) – At Large | [Dimple Ajmera for Charlotte City Council At-Large](#)

[Edwin Peacock](#) – At Large | [Edwin Peacock City Council - Peacock for City Council 2025](#)

Huntersville:

[Christy Clark](#) – Mayor | [Elect Christy Clark](#)

[Dan Boone](#) – Commissioner | [Dan Boone for Huntersville](#)

[Jennifer Hunt](#) – Commissioner | [Reelect Jennifer Hunt for Huntersville Commissioner](#)

[Edwin Quarles](#) – Commissioner | [Elect Edwin Quarles](#) | [Board of Commissioners](#)

[LaToya Rivers](#) – Commissioner | [Elect LaToya Rivers](#)

[Nick Walsh](#) – Commissioner | [Vote Nick Walsh – Huntersville Town Commissioner](#)

Davidson:

* [Rusty Knox](#) – Mayor

[Ryan Fay](#) – Commissioner | <https://fayforcommissioner.wordpress.com/>

[Steve Justus](#) – Commissioner

[Tracy Mattison Brandon](#) – Commissioner

[Autumn Rierson Michael](#) – Commissioner

Cornelius:

[Woody Washam](#) – Mayor | [About – Woody Washam for Mayor](#)

[Robert Carney](#) – Commissioner - [About - Carney for Cornelius](#)

* [Susan Johnson](#) – Commissioner



Michael Osborne – Commissioner | [Meet the Commissioner](#)

Todd Sansbury – Commissioner | toddsansbury.com

Colin Furcht – Commissioner

Matthews:

Leon Threatt – Mayor | [Threatt for Matthews](#)

Mark Tofano – Commissioner | [Elect Mark Tofano - Experience to meet every challenge](#)

Gina Hoover – Commissioner | [Gina Hoover for Matthews Board of Commissioners](#)

George Young – Commissioner | [GEORGE YOUNG for Matthews Commissioner](#)

Jennefer Cross Garrity – Commissioner | [Go for Garrity!](#)

Jonathan Clayton – Commissioner | [About — Clayton for Matthews](#)

Mint Hill:

Dale Dalton – Mayor | [Dale Dalton for Mayor](#)

Twanna Henderson – Commissioner | [Re-Elect Twanna Henderson for Mint Hill Town Commissioner](#)

Patrick Holton – Commissioner

Tony Long – Commissioner

Pineville:

Amelia Stinson Wesley – Mayor

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UNION COUNTY

Indian Trail:

Raven Faherty – Commissioner

Dennis Gay – Commissioner

Sean Matteson – Commissioner

Marcus McIntyre – Commissioner

Jerel Sangandie – Commissioner

Richard Ray Sayre II – Commissioner

Marshville:

Warren Lathe – Commissioner

Rusty Johnson – Commissioner

Waxhaw:

No recommendations.

Weddington:

Jim Bell – Commissioner Mayor | <https://www.jimbellforweddingtonmayor.com/>

Anne Marie Cruz – Council | <https://www.annemarieforweddington.com/>

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