



From the Desk of **Representative**

Erin Paré

District 37

Proudly Serving Southern Wake County!

December 6, 2023

Thank you for reading my newsletter for legislative updates and District 37 news.

New laws took effect in North Carolina on December 1st. Please see below for a list of the new laws. I am continuing my work on education issues and constituent matters while the General Assembly gears up for the short session in April.

I am happy to announce that I have filed for a third term to represent District 37 in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

It continues to be my absolute honor and privilege to serve the people of District 37 in the North Carolina House.



-Representative Erin Paré

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RepErinParé.com



Representative Paré Files for Re-Election



"I am thankful for the opportunity to represent the people of southern Wake in the state legislature. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve and score more victories for the people of District 37 and North Carolina. I filed for re-election Tuesday with Wayne by my side! "

NEW NC LAWS

STARTING DEC. 1ST

- ✓ INCREASE PENALTIES FOR RIOTING & LOOTING (HB 40)
- ✓ PROTECT CHURCH'S RIGHT TO ALLOW CONCEALED CARRY (SB 41)
- ✓ STRENGTHEN MONITORING OF VIOLENT SEX OFFENDERS (SB 20)
- ✓ INCREASE PUNISHMENT FOR SUBSTATION ATTACKS (SB 58)
- ✓ PROVIDE REGULATORY RELIEF FOR FARMERS (SB 582)
- ✓ INCREASES PUNISHMENT FOR STUDENT SEX ABUSE (HB 142)
- ✓ EXPAND SUPPORT FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS (SB 626)
- ✓ STIFFEN FINES FOR EXPOSING MINORS TO ADULT CONTENT (SB 579)
- ✓ ENHANCE PENALTIES FOR ASSAULTING AN OFFICER (HB 34)
- ✓ INCREASE FINES FOR DANGEROUS "STREET TAKEOVERS" (SB 91)
- ✓ ENHANCE PUNISHMENT FOR TRAFFICKING FENTANYL (SB 189)



On Friday, December 1, several new important laws took effect in North Carolina to protect children, support farmers, combat drug trafficking, expand gun rights, and uphold law and order. Representative Paré stated, "I was very proud to vote for each of these bills this session."

Equity in STEM Working Group



The Hunt Institute hosts leaders in events across the country. In eastern NC, the NC STEM Access Working Group met Thursday, November 30th, to address barriers to STEM education in the state. The group was led by co-chairs Rep. Erin Paré, Sen. Jay Chaudhuri, Sen. Amy Galey, and Rep. Brandon Lofton.

Rep. Paré reflected, "We had a productive day at Brunswick Community College in eastern NC with the Hunt Institute and my colleagues leading a discussion on access to STEM education with an excellent group of thoughtful education leaders. It was a very interesting conversation resulting in positive potential action items to improve education in NC to be more compatible with the needs of the current and future workforce."

NC Chamber Names Rep. Paré a 2023 Jobs Champion



NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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DISTRICT 37 – WAKE COUNTY

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NC Chamber Names Rep. Erin Paré a 2023 Jobs Champion

Rep. Paré's Strong Pro-Growth Voting Record Recognized by NC's Leading Statewide Business Advocate

RALEIGH, N.C. – The NC Chamber today named Rep. Paré a 2023 Jobs Champion in its annual How They Voted report. How They Voted details state legislators' voting records on bills identified as critical to preserving and enhancing North Carolina's position in the global race for jobs. Rep. Paré was recognized as a Jobs Champion for voting with the Chamber's Jobs Agenda at least 80 percent of the time during the 2023 legislative session.

"I am proud to be a strong advocate for business in our state," said Rep. Paré. **"As a small business owner, I know how important legislation is that creates jobs, lowers taxes, and removes red tape for small business owners."**

"As we work to maintain our status as the top state for business, North Carolina's job creators need to know which of our leaders are willing to act to keep us competitive," said NC Chamber President and CEO Gary Salamido. "The bold leadership displayed by Rep. Paré and other NC Chamber Jobs Champions in 2023 will help our businesses continue to invest in North Carolina and its people. We look forward to continuing to work with Rep. Paré in the year ahead to foster continued growth and success across our communities."

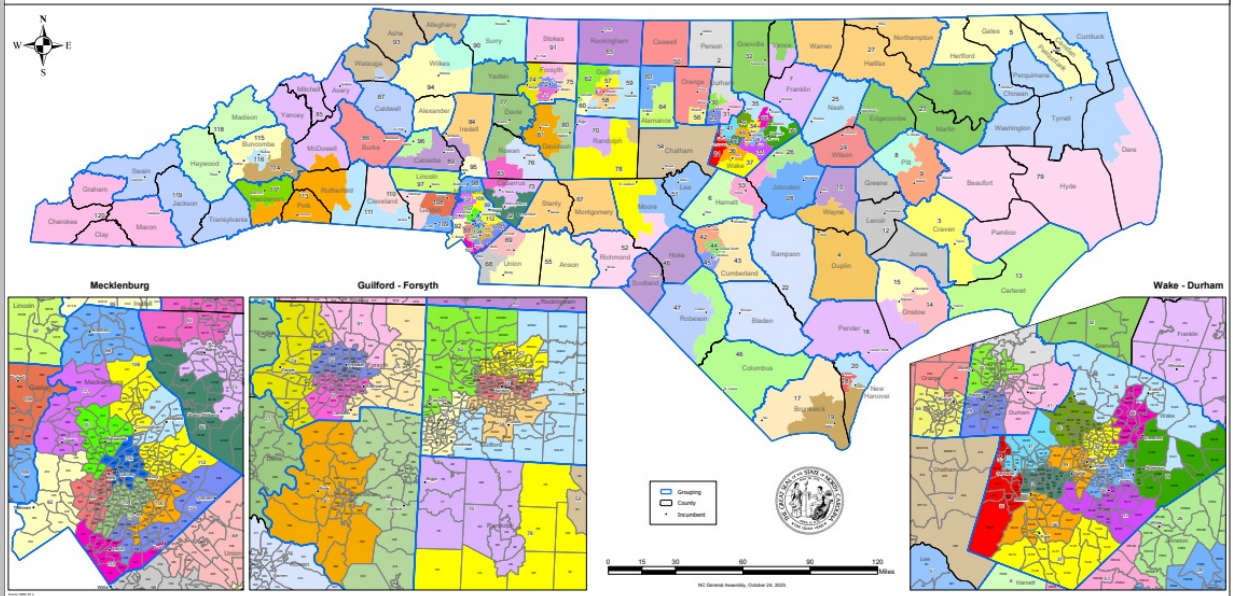
About the NC Chamber: The NC Chamber works to research, develop, advocate, and communicate for solutions and policies that produce a nationally competitive business climate in North Carolina. For more information, visit ncchamber.com.

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Paré said, "I am proud to once again be awarded the recognition of Jobs Champion by the NC Chamber for my pro-jobs voting record."

You can view this year's edition of the NC Chamber's How They Voted publication [here](#).

**2024 House, Senate and Congressional
District Maps**



[HB 898](#): House Redistricting Plan 2023/H898 Ed 2. (above).

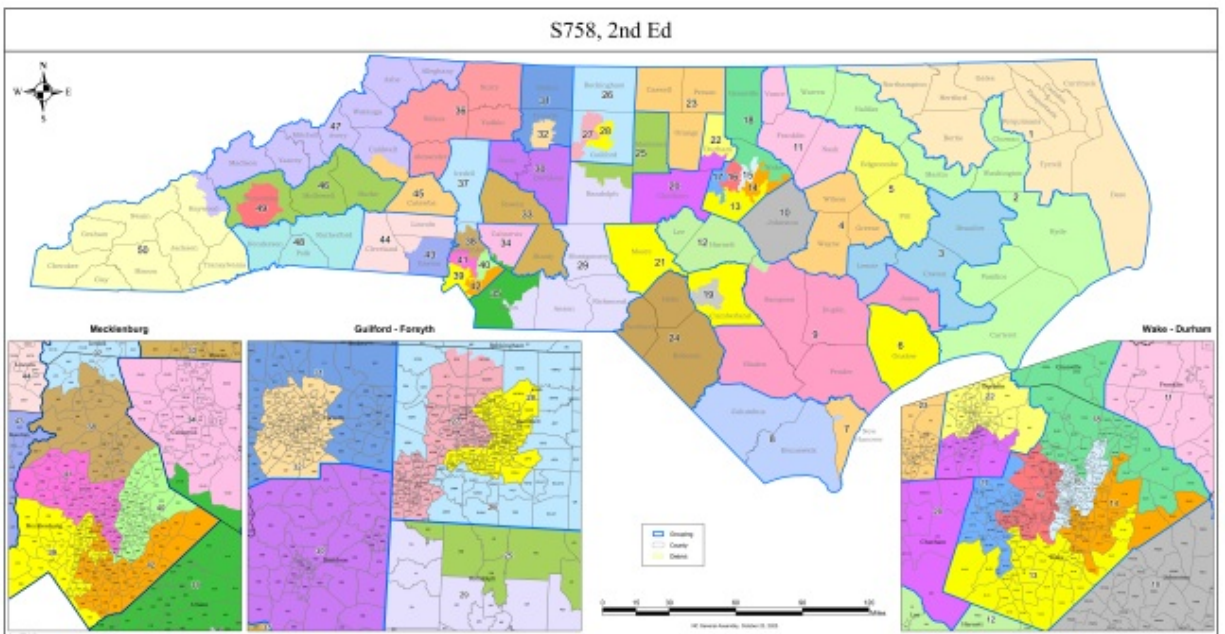
[SB 758](#): Realign NC Senate Districts 2023/SB758,2 Ed.

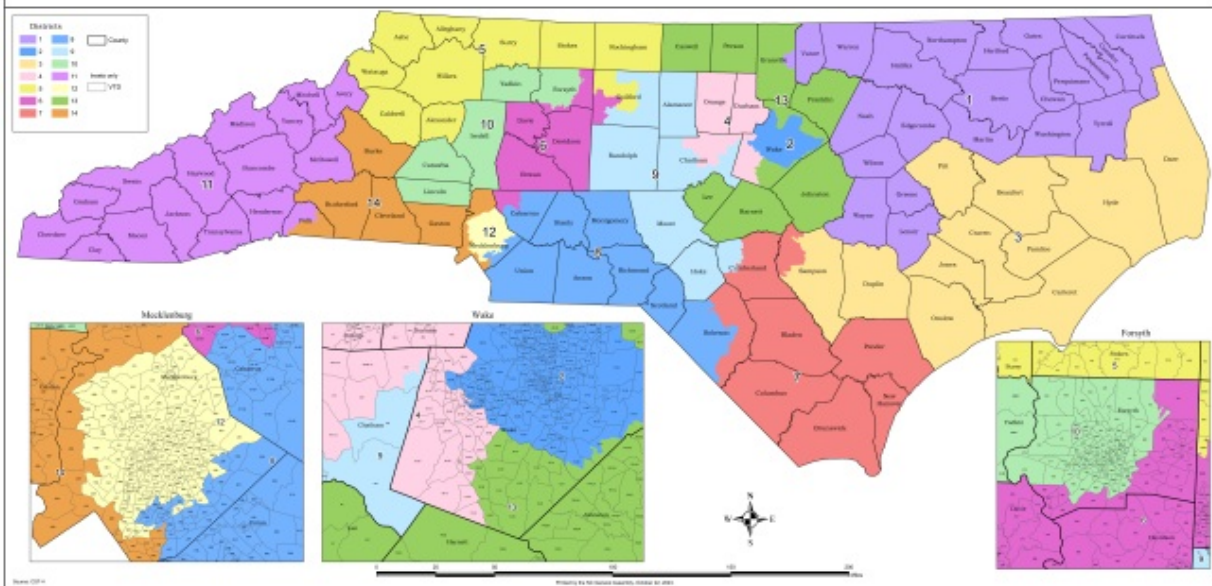
[SB 757](#): Realign Congressional Districts 2023/CST-4.

To drill down to precinct levels, please click the links above, and click on "19 x 36 Map."

Click [here](#) to check your 2024 voting districts by name.

Click [here](#) to check your current and 2024 districts by address .





Candidate Filing Period for 2024 Elections

Candidate filing for most contests in the 2024 elections began at noon on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, and ends at noon on Friday, Dec. 15, 2023.

Candidates for Federal and Statewide office can find filing information at the NC Board of Elections website: <https://www.ncsbe.gov/candidates/running-office>.

Candidates for General Assembly, Wake County Elected Offices, and Raleigh Municipal Offices can find filing information at the Wake Board of Elections Website: <https://www.wake.gov/departments-government/board-elections/campaign-information/candidate-filing-information>

Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade



The 2023 Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade was held Sunday. Rep. Paré posted on Facebook: "Fun Fuquay-Varina Christmas parade today - what a packed crowd! Loved seeing the smiling faces and the cute Christmas outfits on the kids! Lots of familiar and happy faces! It was great to see you all!"

She will be participating in the 2023 Holly Springs Christmas Parade on Saturday.

NC House Legislative Accomplishments

NC HOUSE REPUBLICANS

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

- ✓ STIFFEN PENALTIES FOR RIOTING AND ASSAULTING AN OFFICER (HB 40)
- ✓ ENHANCE PUNISHMENT FOR FIRING AT EMERGENCY VEHICLES (HB 34)
- ✓ ENSURE OFFICERS ARE NOT DENIED ACCESS TO POLLING PLACES DUE TO UNIFORM (HB 6)
- ✓ CREATE THE MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD FOR FIRST RESPONDERS (HB 387)
- ✓ STREAMLINE CONCEALED CARRY FOR PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICERS (HB 36)
- ✓ EXTEND DEATH BENEFITS TO POLICE OFFICERS KILLED ON WAY TO OR FROM WORK (HB 363)

2023 Legislative Accomplishments



NC HOUSE REPUBLICANS

SUPPORTING FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

- ✓ PROVIDE CANCER COVERAGE BENEFITS TO FIREFIGHTERS (SB 409)
- ✓ PROTECT FIREFIGHTERS FROM CANCER-CAUSING FOAM (HB 370)
- ✓ IMPROVE RECRUITMENT/RETENTION OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS (HB 565)
- ✓ INCREASE PENSION FOR FIREFIGHTERS & FIRST RESPONDERS (HB 270)
- ✓ STIFFEN PENALTIES FOR FIRING AT EMERGENCY PERSONNEL (HB 707)

2023 Legislative Accomplishments



NC HOUSE REPUBLICANS

STRENGTHENING ELECTION INTEGRITY



**ESTABLISH ELECTION
DAY AS ABSENTEE
DEADLINE, EMPOWER
POLL WORKERS AND
PROHIBIT ZUCK
BUCKS (SB 747)**



**END POLITICAL
INTERFERENCE AND
PARTISAN CONTROL
OVER ELECTION
ADMINISTRATION
(SB 749)**



**ENSURE GREATER
PUBLIC ACCESS TO
VOTING RECORDS
(HB 770)**



**FULLY FUND
VOTER ID
IMPLEMENTATION
(HB 259)**

2023 Legislative Accomplishments



NC HOUSE REPUBLICANS

**STRENGTHENING EDUCATION
EXPANDING FREEDOM & CHOICE**

- ✓ **CODIFY PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS (SB 49)**
- ✓ **VOTE TO BAN SCHOOL INDOCTRINATION (HB 187)**
- ✓ **ENACT UNIVERSAL SCHOOL CHOICE (HB 823)**
- ✓ **EXPAND CHARTER SCHOOL ACCESS (HB 219, 618)**
- ✓ **RAISE TEACHER & STAFF SALARIES (HB 259)**
- ✓ **ENHANCE SCHOOL SAFETY & TRAINING (HB 605)**

2023 Legislative Accomplishments



High School Student Opportunity

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

N.C. YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (YLA)



THE YLA IS A THREE-DAY PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO DRAFT, DEBATE AND VOTE ON MOCK LEGISLATIVE BILLS WHILE DEVELOPING SKILLS IN RESEARCH, INTERVIEWING, GROUP FACILITATION AND POLICY WRITING. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD APRIL 19-21, 2024.

**APPLY AT
[NCLEG.GOV/YLA](https://ncleg.gov/yla)**



Attention Educators!



Attention teachers and school employees! Do you have field trip ideas for the upcoming school year but have little to no funding? Could your school benefit

from an outdoor structure that allows students to learn and engage in activities outside? Thanks to funding from the N.C. General Assembly, Go Outside Grants are now available through the N.C. Youth Outdoor Engagement Commission to support outdoor educational field trips and the construction of outdoor gardens, greenhouses, and trails. Apply now at gooutside.nc.gov/apply/.

News Clips

[Higher auto,motorcycle insurance rates take effect today in NC– Carolina Coast Online](#)

[Enrollment at traditional public schools declines for the first time since pandemic – EdNC](#)

[NC House legislator ends bid for Congress, another launches campaign– WUNC](#)

[U.S. News: Charter schools among N.C.'s top public elementary and middle schools - North Carolina Coalition for Charter Schools - nc.chartercoalition.org](#)

[Poll: Voters think schools should inform parents about gender changes– The Center Square](#)

[North Carolinians gave more than \\$58 million to charities last year– Carolina Journal](#)

[State Board of Education presented with Parents Bill of Rights appeals policy, parent guide outline – North State Journal](#)

[General Assembly's Assistance to Families Kicks Off– The Center Square](#)

[Candidates can begin filing for most 2024 elections on Monday, December 4– WECT](#)

Do You Have Unclaimed Cash with the State Treasurer's Office?



Click Here to Find Out!

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