

**Durham County GOP 2026 Convention Resolutions
March 28, 2026**

RESOLUTION 1

CLOSE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

WHEREAS, current North Carolina law mandating open primary elections, SB747, allows unaffiliated voters to have an influence in picking the Republican candidates who will appear on the ballot in all general elections; and

WHEREAS, although the North Carolina Republican Party was previously permitted to restrict its primary elections to registered Republicans, that right ended in 2025 with passage of bill SB747 which mandated open primary elections, and

WHEREAS, the Party desires to enlarge and extend the influence of the NCGOP by bringing all conservative voters into registered affiliation with the Republican Party, and

WHEREAS open primaries make it possible for unaffiliated voters to skew the primary vote, potentially preventing the best, and most conservative candidates from advancing to the general election, and

WHEREAS, open primaries are vulnerable to manipulation and corrupt behavior, as evidenced in Mississippi's June 2014 Republican run-off election, which significantly eroded public confidence in the electoral process; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham County GOP demands that Representatives to the North Carolina General Assembly rescind the portion of SB747 that mandated open primary elections, and return to the North Carolina Republican Party the choice to restrict voting in primary elections to members of the North Carolina Republican party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCGOP Convention authorities shall have the authority to make whatever technical, grammatical or procedural changes to this resolution to satisfy NCSBE, NC General Assembly, or other statutory requirements to close the Republican primaries to registered Republicans in all future elections.

RESOLUTION 2

**RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT RANKED CHOICE VOTING FOR ELECTIONS IN
NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is a voting system in which all candidates to a position are listed and ranked by the voter in order of preference, with choices

reiterated for multiple counting and with repeated reapportioning of votes to achieve a win, and

WHEREAS, in 2010 North Carolina was the first State to implement a statewide election using RCV, for a position on the NC Court of Appeals, and problematic aspects of that experience caused the legislature to rescind the law that had previously been enacted to allow RCV to be used, and

WHEREAS, 18 States have specifically banned RCV systems from elections in their State and 11 States have a ban under consideration, and

WHEREAS, use of RCV risks disenfranchising voters because ballots became spoiled or exhausted, risks delaying results to accommodate multiple counts, risks extensive expenditure of public funds for the replacement of all current voting equipment, renders hand counts of ballots impractical because of the complexity of the reapportionment of votes after each count level, and risks divorcing voters from the assurance that their vote went directly to the candidate they chose,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Durham County GOP strongly urges the North Carolina legislature to enact law to prohibit the use of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) techniques in elections in North Carolina.

RESOLUTION 3

SAFEGUARDS IN OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, public education in the United States was established to provide students with tools for success, and to foster social cohesion by instilling respect for the United States of America and its founding principles and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina legislature passed [House Bill 10](#) to provide Opportunity Scholarships (OS) for parents wishing to send their children to schools outside the public school system and

WHEREAS, the use of public taxpayer funds requires that those resources are used to foster productive, civic-minded citizens who respect the laws and foundational principles of the United States and

WHEREAS, it is a compelling interest of the State of North Carolina to ensure that any institution receiving public funding does not advocate for the subversion of our government or the destruction of our democratic institutions and

WHEREAS, the state of Texas has already taken action to deny funding towards private schools tied to terrorist organizations or hostile foreign adversaries

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham County Republican Party urges the North Carolina General Assembly to implement the following safeguards for the OS Program:

1. Patriotic Observance: Require all participating schools to display the United States Flag in a prominent location, to provide a daily opportunity for students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and to participate in Constitution Week observances, fostering respect for our national heritage.

2. Civic Fidelity Attestation: Require all participating schools to formally attest that their curriculum is consistent with the preservation of the Constitutional Republic of the United States and does not promote ideologies calling for the illegal subversion or destruction of the United States.

3. Citizenship Verification: Mandate that all OS recipients document proof of U.S. citizenship to ensure North Carolina tax dollars are prioritized for American families.

4. Curriculum Transparency: Require participating schools to maintain curriculum transparency, ensuring that core civics and history instruction aligns with the state's interest in producing informed, patriotic citizens.

5. Financial Oversight: Implement robust audits for institutions receiving state voucher funds to ensure that taxpayer money is being spent exclusively on legitimate educational expenses and not on political radicalization.

RESOLUTION 4

URGING LEGISLATIVE REFORM TO PROVIDE FOR ENHANCED SENTENCING IN SECRET PEEPING CASES INVOLVING MINORS

WHEREAS, members of the Durham County GOP expect strong and unwavering protections from individuals who commit sexual offenses, particularly offenses involving minors and other "at risk" populations, and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's existing statute on secret peeping (N.C.G.S 14-202) does not include a provision that enhances potential punishment where minors have been victimized, and

WHEREAS, without such a provision there can occur circumstances in which individuals who violate the statute for the purpose of peeping on children do not receive the appropriate punishment for their actions, such as being ineligible to receive an active prison sentence if they have no prior criminal history,

WHEREAS, the Durham County GOP stands firmly for a justice system that prioritizes victims and protects communities, especially children; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham County GOP requests that the North Carolina General Assembly revisit N.C.G.S.14-202 and amend the statute to provide for harsher punishment in circumstances in which the victims are minors.

RESOLUTION 5

CONDEMNING POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND DEFENDING FREE SPEECH IN MEMORY OF CHARLIE KIRK

WHEREAS, over the last decade political violence and intimidation has increased to unacceptable levels across our nation, threatening the very foundation of our constitutional republic;

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump's life was nearly taken by an assassin's bullet in July 2024, and a second attempt on his life was thwarted in September 2024;

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2025, Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA and devoted husband, father, son, and brother, was tragically assassinated while speaking at Utah Valley University;

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk, at just 31 years old, had dedicated his life to inspiring millions of young Americans to think critically and stand boldly for conservative principles, making him a powerful voice for liberty and constitutional values and for his Christian faith;

WHEREAS, his assassination while speaking on a college campus, a place that should be a sanctuary for the free exchange of ideas, represents a chilling assault on the fundamental American principle of free speech;

WHEREAS, the rhetoric of the left has inflamed passions to dangerous levels where ideological differences are deemed to justify silencing those with opposing views through violent means;

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk did not deserve to be eliminated because of his political beliefs, nor does any American citizen deserve to face violence for exercising their constitutional rights;

WHEREAS, this assassination serves as a stark reminder of the poisonous root of hatred that drives political violence, a dangerous ideology that seeks to destroy rather than build, to silence rather than engage, and to murder rather than debate; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk's legacy of empowering young conservatives and giving them voice on campuses where they often felt isolated must not die with him but must live on in every young American who refuses to be silenced;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Durham County GOP condemns in the strongest possible terms all forms of political violence, recognizing such acts as antithetical to American values and democratic principles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Durham County GOP honors the memory of Charlie Kirk as a devoted family man, patriot, and champion of free speech who paid the ultimate price for his unwavering commitment to constitutional principles and conservative values.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Durham County GOP will always support and defend the constitutional rights of freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and representative government of, by, and for the people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Durham County GOP refuses to cower to threats of political violence from any source, refuses to be silenced by intimidation, and will work with renewed determination to elect strong, conservative, and principled leaders who will work for good government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Durham County GOP demands that the American justice system enforce the Constitution and punish to the full extent of the law all perpetrators of political violence, ensuring that justice is served for Charlie Kirk and all victims of such heinous acts.

Christina Crosby, Chair, DCGOP

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