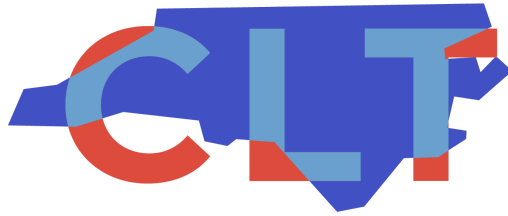


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Canvassing in Cotham's District -HD105 - Apr. 14th & Apr. 27th!



Since the end of January, ICLT volunteers have been out talking to voters in House District 105.

We've held **8** canvasses, knocked **1663** doors (lit left) and had **447** conversations!

We not only know that face-to-face conversations with voters is the most effective way to get them to the polls, we also know the value of talking to voters early and often to have lasting impact. We'll be in HD105 through the election -but now is the critical time to reach voters with our deep canvassing script.

Your next opportunity to **join us**: [April 14th](#) and [Apr. 27th!](#)

Sun. Apr. 14th 1-4pm * Sign up [here](#)**

Meet-up: **Debbie Baynard's house** (Ballantyne)

Sat. Apr. 27th 10-1pm * Sign up [here](#)**

Meet-up: **TBD**

Indivisible Charlotte, utilizing data-driven strategies, is organizing essential electoral initiatives in NC HD105 - Tricia Cotham's district. This is a pivotal district that we **MUST** turn blue to break the GOP supermajority in the General Assembly. (HD105 also overlaps with NC Senate District 42 - two of the most competitive districts for 2024!)

We are capitalizing on the anger expressed by voters in Cotham's district and voters across the state who have lost freedoms as a result of her party switch. **We need your help.**

Our key goals:

- Understand and address voter issues
- Educate voters on the freedoms lost to Cotham's party switch and on Photo ID
- Engage committed voters to volunteer for 2024
- Register new voters

(All training and materials provided.)

ICLT's Upcoming Social: Carolina Ale House (Waverly) Apr. 3rd!



Join us for our monthly social gatherings!

Please sign up [here](#)

Get ready to unwind and unite at Indivisible Charlotte's monthly social soirée! The first Wednesday of every month we're adding a splash of relaxation to our activism. Each month we host at a different venue making our way all over Mecklenburg County.

Save the date for an evening of laughter, connection and plenty of political discourse! Food and drinks available to purchase.

Eager to join us? **Please sign up [here](#)** and mark your calendar for a night of community and rejuvenation.

When: Wednesday Apr.3rd 6:30-8:30p

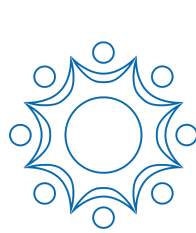
Where: Carolina Ale House - Waverly, 7404 Waverly Walk Av. Charlotte

We're excited to see you there—ready to recharge and connect!

Join us on Wed. **May 1st** for our next social -location TBD

CLT Engage: Canvassing with Nicole Sidman & Anderson Clayton - Apr. 6th!

Sign up [here!](#)



CLT ENGAGE



April 6th is the one-year anniversary of when a member of North Carolina's State House, Tricia Cotham, switched parties from Democrat to Republican and delivered the GOP a supermajority it didn't earn. Since betraying her voters, Tricia has provided the last vote Republicans needed to do everything from loosening restrictions on our gun laws to restricting abortion in our state.



Nicole Sidman is the Democratic nominee running to defeat Tricia Cotham this November. Her campaign is holding a canvassing event on **Saturday, April 6th from 10am-1pm** to help inform voters of the importance of this race.

North Carolina Democrats' state party chair and other statewide leaders will be joining us to help get the word out that you can't betray your voters and keep your job in the NC State House. If you're interested you can sign up [here!](#)

One of the leaders joining us is **Anderson Clayton**, the Chair of the NC Democratic Party. At 26 years old, Anderson is the youngest party chair in the country.

This will be a special volunteer event working with Nicole Sidman directly. CLT Engage will usually canvass with Indivisible CLT which has its own specific style of deep

canvassing, but we wanted to give everyone the opportunity to join for this special event that several statewide leaders will be here for.

After canvassing, CLT Engage folks will get together for lunch!

***Save the date!** CLT Engage is working on planning our next event, a trivia night about the most absurd parts of North Carolina politics, for Saturday, April 27. Save the date and be on the lookout for more info!

CLT Engage, led by Caroline and Charles DeLoach, is [Indivisible Charlotte](#)'s sub-group made for younger members. Our goal is to provide a space for people ages 17-35 to learn about North Carolina and Charlotte-specific issues, build a community of engaged young voters, and to promote progressive issues and candidates.

Write Anti-Cotham Postcards with Indivisible CLT in April!

Sign up [here!](#)



CALLING ALL ICLT POSTCARD WRITERS!

Thanks to the graphic talents of ICLT members Erin and Eraklis Petmezas and FLIPNC's data and analysis, we have created a postcard campaign that will statistically analyze the value of a targeted anti-Cotham message to 7500 targeted voters within Cotham's gerrymandered district, HD105. (This is a first and will garner valuable information on the effectiveness of targeted postcard campaigns!)

We NEED YOU to make it successful!

Sign up [here](#), if you can help get 7500 of these written AND returned to us by early May. They will be packaged in bundles of 50.

Donate here: <https://donorbox.org/flip-iclt-letters>

Because our partner, FLIPNC must front the costs for this campaign we are asking you to help offset postcard and postage expenses by a donation to them. (We cannot accept stamps, only donations through this link.)

Matthews Post Office send off! Once the cards are completed and returned to us, we invite all who helped write them to join us at the Matthews Post Office for a 7500 postcard send-off and group photo opportunity!

To sign up to write these cards and potentially others through Indivisible Charlotte please sign up NOW at bit.ly/icltpostcards. We'll be in touch about where and when you can pick them up and specific instructions after you sign up.

This is critical work for MANY reasons.

Goals include:

- Educating voters on freedoms lost to Cotham's party switch
- Increasing left-leaning voter turnout in Mecklenburg County
- Performing statistical analysis of the effectiveness of targeted messages to specific demographics of voters
- Growing our volunteer base through postcarding

SIGN UP [here](#)

If you would like to join a **Taco Tuesday to Tank Tricia postcard writing event at Holly Wood's house -Sign up [here](#) !!**

Hot Spot Voter Registration at CPCC Matthews Apr. 8th & Apr. 18th!



REGISTER VOTERS!

Hot spot registration/education is essentially canvassing from one spot! Through the use of a fun spin to win game, we engage with potential voters about issues that matter to them, provide civics education on how their vote affects that issue, and register them to vote if needed.

If you have recently been trained with **You Can Vote**, come register **CPCC-Matthews** students to vote in this year's election! We will set up on the first day of their 4th session, next **Monday, April 8** from 10:30-1:00 and again on **Thursday, April 18** from 10:30-1:00. If interested, please email [Holly Wood](mailto:Holly.Wood).

If you are interested but have not yet trained with **You Can Vote**, you can find their next **trainings** [here](#)!

You Can Vote has other voter registration opportunities throughout Charlotte. You can find these [here](#) and sign up if you are available!

The League of Women Voters has regular voter registration outreach at Crisis Assistance Ministry in uptown Charlotte. You do not have to be a member of LWV if you tag along with a member. Holly will be registering voters at Crisis Assistance on the following dates:

Tuesday, April 23 9:30-12:00

Tuesday, April 30 9:30-12:00

Please contact [Holly Wood](mailto:Holly.Wood) if interested in helping - hollyboowood@gmail.com

Taco Tuesday to Tank Tricia (Dilworth) Apr. 16th & Apr. 30th!



Taco Tuesday to Tank Tricia!!

****POSTCARD WRITERS****

Let's come together to connect with others who are just as furious that Tricia Cotham betrayed her constituents! Bring a taco topping and make a donation toward stamps! (Donate here: <https://donorbox.org/flip-iclt-letters>. We are unable to take stamps, only monetary donations)

We will commune over good food and, then, get busy writing postcards to oust the turncoat and break the GOP supermajority in Raleigh in November.

Tuesday, April 16, 5:30-7:30

Tuesday, April 30, 5:30-7:30

Sign up [here](#) !!

Calling Mecklenburg County for the Win! (Every Sunday)



Mecklenburg County for the Win - Building the 10,000 Volunteer Base!

Sign-up [here](#)

Engaging volunteers and voters in Mecklenburg County! Let's make some impactful, fun, and friendly calls to Dems in Charlotte!

All In for North Carolina (AINC) hosts unique phone banks to invite local Democrats to attend town hall & information nights to meet and learn about their local Democratic candidates and build community and enthusiasm. These are easy calls to make and many voters are delighted that we called!

Often, we are able to leave voicemail messages sharing information about the upcoming gathering. These are folks that we hope to recruit for 2024 volunteer election work in our county.

Building on our great 2023 wins in Mecklenburg County, we have a great start helping to deliver North Carolina for Joe Biden and for North Carolina candidates up and down the ballot.

Please join our cadre of callers - both new and experienced are welcome as we work to build a 10,000 person strong volunteer base. We hope to see you there.

Sign-up [here!](#)

Sunday night phone banks, 6-8p ET

Organized by **All In for NC**, with support from **Swing Blue Alliance**. In coordination with **Mecklenburg County Democratic Party**.

Canvassing in Tricia Cotham's HD105 -
Mar. 2nd, Mar. 3rd, Mar. 17th

March was a gangbuster month of canvassing for ICLT!







In March alone, we had a total of **49 canvassers**, **691 doors knocked** and **201 conversations!**

Along with our die-hard canvassers, there were many folks new to door knocking and canvassers from far away this month! One of our newest canvassers, Stachy, was originally from the Congo and just recently became a US citizen! Jim, a member of Guilford County Indivisible, drove all the way from Greensboro and we even welcomed a canvasser from Chicago!

One voter at a time -we're making a difference!

Thanks to Jackie Goldberger and Debbie Baynard for hosting our canvasses from their homes.

Our next opportunities are: [April 14th](#) and [Apr. 27th](#)! **JOIN US!**

ICLT's Social: The Marquee (West Charlotte) - Mar. 6th

Our March Social at the beautiful Marquee in West Charlotte was fun and rejuvenating!



CLT Engage -Pins and Politics - Mar. 9th

The CLT Engage team had a great event on March 9th with 3 Council of State candidates!





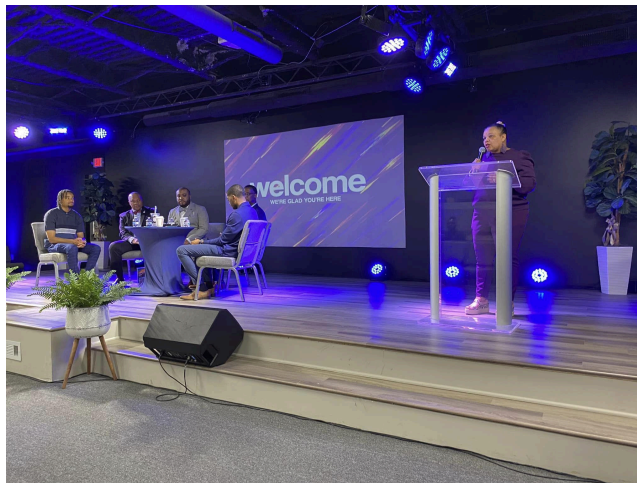
Thirty-seven young voters met up at Pins Mechanical to hear from **Wesley Harris**, **Natasha Marcus**, and **Braxton Winston** about how the Council of State works, what it's like to run for office statewide, and what they'll each be responsible for once they're elected. The candidates were generous with their time, answering questions and then sticking around for a bit to chat with attendees and take pictures. We're proud to share that there were at least 10 attendees who had never met a candidate for public office! Hopefully, this experience will be a catalyst for getting them more involved in the future.

Our next event is **Apr. 6th** - sign up [here!](#)

As always, if you or someone you know is 17-35 years old and interested in getting more politically involved, please feel free to share Charles or Caroline's contact info! Charles can be reached at mcharlesdeloach@gmail.com and Caroline can be reached at carolinejdeloach@gmail.com.

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***FIRST EVENT* The Takeoff Movement -"My Voice Matters" Mar. 16th**



Join us in giving **kudos** to **Treyvon Edmonds** and **Jordan Braswell** of **The Takeoff Movement** on a powerful first event on **Mar. 16th**: **"MY VOICE MATTERS"**.

Panelists included NC District Judge Keith Smith, NC State Rep. Terry Brown and County Commissioner Mark Jerrell and was moderated by Treyvon and Jordan, and introduced by Shamaïye Haynes.

The questions and responses were powerful, insightful and thought-provoking as they grapple with a challenge that many candidates and organizations are also struggling to make headway on: engaging more young folks, particularly young Black men, in the electoral process in a meaningful and authentic way that moves us all towards progress. We are so impressed and look forward to supporting them as they build their group and community.



The Takeoff Movement, a subgroup of ICLT, is a voter education and mobilization for Gen Z and millennials with a focus on West Charlotte led by Jordan Braswell and Treyvon Edmonds. The group will host a range of activities including direct access to local politicians, Civics 101 classes, and voter registration drives at predominantly Black high schools and colleges.

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Please Support Our Work!

Indivisible CLT has annual dues of \$20/year. You can pay your 2024 dues [here](#). We are a boots-on-the-ground, all volunteer organization and operate our voter engagement efforts through your generous donations!



SCAN or click [here](#) to make a donation :)

THANK YOU!

In the KNOW-Border and Immigration: Setting the Record Straight

- by ICLT member, Marshal Auron

THE BORDER AND IMMIGRATION: SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

America has long been a key destination for those seeking a better life. Although immigration has sometimes led to political and economic strains on our nation, it has reaped tremendous long-term benefits for the US as we have become a multicultural, global political and economic powerhouse. The US is currently facing another period of increased immigration.

The Republican answer is to reject a Bipartisan proposal that could address the issue and continue to advocate for a reprehensible “Border Wall” that they failed to build during the Trump Administration.

- Many Americans believe that there is a crisis at the Southern Border and nearly 2/3 polled disapprove of the Biden Administration’s handling of the Border as the number of unauthorized migrants increased from the Trump Administration peak of 852,000 in 2020 to 2 million in 2023. Some of this increase was due to pent-up immigration after the Pandemic.
- Most migrants are from Mexico and Central America, but some are from China as they seek refuge in the US for improved social, economic, political and climate conditions.
- Although most Americans still believe in the importance of immigration and their support of working class and lower skill positions. There are concerns about strains on social and government services as well as potential national security and crime issues.
- In fact, there’s little evidence of crime committed by immigrants and immigrant communities have low crime rates.
- However, availability of fentanyl is a huge concern as manufacture in China and now Mexico of this easy to smuggle drug has led to an epidemic in the US.

Republican proposal

- H.R. 2 passed the House with no Democratic support; has not been considered by the Senate; and President Biden threatens to veto:
 - Bars migrants seeking asylum if they traveled through another country.
 - Gives Homeland Security Secretary power to prevent all undocumented entries.
 - Mandates 900-mile border wall.
 - Suspends Biden’s humanitarian parole programs that have allowed thousands of migrants (like Afghan and Ukrainian refugees) to enter.
 - Requires children of detainees to be quickly returned to home country.
- Donald Trump has charged most migrants are mentally ill, gang members or murderers and has called them “animals” and “bad people”. Trump plans to use the military to round-up undocumented immigrants and deport them.

Biden’s Actions and Bipartisan Senate bill

- Reversed Trump Administration policies: boosted refugee admissions, acted against deporting undocumented immigrants who arrived as children, lifted pandemic restrictions that reduced visas, ended the “Remain in Mexico Policy” till the migrant’s court date.
- Bipartisan proposal was quashed by Trump’s intervention to preserve it as an issue for his campaign:
 - Funding for more border barriers, detention facilities expansion, Enforcement and Border Patrol agents, asylum officers and immigration judges.
 - Reduces asylum backlog and speeds up the process. Increases evidence needed to obtain asylum.
 - More funding to interdict fentanyl smuggling and human trafficking.
 - Failure to pass legislation will likely mean more Executive Orders, which are limited in scope and subject to court challenges.

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