

The Post's endorsements for local and state elections Who and what we're backing on Nov. 6

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Midterm elections usually don't drum up much excitement, but 2018 isn't like most midterm cycles.

There's robust – even nasty – debate over the course of the nation and North Carolina. President Donald Trump isn't on the ballot, but he is, in essence, the linchpin of how and why voters are turning out in record numbers in North Carolina's early voting. We're offering our endorsements of local and statewide races to pass along our sentiment for the people and initiatives we believe will best serve our state going forward.

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State Senate District 40

Joyce Waddell has been in office for a couple of terms, but we're inclined to endorse Bobbie Shields, an engineer and former Mecklenburg County engineer and assessor.

Mr. Shields, a Republican, is a business owner who knows the district's concerns and issues through the lens of residency as well as service as a former interim county manager. His platform of boosting economic development and education in public schools are common-sense goals in a time of fraying vision. In campaigning for shared responsibility and trust in the 2020 redistricting and improving the state's public schools make him a better candidate.

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