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Sample Ballot
Avery County, North Carolina
November 3, 2026

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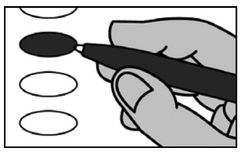
BALLOT MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

A. With the marking device provided or a black ball point pen, completely fill in the oval to the left of each candidate or selection of your choice as shown.
B. Where authorized, you may write in a candidate by filling in the oval and writing the name on the Write-in line.
C. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to request a replacement.



PARTISAN ELECTIONS

US Senate
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **Michael Dublin** *Green Party*
- ○ **Roy Cooper** *Democratic Party*
- ○ **Shannon W. Bray** *Libertarian Party*
- ○ **Michael Whatley** *Republican Party*

US House of Representatives District 11
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **Jennifer Capps Balkcom** *Republican Party*
- ○ **Jamie Ager** *Democratic Party*
- ○ **Travis Groo** *Libertarian Party*

NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 1
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **Anita Earls** *Democratic Party*
- ○ **Sarah Stevens** *Republican Party*

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 1
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **Michael C. Byrne** *Republican Party*
- ○ **John S. Arrowood** *Democratic Party*

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 2
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **George Cooper Bell** *Republican Party*
- ○ **Tobias (Toby) Hampson** *Democratic Party*

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 3
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **Craig Collins** *Republican Party*
- ○ **Christine Marie Walczyk** *Democratic Party*

NC State Senate District 47
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **Frank Patton Hughes III** *Democratic Party*
- ○ **Ralph Hise** *Republican Party*

NC House of Representatives District 85
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **Dudley Greene** *Republican Party*
- ○ **Suzanne Gavenus** *Democratic Party*

NC Superior Court Judge District 35 Seat 1
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **Matthew Rupp** *Republican Party*

NC District Court Judge District 35 Seat 1
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **Eric F. Eller** *Republican Party*
- ○ **Andrew Brooks** *Democratic Party*

District Attorney District 35
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **Seth Banks** *Republican Party*

Avery County Board of Commissioners
(You may vote for THREE)

- ○ **Robert Burleson** *Republican Party*
- ○ **Dennis Aldridge** *Republican Party*
- ○ **Jason Grindstaff** *Republican Party*

Avery County Clerk of Superior Court
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **Susannah McCoury Dibble** *Unaffiliated*
- ○ **Teresa I. Benfield** *Republican Party*

Avery County Sheriff
(You may vote for ONE)

- ○ **Mike Henley** *Republican Party*

NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

Avery County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor
(You may vote for TWO)

- ○ **Bill Beuttell**
- ○ **Brad Smith**
- ○ _____ Write-in
- ○ _____ Write-in

REFERENDA

Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting.

- ○ **For**
- ○ **Against**

Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).

- ○ **For**
- ○ **Against**

Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.

- ○ **For**
- ○ **Against**

End of Ballot

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