



ORANGE GOP

Your Orange County Conservative News

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Save the Dates

Ice Cream Social

Sun, Aug 9, 2-4pm
OCGOP HQ

Triangle Republican Women

Wed, Aug 12, 6:30pm
Mayflower Seafood Restaurant
3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham

OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Thurs, Aug 13, at 7pm
OCGOP HQ

Brunch & Letter Writing

Tues, Aug 18, 10am-12pm
Hillsborough

GOTV Door Knocking/Phone Banking

Thurs, Aug 20, 1-4pm
OCGOP HQ

Politics at the Park

Sat, Aug 22, 10am-12pm
Little River Park, Rougemont

RWCH-Chatham

Thurs, Aug 27, 11:30am
Governors Club
11000 Governors Dr
Chapel Hill

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! To volunteer visit orange.nc.gop/volunteer.

To join our email list, sign up at <https://orange.nc.gop>.

Questions? Email us at info@orangencgop.com

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	August Monthly Meeting: Hands-On GOTV Training The midterm election is less than 100 days away, and we are ramping up for the busy fall season. Our August meeting will be built around hands-on GOTV training. Anson Chen, RNC Regional Field Director, will help us set up the Pulsar mobile app for phone banking and door knocking, and do some hands-on training on how to use it. Not interested in canvassing? Come anyway. We're also signing up poll greeters and poll observers for early voting and Election Day, office volunteers to help with day-to-day tasks, and people to staff outreach events. Whatever role fits you, this is the night to find it. Please bring a friend! WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting WHEN: Thursday, August 13, 7:00pm WHERE: OCGOP HQ, 125 Boone Square St, Hillsborough
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Chairman's Corner

Don't think it can't happen here!

As I watch the news and see the rise of the acceptance of socialism and even communism, I wonder how long before we are fighting this in North Carolina. My fear is that we think that is something that happens in those lunatic Democrat states. However, don't think it can't happen here. I fear that those who are pushing this craziness are appealing on small levels to even those in the conservative camp of the younger generation.

It can happen here! We came within 2270 votes of being represented by a Democratic Socialist in Congress here in NC, in our district. Nida Allam would be our version of Ilhan Omar or Rashida Tlaib if she had won the primary in March. That 2270-vote margin represents only 2% of the 111,619 voters in all of Orange County, yet that is how close we came to having a DSA-endorsed candidate representing us.

As I am writing this, the news has broken that Mamdani has publicly released the names and addresses of all those who he taxed that own second homes over \$5 million in NYC. This is crazy and scary stuff. How do we stop it? I'm not completely sure, but we can't do nothing. 2270 votes are what kept Allam out of Congress. That is why our Get Out the Vote plan matters more than ever. You will see several ways in this newsletter to either give, get involved, or both.

Will it happen here? That is up to us!!

Standing for Freedom!

Larry C. Smith
Chairman
Orange County Republican Party

Cool Off at Our Ice Cream Social!

Join your fellow conservatives on **Sunday, August 9**, from 2-4pm for a cool summer treat at our ice cream social. No RSVP necessary, just stop by!



Become a MAGA Majority Force Captain!

Orange County Republicans have a new tool in the fight to turn out every vote this November: MAGA Majority Force (MMF).

Some of you may remember - or may have participated in - Trump Force 47 (TF47) during the 2024 election. TF47 was a door knocking and phone banking program to "swamp the vote" with a strong ground game, and it proved highly effective.

Trump Force 47 has now grown into MAGA Majority Force, a national program built to do two things: 1) get Republican voters to the polls, and 2) make sure every vote is counted fairly.

MMF team members can choose to help **Get Out The Vote** through door knocking and/or phone banking in an effort to encourage low-propensity voters to get to the polls. Alternatively, MMF team members can choose to help **Protect The Vote** by serving as poll workers and observers. Or team members may choose to do both tracks! Volunteers earn recognition along the way, from stickers and challenge coins to gear for our most dedicated volunteers.

Here in Orange County, we need that same volunteer energy that swept through 2024 as we head into the November midterms. Our judicial races will be close, and we need every voter who normally sits out the midterms to show up. This program will help us reach them.

Remember: Every vote matters, and every volunteer counts. With your help, our votes in Orange County *can* make the difference in key statewide races!

Ready to sign up? Join us at our **August 13** monthly meeting for our MMF work session to learn more or get started. No experience needed. Or join us at one of our upcoming GOTV days:

- **Thursday, August 20**
- **Thursday, Sep. 3**
- **Thursday, Sep. 17**

Specific dates and times in October are to be announced, so stay tuned.

Can't make the above dates? Sign up at <https://magamajorityforce.com/> instead and someone will get in touch with you.



Politics at the Park

Republicans and Unaffiliated Conservatives are invited to stop by Little River Park on **Saturday, August 22**, from 10am -12 noon, to join fellow neighbors in northeast Orange County for some Saturday morning conversation and pastries.

Learn about the Republican party, our plans for the coming election season, and see how you might help to get conservative candidates elected. Bring a friend!

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Patriot Club Update: Thank You, Patriots!

One month into the Patriot Club campaign, and we are making good progress toward our \$3,000 goal. Thank you to every Patriot who has already given — you're funding the mail, texts, and canvassing that will turn out our voters this November.

If you haven't joined yet, there's still room at every level. The easiest way in is the Sustaining Patriot tier — just \$20.26 a month, charged automatically, with no extra action needed after you sign up. It's a low-commitment way to support the whole fall campaign at once.

Prefer a one-time gift? \$250 (Patriot), \$500 (Patriot Plus), and \$1,000 (Founding Patriot) levels are all still open, and each one helps support our GOTV costs.



Stop by the Ice Cream Social on **August 9** to give in person, grab a flyer, or just say hello. We'll also have a quick update at our **August 13** monthly meeting.

Early gifts matter most — they let us lock in mail and text vendors ahead of the fall crunch, instead of scrambling in October. Join the Patriot Club using the payment link at orange.nc.gop/patriot_club or scan the QR code.

Thank you for backing Orange County Republicans.

Candidate Corner



Chapel Hill resident **Jeffrey Hoagland** is our Republican candidate for Orange County Commissioner At Large.

A former nuclear physicist who worked at Los Alamos National Lab, Jeff is currently working as an engineer helping to create next generation semiconductor chips. More importantly, though, Jeff is mad about not getting the Buc-ee's!

On the important issue of property taxes, Jeff states, "My goal is to set the tax rate of property at the evaluation rate when the current resident moved into the property. I don't believe that people should be punished for making their community better, and the best way to stop gentrification is to limit government power to take property through taxes, limiting how it can affect long-term residents."

Jeff is also a strong supporter of local businesses and wants to streamline tax services to make tax dollars more efficient.

We hope you'll join us in supporting Jeff on the ballot in November!

12 Weeks Out: Every Volunteer Role Matters

Twelve weeks to Election Day, and we're filling every volunteer role for the fall push. Republicans are outnumbered in Orange County, just 11.9% of active registered voters. That's exactly why this election runs on volunteers, not just money.

We need help in several roles, starting now:

- **Canvassers:** lead or join a door-knocking team (hands-on training Aug. 13)
- **Phone bankers:** sign up now to start calling voters on the free Pulsar platform (training Aug. 13)
- **Poll greeters & poll observers:** staff early voting sites (Oct. 15–31) and Election Day shifts (Nov. 3)
- **Office volunteers:** help keep HQ running smoothly
- **Outreach events:** help staff outreach events where we work to educate the public on our candidates and the upcoming election

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Pick the role that fits your schedule and sign up early; the sooner we know who's in, the better we can plan.

Stop by the Ice Cream Social on **Aug. 9**, our **Aug. 13** monthly meeting, or our Politics at the Park meet-up on **Aug. 22** to sign up in person, or you can sign up online at <https://orange.nc.gop/volunteer>.

Ready, Set, Write!

Join 4th District NCGOP Chairwoman Courtney Geels for coffee, brunch, and letter writing on **Tuesday, August 18**, from 10am - 12 noon in Hillsborough. This writing event is targeted toward donors to help fund the GOTV mailing efforts in our District and to get our judges elected down-ballot.

If you are interested in participating, please send an email to chair@ncgopd4.com.



Alert North Carolina: Muslim Brotherhood-Aligned Al-Huda Academy Brags About Receiving Taxpayer-Funded Vouchers

Below is a link to an article about Muslim Brotherhood-aligned schools in the Durham and Raleigh area. North Carolina's Opportunity Scholarship program (school choice) provides taxpayer money, towards these schools. Our state auditor, Dave Boliek, is now performing an audit of this program. So it's a good time to raise awareness of this problem, before his report comes out, which is expected this fall.

We are asking that you use either the phone or e-mail tiplines below (or both) to let the Auditor know about this problem. Here is a suggested script:

Thank you for your review of the Opportunity Scholarship program. As a North Carolina taxpayer, I am greatly concerned that my taxpayer dollars may be used to fund schools aligned with the Muslim Brotherhood, an international organization known for terrorism and subversion against America. The Muslim American Society, which is aligned with the Muslim Brotherhood, runs Al-Huda Academy schools in Durham and Raleigh.

They are building additional schools and attracting students from outside our state due to the generous Opportunity Scholarship enticement. So these scholarships are not only going to schools aligned with the Muslim brotherhood, but they're also bringing in students from outside North Carolina to be subsidized by our tax dollars--A DOUBLE WHAMMY TO NC TAXPAYERS AND VOTERS.

As a taxpayer, I don't want to fund schools that align with a terrorist agenda, nor do I want to bring in non-NC residents who will be dependent on our taxpayer dollars. I am concerned that the schools we are funding pose a danger to North Carolina's citizens. I ask that you investigate and address this very important issue.

For more information, I have attached the following article: <https://rairfoundation.com/trashed-2/>

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

NC Auditor Tiplines:

- Toll-Free: 1-800-730-8477
- E-mail: Tipline@ncauditor.gov

Republican Women of Chapel Hill-Chatham

The Republican Women of CH-C will host their next monthly luncheon on **Thursday, August 27, at 11:30am** at the Governor's Club. RSVP by midnight on Sunday, August 23. Their speakers will be Felice Pete, NC Republican National Committeewoman, and Steven Ganley, candidate for Chatham County Commissioner (District 5).

Triangle Republican Women (TRW)

The next monthly meeting of TRW will be on **Wednesday, August 12, at 6:30pm** at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, 3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham. RSVP by Monday, August 10, to trianglerеспублиcanwomen@gmail.com. Come early if you plan to eat so you can order. Sarah Reidy-Jones, Statewide Executive Director, American Majority - North Carolina, will talk about NC Grassroots.

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