

# PERCIPIENT STRATEGIES RESEARCH DOSSIER

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## EXECUTIVE SYNOPSIS

### DOSSIER NOTES

In preparing this background report, we undertook an examination of all readily available and relevant electronic and online records, several hundred Nexis and news articles, dozens of web pages, and several dozen public records from Nexis and the resources of various state and municipal government offices. The results of our analysis are contained below.

*Typographical Note:* There are a number of articles quoted in this report that contain typographical errors. These are from the original text of the article and have not been corrected when being quoted directly.

### MAIN VULNERABILITIES

#### *Fiscally Irresponsible, Progressive Agenda*

A review of Hunt's time serving in the legislature revealed a record of support for a fiscally irresponsible, big-government, progressive agenda.

Campaigning in 2018, Hunt tipped her hand when she declared that "we need to become the progressive state we used to be."

Hunt has taken up the left's anti-growth posture on taxes. Hunt has indicated a general opposition to providing any sort of tax relief to North Carolinians. In 2019, voted against legislation that reduced the franchise tax rate on North Carolina businesses.

On education, Hunt has worked to expand the burden on taxpayers, limit school choice and oppose well-meaning school programs. Hunt has called for the taxpayer subsidization of pre-k. On school choice, in 2021, Hunt introduced an unsuccessful amendment to require voucher recipients to be tested in order to assess school voucher effectiveness. In 2019, Hunt voted to pass an amendment which reduced funding for the opportunity scholarship program - a program that "provides scholarships to low-income students to attend private schools." Additionally, Hunt voted against SB 438, the Excellent Public Schools Act of 2019, which would make various improvements to the North Carolina read to achieve program. Hunt also voted against requiring high school students to take a course in economics and personal finance - a policy supported by the NC Chamber of Commerce. Perhaps most notably, despite claiming to support increases in teacher pay, Hunt voted in a partisan manner against a series of 2019 bills that increased pay for North Carolina educators: HB 377, HB 354, and HB 231. Relatedly, Hunt appears to oppose performance-based compensation plans for teachers.

Despite being willing to spend significantly on healthcare and education programs, Hunt has voted against efforts to improve the state's infrastructure.

Hunt has taken positions and supported policies that expand government control and harm the business community. Of note, in 2019, Hunt voted against an advertising regulations reform bill that was backed the business community.

Hunt's preference for expanded government extends to healthcare by her support for the expansion of Medicaid.

Finally, Hunt supported the left's big government reaction to the covid-19 pandemic that decimated the economy. Hunt supported Roy Cooper's authority and actions amid the covid pandemic. Hunt consistently opposed legislative efforts to reopen businesses and schools. Notably, Hunt sought to impose her own burdensome covid-related regulations on businesses.

### ***Dangerous And Radical Community And Social Policies***

Perhaps most concerning to voters is Hunt's work as a legislator to implement a dangerous public safety agenda and her support of radical social policies.

In 2020, Democratic legislators "signed a pledge to defund the police, restrict the ability of law enforcement to obtain basic protective equipment and strip citizens of second amendment rights with no due process." The Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity pointed out that Hunt was among the signatories of the Future Now pledge.

Hunt's dangerous law and order agenda extends to her 2021 vote against legislation that was "designed to strengthen property rights by holding rioters accountable for the damages they cause."

Voters may find it concerning that Hunt has voted in a manner indicating she supports the teaching of Critical Race Theory in schools. Specifically, in 2021, Hunt voted against legislation "designed to ensure students receive instruction on core subject areas and prevent classrooms from being used to indoctrinate students with leftist ideals such as Critical Race Theory (CRT)"

Additionally, it appears that Hunt does not support the rule of law in regard to illegal immigration. With her vote against HB 135, which declares a sanctuary county or city ordinance null and void, Hunt undermined immigration enforcement law. Furthermore, Hunt voted against HB 370, which requires confinement facilities to comply with detainers and administrative warrants issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Curiously, Hunt voted against legislation that would remove foreign citizens from North Carolina voting rolls.

On social issues, Hunt appears to be unapologetically in favor of abortion. Hunt appears to be unapologetically pro-abortion and is supported by pro-abortion advocates. Hunt has indicated she is supportive of abortion based on discriminatory factors. Hunt voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. Also, Hunt has expressed anti-second amendment sentiments. In 2021, Hunt voted against the Religious Assembly Security and Protection Act, which "strengthens Second Amendment rights." On social media, Hunt has posted images of herself participating in pro-gun control demonstrations and has promoted criticism of the NRA.

### ***Political Missteps, Leftist Affiliations, And Family Hypocrisy***

Hunt has largely acted as a political tactician her entire public career.

Hunt has earned the support of the support of political establishment by making donations and working to elect prominent Democrats. Hunt's financial and political support extends to Joe Biden, Barack Obama, Roy Cooper, and Hillary Clinton.

Unsurprisingly, Hunt has joined in lockstep the political left in opposing common-sense election integrity measures.

Hunt attempts to portray herself as straight-shooter whose has the best interests of all North Carolinians at heart, but her rhetoric is at odds with her own her family's legacy. Hunt has recently criticized tax breaks, but her own father former Gov. Jim Hunt championed corporate tax cuts and giveaways during his career, including successfully lobbying for a multi-million-dollar tax break for an RJR Nabisco factory that was never built. Additionally, Hunt's own father represents Raleigh's worst excesses. Jim Hunt was forced to dismiss his transportation secretary and apologize after disclosures that Hunt and his appointees used the NC Board of Transportation to benefit their own interests. Hunt himself was forced to apologize for personally lobbying to a \$7.7 million economically unfeasible bridge close to his home, but also was forced to defend himself that he engaged in a quid pro quo with campaign donors for appointments.

## TOP HITS

### *Political*

#### Ideology

- Hunt has called for making North Carolina “the progressive state we used to be”.

#### Campaign Finance

- Across her three campaigns for North Carolina General Assembly, Hunt has relied on significant sums in self-funding as well as tens of thousands from liberal organizations.
  - Among Hunt’s largest contributors include Lillian’s List and EMILY’s List, in addition to progressive groups Future Now Fund and Our Shot. Hunt has accepted thousands from organizations advocating in favor of soft on crime policies/ trial lawyers (NC Advocates for Justice), abortion (Planned Parenthood), and anti-energy policies (Sierra Club/ League of Conservation Voters).
  - Hunt has received thousands of dollars from labor unions, including the NC Association of Educators (teachers’ unions).
- Hunt has contributed over \$110,000 collectively at the federal and state levels, including substantial sums to groups such as Lillian’s List (nearly \$18,000), and notable national and state candidates, such as Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Cal Cunningham, Roy Cooper, and Josh Stein.

#### Democrat Ties

- Hunt has indicated her support for prominent Democrats such as Biden, Obama, Clinton, and Roy Cooper.

### *Personal*

#### Personal Finance

- Hunt and her family own stock in myriad publicly-traded entities of political salience domestically and internationally, namely Taiwan Semiconductor, Alibaba Group (China), Microsoft (big tech), and Pfizer (big pharma), among others.

#### Father

- Hunt has criticized tax breaks, but her own father former Gov. Jim Hunt championed corporate tax cuts and giveaways during his career, including successfully lobbying for a multi-million-dollar tax break for an RJR Nabisco factory that was never built.
- Hunt’s own father represents Raleigh’s worst excesses.

- Jim Hunt was forced to dismiss his transportation secretary and apologize after disclosures that Hunt and his appointees used the NC Board of Transportation to benefit their own interests.
- Hunt himself was forced to apologize for personally lobbying to a \$7.7 million economically unfeasible bridge close to his home, but also was forced to defend himself that he engaged in a quid pro quo with campaign donors for appointments.

### ***Policy***

#### **Fiscal And Business**

- Hunt opposes tax cuts and voted against reducing a tax on North Carolina's businesses.
- Hunt voted against an effort to improve the state's infrastructure.
- Hunt has voted to support market distorting tax credits and sales tax exemptions.

#### **Healthcare And Covid**

- Hunt supports the expansion of Medicaid.
- Hunt supported Roy Cooper's authority and actions amid the covid pandemic.
- Hunt voted against reopening businesses, playgrounds, and gyms.
- Hunt voted against legislation that sought to ensure in-person learning for students.
- Hunt sought to impose her own burdensome covid-related regulations on businesses.

#### **Education And School Choice**

- Hunt has supported measure imposing additional regulations on school voucher recipients.
- Hunt voted to cut funding for a school choice program.
- Hunt has called for taxpayers to subsidize pre-k education.
- Hunt voted against legislation that sought to improve the North Carolina school performance.
- Hunt voted against requiring high school students to take a course in economics and personal finance – a policy supported by the NC chamber of commerce.
- Hunt voted against moving the textbook selection process from the state to the local level.
- Acting in a partisan and hypocritical manner, Hunt voted against a series of 2019 bills that increased pay for North Carolina educators.
- Hunt has criticized pay for performance compensation.



**Law And Order**

- Hunt signed a pledge that called for defunding the police, ending cash bail, and other controversial criminal justice reforms.
- Hunt voted against legislation seeking to increase penalties for rioting.

**Immigration**

- Hunt has signaled support for sanctuary cities and counties
- Hunt voted against legislation that requires cooperation with federal immigration authorities
- Hunt voted against legislation that would remove foreign citizens from north carolina voting rolls

**Social Issues**

- Hunt appears to be unapologetically pro-abortion and is supported by pro-abortion advocates.
- Hunt has indicated she is supportive of abortion based on discriminatory factors.
- Hunt voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.
- Hunt has expressed anti-Second Amendment sentiments.

**Race (CRT)**

- Hunt has voted in a manner indicating support for Critical Race Theory being taught in schools.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION****PERSONAL INFORMATION: RACHEL HUNT**

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Marital Status: Married

Spouse: Olav Nilender  
DOB: October 1943 (78)  
Married: November 19, 2005

Ex-Spouse: Michael Albert Vecchiola  
DOB: December 1963 (54)  
Married: June 1989 | Divorced: March 1993

Children: Katia Hunt Nilender  
DOB: October 1996 (25)

Jonas Hunt Nilender  
DOB: January 1999 (23)

Voter Registration: Registered Democrat – Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Education: 2014 – 2014 Certificate in College Counseling, University of California,  
Los Angeles  
1991 – 1994 J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law  
1983 – 1987 B.A., English and Political Science, University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill

Employment: 2019 – Pres. Representative, North Carolina House of Representatives (HD-103)  
2014 – Pres. Principal and Owner, Hunt For College, LLC  
2015 – 2021 Founding Partner, Charlotte School Search, LLC  
  
1994 – Pres. Rachel Hunt, Attorney at Law

Associations: Former Board Member, North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children  
Former Chair and Board Member, Charlotte Secondary School  
Former Chair, Board of Directors, GenerationNation  
Former Member, NC Education and Workforce Innovation Commission  
Former Co-Creator & Director, Gaming Eureka Camps  
Former Board/Candidate Committee Chair, Lillian’s List of NC  
Project Assistant, External Relations, Charlotte in 2012 Host Committee  
Former Education Committee Chair, League of Women Voters, Mecklenburg County  
Former Attorney, Families in Transition  
Former Coordinator, Providence United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC  
Former Education Committee Chair, League Of Women Voters Mecklenburg County

Business Interests: Hunt For College, LLC  
NC Entity ID: 1409130  
(2014-Pres.)  
  
Charlotte School Search, LLC  
NC Entity ID: 1440103  
(2015-2021)

Military Service: N/A

Electoral History: 2020 North Carolina House of Representatives (HD-103) (General) (Won)  
2018 North Carolina House of Representatives (HD-103) (General) (Won)

Web Sites: <https://www.rachelhunt.com/>  
<https://www.huntforhousenc.com/> (Archived)  
<https://www.ncleg.gov/>  
<https://huntforcollege.weebly.com/>  
<https://charlotteschoolsearch.com/> (Archived)  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/>

<https://ballotpedia.org/>  
<https://justfacts.votesmart.org/>

Social Media: [Facebook](#) (Personal)  
[Facebook](#) (Campaign)  
[Facebook](#) (Official)  
[Twitter](#) (Campaign)  
[Instagram](#) (Campaign)  
[Instagram](#) (Official)  
[LinkedIn](#) (Personal)

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Phone Number: (704) 542-1650

## ELECTION RESULTS

*Rachel Hunt has run for North Carolina House of Representatives on two occasions, winning both her initial 2018 campaign as well as 2020 re-election campaign for House District 103 (HD-103) against Republican Bill Brawley. In 2018, Hunt defeated Brawley by a margin of victory of 68 votes; Hunt defeated Brawley by 4,810 votes in 2020.*

### **2020 General Election, North Carolina House Of Representatives (HD-103)**

#### **General Election Results (November 3, 2020)**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>
Rachel Hunt	DEM	26,818
Bill Brawley	REP	22,008

(2016 General Election Results, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), 11/3/20)

### **2018 General Election, North Carolina House Of Representatives (HD-103)**

#### **General Election Results (November 6, 2018)**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>
Rachel Hunt	DEM	19,133
Bill Brawley	REP	19,065

(2016 General Election Results, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), 11/6/18)

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE

*Across her three campaigns for North Carolina General Assembly, Hunt has received nearly \$2.9 million in total contributions to date. In addition to substantial direct and in-kind investment to the tune of nearly \$1.3 million from the North Carolina Democratic Party, Hunt has relied on significant sums in self-funding as well as tens of thousands from liberal organizations. Among Hunt's largest contributors include Lillian's List and EMILY's List, in addition to progressive groups Future Now Fund and Our Shot. Hunt has accepted thousands from organizations advocating in favor of soft on crime policies/ trial lawyers (NC Advocates for Justice), abortion (Planned Parenthood), and anti-energy policies (Sierra Club/ League of Conservation Voters). Hunt has also received thousands of dollars from labor unions, including the NC Association of Educators (teachers' unions). Individually, Hunt has contributed over \$110,000 collectively at the federal and state levels, over \$30,000 of which has been steered to her North Carolina legislative campaign. Hunt has also steered substantial sums to groups such as Lillian's List (nearly \$18,000), and notable national and state candidates, such as Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Cal Cunningham, Roy Cooper, and Josh Stein.*

### **Rachel Hunt For NC (2018-2022)**

#### **Top-Line Contributions**

**According To The North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Hunt Has Received An Aggregate Of \$2,877,054.10 In Total Contributions For Her Campaigns**

**For North Carolina General Assembly Since 2018.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)

- **Hunt Has Received \$1,286,705 From The North Carolina Democratic Caucus.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$12,500 From Lillian's List PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$10,600 From EMILY's List PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$6,200 From The State Employees Association Of North Carolina PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$5,650 From Democratic Women Of Mecklenburg County.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$5,400 From The Eastern Band Of Cherokee Indians.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$5,400 From The North Carolina Realtors PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$5,400 From The Future Now Fund PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$5,400 From The National Democratic Redistricting Committee PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$5,200 From NC Advocates For Justice PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$5,200 From Our Shot PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$4,150 From Planned Hood Votes! NC PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$3,500 From NC Association Of Educators PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$3,119 From The Sierra Club North Carolina Chapter PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$1,000 From End Citizens United PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$1,000 From McGuireWoods Consulting PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$500 From The NC Home Builders Association PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)

- **Hunt Has Received \$268.12 From The League Of Conservation Voters Action Fund.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Hunt Has Received \$250 From Pepsico Concerned Citizens Fund.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)

### ***Individual Contributions***

#### **Federal Election Commission**

**According To The Federal Election Commission, Hunt Has Contributed \$24,752.50 To Federal Campaign Committees.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)

- **From 2008 To 2012, Hunt Contributed \$8,400 To Obama For America & Obama Victory Fund.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
- **From 2015 To 2016, Hunt Contributed \$2,730 To Hillary For America.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
- **From 2008 To 2022, Hunt Contributed \$2,652.50 In Earmarked Contributions To ActBlue.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
  - **From 2015 To 2022, Hunt Contributed \$2,125 To The North Carolina Democratic Party.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
  - **In 2010, Hunt Contributed \$600 To Cunningham For U.S. Senate.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
  - **In 2020, Hunt Contributed \$100 To Cynthia Wallace For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
  - **In 2018, Hunt Contributed \$100 To Antoinette Sedillo Lopez For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
  - **In 2008, Hunt Contributed \$100 To Kissell For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
  - **In 2020, Hunt Contributed \$50 To Cal For NC.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
  - **In 2016, Hunt Contributed \$25 To Deborah Ross For Senate.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
  - **In 2016, Hunt Contributed \$2.50 To ActBlue.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2014, Hunt Contributed \$2,250 To Hagan For US Senate.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
- **From 2008 To 2010, Hunt Contributed \$2,000 To Kissell For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)

- **From 2010 To 2015, Hunt Contributed \$1,870 To The North Carolina Democratic Party.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2020, Hunt Contributed \$1,000 To Biden For President.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2016, Hunt Contributed \$1,000 To Deborah Ross For Senate.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2014, Hunt Contributed \$1,000 To Hagan Forward.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2013, Hunt Contributed \$600 To EMILY's List.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2010, Hunt Contributed \$500 To The Elaine Marshall Committee.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2012, Hunt Contributed \$500 To Jennifer Roberts For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2014, Hunt Contributed \$250 To Alma Adams For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)

#### **North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement**

**According To The North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Hunt Has Contributed At Least \$93,437.80 To Campaign Committees In North Carolina.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)

- **From 2019 To 2022, Hunt Contributed \$30,788.66 To Rachel Hunt For NC, Her Campaign Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **From 2004 To 2018, Hunt Contributed \$17,780.54 To Lillian's List Of NC PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **From 2008 To 2011, Hunt Contributed \$5,500 To The Bev Perdue Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **From 2015 To 2016, Hunt Contributed \$2,500 To Cooper For North Carolina.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2012, Hunt Contributed \$1,000 To Dalton For Governor.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **From 2018 To 2020, Hunt Contributed \$590 To Mecklenburg Democratic Women.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2020, Hunt Contributed \$500 To Holley For NC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2016, Hunt Contributed \$500 To Chaz Beasley For NC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)



- **In 2012, Hunt Contributed \$500 To Linda Coleman For Lieutenant Governor.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2018, Hunt Contributed \$250 To Earls For Justice.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2017, Hunt Contributed \$250 To Friends Of Julie Eiselt.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2016, Hunt Contributed \$250 To Josh Stein For Attorney General.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2014, Hunt Contributed \$250 To The Justice Cheri Beasley Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2012, Hunt Contributed \$250 To The Elaine Marshall Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2009, Hunt Contributed \$250 To The Tricia Cotham Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2019, Hunt Contributed \$200 To The Committee To Elect Tammy Brunner.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2018, Hunt Contributed \$200 To Lofton For North Carolina.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2014, Hunt Contributed \$200 To The Committee To Elect Sarah Crawford.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2014, Hunt Contributed \$200 To The Elizabeth For NC Senate Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2020, Hunt Contributed \$125 To The Black Political Caucus Of Charlotte Mecklenburg.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2019, Hunt Contributed \$100 To The Chief Justice Beasley Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2017, Hunt Contributed \$100 To The Committee To Keep Judge Arrowood 2018.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2017, Hunt Contributed \$100 To The Sawyer For Schools Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2016, Hunt Contributed \$100 To Cynthia For NC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2016, Hunt Contributed \$100 To Rochelle Rivas Campaign Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2014, Hunt Contributed \$100 To The Committee To Elect Natasha Marcus.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)

- **In 2014, Hunt Contributed \$100 To Ervin For Supreme Court.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2014, Hunt Contributed \$100 To The Judge Arrowood Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2012, Hunt Contributed \$100 To The Committee To Elect Robin Bradford For HD-92.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2010, Hunt Contributed \$100 To The Garrity-Blake Campaign.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2008, Hunt Contributed \$100 To The Hackney For House Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2019, Hunt Contributed \$90 To Buncombe Democratic Women.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2018, Hunt Contributed \$63.60 To The North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2016, Hunt Contributed \$50 To Friends Of Billy Maddalon.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **In 2012, Hunt Contributed \$50 To Joel Ford Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22)

## VOTING RECORDS

*Rachel Hunt been an actively-registered Democrat Party voter in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina since September 1994. Since her date of registration, Hunt has only failed to vote in a half-dozen municipal primaries as well as the 2004 midterm primary election. Hunt has had a peripatetic residency and voter registration history prior to her move to Mecklenburg County. From 1992 to 1994, Hunt resided in Richland County, South Carolina, though it appears her registration was only purged in December 2001, indicating potential dual registration across North and South Carolina from 1994 to 2001. From 1990 to 1992, Hunt (then Vecchiola) was registered to vote in Lexington County, South Carolina. From 1988 to 1990, Hunt was a registered Democrat in Wilson County, North Carolina and from 1984 to 1988, Hunt was a Democrat voter in Orange County, North Carolina.*

### **Mecklenburg County, North Carolina**

**On September 23, 1994, Hunt Registered To Vote As A Democrat Party Voter In Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.** (Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

## Voter Details

RACHEL H HUNT  
3310 WINDBLUFF DR  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28277

**County:** MECKLENBURG  
**Status:** ACTIVE  
**Voter Reg Num:** 000000923641  
**NCID:** CW298376  
**Party:** DEM  
**Race:** WHITE  
**Ethnicity:** NOT HISPANIC or NOT LATINO  
**Gender:** FEMALE  
**Registration Date:** 09/23/1994  
**NCDMV Customer:** Yes

(Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

**Since 1994, Hunt Has Failed To Vote In The Following Elections: 1997 Primary; 1999 Primary; 2003 Primary; 2004 Primary; 2005 General; 2007 Primary.** Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

<a href="#">Election</a>	<a href="#">Voted Method</a>	<a href="#">Voted County</a>	<a href="#">Primary Election Ballot</a>
05/17/2022 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/03/2020 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	
03/03/2020 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/05/2019 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	
09/10/2019 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/06/2018 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	
05/08/2018 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/07/2017 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	
09/12/2017 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/08/2016 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	
06/07/2016 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
03/15/2016 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/03/2015 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	
10/06/2015 SECOND PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
09/15/2015 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/04/2014 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	
05/06/2014 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC

11/05/2013 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
09/10/2013 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/06/2012 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	
05/08/2012 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/08/2011 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
09/13/2011 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/02/2010 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
06/22/2010 SECOND PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
05/04/2010 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/03/2009 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	
09/15/2009 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/04/2008 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MECKLENBURG	
05/06/2008 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/06/2007 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
11/07/2006 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
05/02/2006 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/08/2005 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
09/27/2005 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/02/2004 GENERAL	ABSENTEE	MECKLENBURG	
11/04/2003	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
11/05/2002 GENERAL	ABSENTEE	MECKLENBURG	
09/10/2002 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	DEMOCRATIC
11/06/2001	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
06/05/2001	ABSENTEE	MECKLENBURG	
11/07/2000 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
05/02/2000 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
11/02/1999	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
11/03/1998 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
05/05/1998 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
11/04/1997	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
11/05/1996 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
06/04/1996 SECOND PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
05/07/1996 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
11/07/1995	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
09/26/1995	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	
11/08/1994 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MECKLENBURG	

(Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

### ***Richland County, South Carolina***

**On May 11, 1992, Hunt Registered To Vote In Richland County, South Carolina.** (Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, Richland County Board Of Elections, Filed 5/11/92, South Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 6/20/22)

Voter Details	Addresses/Districts	History	Notes	Attachments
<p>First Name: RACHEL Middle Name: H Last Name: HUNT</p> <p>Status: Archived Reason: Archived Proof of Identification: Date Of Birth: 5/19/1965</p> <p>SSN: [REDACTED] Gender: Female Race: White</p>				
<p><b>Registration</b></p> <p>Location: 100 Date: 5/11/1992</p>				
<p><b>Residence Address</b></p> <p>*Street: Bad Address - Check Paper Application</p> <p>*City, State Zip: SC</p> <p>County: RICHLAND</p> <p><input type="button" value="Override"/></p>				
<p>Remove Mailing Address: No</p> <p><b>Mailing</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> US <input type="radio"/> International</p> <p>Line 1: _____</p> <p>Line 2: _____</p> <p>Street: _____</p> <p>City, State Zip: _____</p>				
<p><b>Phone Numbers</b></p> <p>_____</p>				
<p><b>Previous Registration Outside of South Carolina</b></p> <p>State: _____</p> <p>County: _____</p> <p>Address Line 1: _____</p> <p>Address Line 2: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>Zip Code: _____</p>				
<p>Created By: System on 12/11/2001 Updated By: System on 12/11/2001</p>				

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**Alerts**

**Linked Records**

326123289 (P)

Confirmation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Correspondence Method: Mail

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, Richland County Board Of Elections, Filed 5/11/92, South Carolina Public Records Request, Filed 6/20/22)

- **On December 11, 2001, Hunt's Voter Registration Was Purged.** (Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, Richland County Board Of Elections, Filed 12/11/01, South Carolina Public Records Request, Filed 6/20/22)

Status	Reason	Start Date	End Date	Requested By	County	Note	Trigger	Approval Status	Approver
Archived	Archived	12/11/2001		System	40-RICHLAND		Voter Created	Approved	
Inactive	Failed To Respond	12/11/2001	12/11/2001	System	40-RICHLAND	Original Purge Status	Voter Created	Approved	

(Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, Richland County Board Of Elections, Filed 12/11/01, South Carolina Public Records Request, Filed 6/20/22)

**NOTE:** Voter participation history is beyond record retention schedule. Hunt appears to have been dual-registered in South Carolina and North Carolina from 1994 to 2001.

### Lexington County, South Carolina

**On September 20, 1990, Hunt Registered To Vote In Lexington County, South Carolina.**

(Voter Search: Rachel H. Vecchiola, Lexington County Board Of Elections, Filed 9/20/90, South Carolina Public Records Request, Filed 6/20/22)

Voter Details	Addresses/Districts	History	Notes	Attachments
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First Name RACHEL Middle Name H Last Name VECCHIOLLA  
 Status Archived Reason Archived Proof of Identification Date Of Birth 5/19/1965  
 SSN Gender Female Race White

Registration  
 Location 100 Date 9/20/1990

Residence Address  
 \*Street Bad Address – Check Paper Application  
 \*City, State Zip SC  
 County LEXINGTON

Remove Mailing Address No

Mailing  
 US International  
 Line 1  
 Line 2  
 Street  
 City, State Zip

(Voter Search: Rachel H. Vecchiola, Lexington County Board Of Elections, Filed 9/20/90, South Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 6/20/22)

**NOTE:** *Voter participation history is beyond record retention schedule.*

### ***Wilson County, North Carolina***

**On October 3, 1988, Hunt Registered To Vote As A Democrat Party Voter In Wilson County, North Carolina.** (Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

<b>RACHEL HENDERSON HUNT</b>	
<a href="#">Collapse all sections</a>   <a href="#">Expand all sections</a>	
<b>YOUR VOTER DETAILS</b>	
County:	WILSON
Status:	REMOVED
Voter Reg Num:	000000034169
NCID:	EP26716
Party:	DEM
Race:	WHITE
Ethnicity:	NOT HISPANIC or NOT LATINO
Gender:	FEMALE
Registration Date:	10/03/1988
NCDMV Customer:	No

(Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

**NOTE:** *Voter participation history is beyond record retention schedule.*

***Orange County, North Carolina***

**On April 6, 1984, Hunt Registered To Vote As A Democrat Party Voter In Orange County, North Carolina.** (Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, Orange County Board Of Elections, Filed 4/6/84, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 6/20/22)

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS			
VOTER PROFILE			
Full Name:	HUNT, RACHEL HENDERSON	VRN:	00000060894
Residence Address:	105 FIDELITY ST # A12 CARRBORO, NC 27510	Age:	57
Mailing Address on File:		Register Date:	04/06/1984
		Status:	R
Sex:	FEMALE		
Race:	W	Ethnicity:	NL
Party:	DEMOCRATIC		
Birth Place:			

(Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, Orange County Board Of Elections, Filed 4/6/84, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 6/20/22)

- **From 1984 To 1986, Hunt Only Failed To Vote In The 1984 Primary Election.** (Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, Orange County Board Of Elections, Filed 4/6/84, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 6/20/22)

<u>Voting History (36 Most Recently Voted Elections )</u>	
11/04/1986	GENERAL ELECTION
05/06/1986	PRIMARY ELECTION
11/05/1985	MUNICIPAL ELECTION
11/06/1984	GENERAL ELECTION

(Voter Search: Rachel H. Hunt, Orange County Board Of Elections, Filed 4/6/84, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 6/20/22)

**CRIMINAL RECORDS**

*Rachel Hunt has been involved in at least one criminal case in North Carolina. According to Nexis, Hunt received a traffic infraction in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina in August 2012. (Note: This case must be retrieved in person from the Mecklenburg County Clerk of Court along with other potential civil or criminal filings.)*

***Traffic Infraction***

**According To Nexis, Hunt Was The Subject Of A Traffic Infraction In Mecklenburg County, North Carolina In August 2012.** (Case No. 5902012CR 035884, Nexis, Filed 8/6/12)



1: North Carolina Court Report	
Offender information	
<b>Name:</b>	HUNT, RACHEL HENDERSON
<b>Address:</b>	3310 WINDBLUFF DR CHARLOTTE, NC 28277-9828 MECKLENBURG COUNTY
<b>Case Number:</b>	5902012CR 035884
<b>Case Filing Date:</b>	08/06/2012
<b>Case Type:</b>	CRIMINAL
<b>DOB:</b>	05/1965
<b>SSN:</b>	246-29-XXXX
<b>Race:</b>	WHITE
<b>Sex:</b>	Female
Offenses	
<b>Categories:</b>	OTHER
<b>Case Filing Date:</b>	08/06/2012
<b>Court Case Number:</b>	5902012CR 035884
<b>Court Offense:</b>	NOT SPECIFIED
<b>Court Disposition:</b>	DISPOSED

(Case No. 5902012CR 035884, Nexis, Filed 8/6/12)

**NOTE:** This case must be retrieved in person from the Mecklenburg County Clerk of Court along with other potential civil or criminal filings.

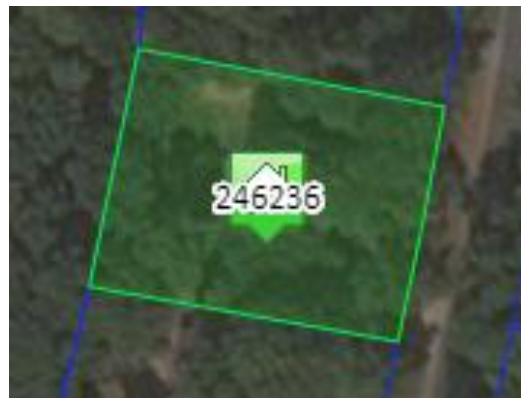
## POLICE RECORDS

**NOTE:** Percipient Strategies continues to await potentially responsive police records pertaining to Rachel Hunt.

## REAL PROPERTY RECORDS

### **3310 Windbluff Drive, Charlotte, NC, Mecklenburg County**

This is the primary residence owned by Rachel Hunt. This single-family residence comprises four bedrooms and three-and-a-half bathrooms and has a 2021 appraised property value of \$358,300. Hunt has owned the property since August 1994.



([Mecklenburg County Assessor](#), Accessed 6/10/22; [Mecklenburg County GIS](#), Accessed 6/10/22)



**Property Information**

Full Address: 3310 Windbluff Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277  
 County: Mecklenburg County  
 Parcel ID: 22517149  
 Sale Date: 08/15/1994  
 Sale Price: \$165,000  
 Owner: OLAV NIILEND & RACHEL HENDERSON HUNT  
 Year Built: 1978  
 Bathrooms: 4  
 Bedrooms: 3.5  
 Total Square Footage: 4,373  
 2021 Appraised Value: \$358,300

([Mecklenburg County Assessor](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

**Tax Information**

**In 2022, Hunt Paid \$3,572.11 In Total Municipal Property Taxes.** ([Mecklenburg County Tax Department](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

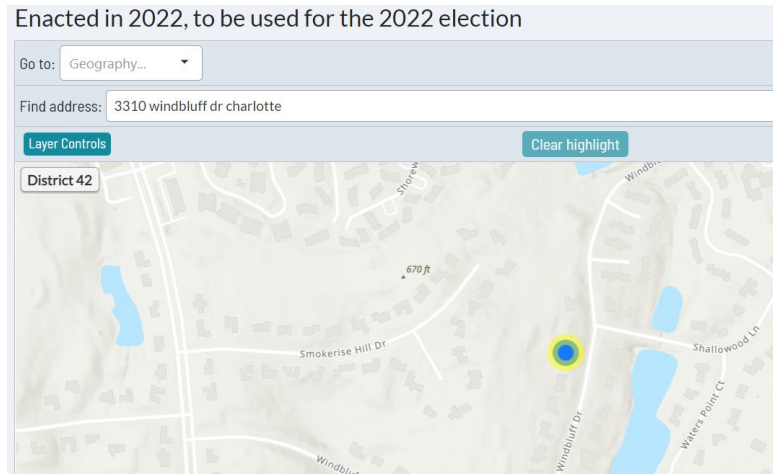
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Property Tax Collections						
Bill Detail						
NIILEND, OLAV RACHEL HENDERSON HUNT 149 M15-211 3310 WINDBLUFF DR CHARLOTTE NC 28277 3310 WINDBLUFF DR CHARLOTTE NC 28277 22517149			<b>Property Tax</b> Bill Status: Bill Flag: Bill #: Old Bill #: Old Account #: Due Date: Interest Begins:		<b>Real Property</b> PAID 0002041025-2021-2021-0000-00 9/1/2021 1/6/2022	
			Value	Rate	Tax Districts	Amount
			\$358,300	.6169	MECKLENBURG	\$2,210.35
			\$0		MECKLENBURG	\$39.50
			\$358,300	.3481	CHARLOTTE	\$1,247.24
			\$0		CHARLOTTE	\$75.02
Assessed Value			\$358,300	Interest: \$0.00		
Total Billed: \$3,572.11						
Transaction History						
Date	Type		Paid By		Trans #	Amount
1/13/2022	PAYMENT	NIILEND, OLAV			13426964	\$3,572.11

([Mecklenburg County Tax Department](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

**North Carolina Senate District**

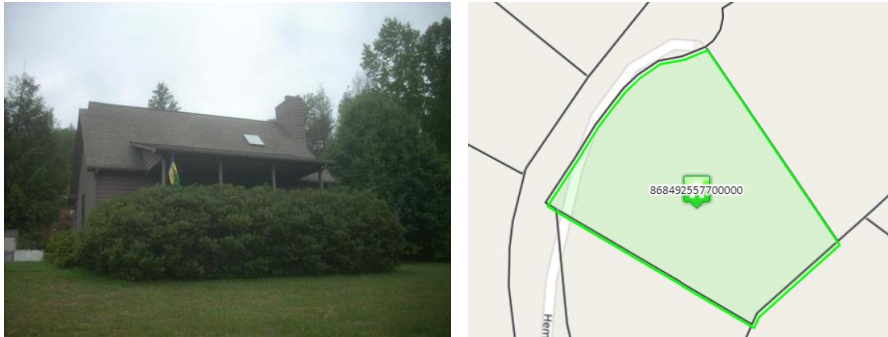
**According To The 2022 Redistricting Map Provided By The North Carolina Legislature, Hunt Resides In North Carolina Senate District (SD-42), The District For Which She Is Running.** (2022 Redistricting Map, [North Carolina Legislature](#), Accessed 6/10/22)



(2022 Redistricting Map, [North Carolina Legislature](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

#### ***4 Hemlock Ford Road, Candler, NC, Buncombe County***

*This is a secondary residence owned by Rachel Hunt. This single-family residence comprises two bedrooms and two bathrooms and has a 2021 appraised property value of \$207,500. Hunt has owned the property since December 2000.*



([Buncombe County Assessor](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

#### **Property Information**

Full Address:	4 Hemlock Ford Road, Candler, NC 28715
County:	Buncombe County
Parcel ID:	8684-92-5577-00000
Sale Date:	12/05/2000
Sale Price:	\$135,000
Owner:	HUNT RACHEL, NILENDER OLAV
Year Built:	1989
Bathrooms:	2
Bedrooms:	2
Total Square Footage:	1,414
2021 Appraised Value:	\$207,500

([Buncombe County Assessor](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

**Tax Information**

**In 2021, Hunt Paid \$1,356.22 In Total Municipal Property Taxes.** ([Buncombe County Tax Department](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

NILENDER OLAV  
HUNT RACHEL H  
3310 WINDBLUFF DR  
CHARLOTTE NC 282779828

**Web Tax Receipt**

Received for year: 2021 on Bill Number: 0000691238-2021-2021-0000-00

Description:	4 HEMLOCK FORD RD LAND & STRUCTURES	Trans Date:	1/3/2022
Pin Number:	8684-92-5577-00000	Receipt Number:	2052091
Category	Unit	Rate	Total
County	BUN	\$0.4880	-\$1,012.60
City		\$0.0000	\$0.00
Fire	FUH	\$0.1656	-\$343.62
School		\$0.0000	\$0.00
Authority		\$0.0000	\$0.00
Penalty			\$0.00
Interest			\$0.00
Fees			\$0.00
Total			-\$1,356.22
Date Printed:	6/22/2022	Payment Received:	-\$1,356.22
Date Paid:	1/3/2022	Amount Due:	\$0.00
Check Number:	00004077		
Paid By:	NILENDER, OLAV		
Accepted by:	Buncombe County Tax Collector		
Current Bill Balance:	\$0.00	Good Thru:	6/30/2022

([Buncombe County Tax Department](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

**BANKRUPTCIES, JUDGMENTS, & LIENS RECORDS**

*NOTE: No bankruptcies, judgments, or liens could be found for Rachel Hunt.*

**LEGAL ISSUES**

*In January 1993, Rachel Hunt's then-husband, Michael Vecchiola, filed for divorce from Hunt in Lexington County, South Carolina; the divorce was finalized without contest later that year. In 1989, Hunt first married Michael Vecchiola in North Carolina. (Note: Original divorce records pertaining to the dissolution of Hunt's first marriage are outstanding with the Lexington County Clerk of Court.)*

***Michael Vecchiola V. Rachel Hunt***

**In January 1993, Michael Vecchiola Filed For Divorce From Hunt In Lexington County, South Carolina.** (Case No. 1993DR3200200, *Michael Vecchiola V. Rachel Hunt*, Lexington County Clerk Of Court, Filed 1/20/93)

**Case Information**

**Case Number:** 1993DR3200200 **Case Description:** MICHAEL VECCHIOLLA vs. **Case Filing Date and Time:** 20 Jan 1993 12:00 AM  
RACHEL HUNT

**Court:** Family Court **Location:** Lexington **Case Type:** Domestic Relations **Case Category:** 110 - Divorce

**Case Status:** Ended **Case Status Date and Time:** 20 Jan 1993 12:01 AM

(Case No. 1993DR3200200, *Michael Vecchiola V. Rachel Hunt*, Lexington County Clerk Of Court, Filed 1/20/93)

- **In March 1993, The Divorce Was Finalized.** (Case No. 1993DR3200200, *Michael Vecchiola V. Rachel Hunt*, Lexington County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/24/93)

ROA Date	Description	Filed By	Text
01-Oct-2020 9:00 PM	CNV-FILING - Conversion Filing		Converted Filing Fee Paid Amount: 55.00
01-Oct-2020 9:00 PM	CNV-NOA - NOA Values Prior to Conversion		NOA Prior to Conversion: 1 NOA Description Prior to Conversion: Divorce
24-Mar-1993 12:00 AM	CNV-HISTORY - Conversion History	VECCHIOLLA, MICHAEL	JUDGEMENT
19-Mar-1993 12:00 AM	CNV-HISTORY - Conversion History	HUNT, RACHEL	FIN DEC LETTER
11-Feb-1993 12:00 AM	CNV-HISTORY - Conversion History	VECCHIOLLA, MICHAEL	N-3-19-93
29-Jan-1993 12:00 AM	CNV-HISTORY - Conversion History	HUNT, RACHEL	ANS & ACCEPT OF SERV
20-Jan-1993 12:00 AM	CNV-HISTORY - Conversion History	VECCHIOLLA, MICHAEL	SUMMS COMP SEP & PROP SETTLM
20-Jan-1993 12:00 AM	CNV-NOTE - Conversion Note		County Caption: VECCHIOLLA, MICHAEL HUNT, RACHEL

(Case No. 1993DR3200200, *Michael Vecchiola V. Rachel Hunt*, Lexington County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/24/93)

**According To The *Wilson Daily Times*, Hunt Previously Married Michael Vecchiola In June 1989.** (“Miss Hunt Marries Mr. Vecchiolla,” *Wilson Daily Times*, 6/20/89)

**Miss Hunt marries Mr. Vecchiolla Saturday**

RALEIGH — Rachel Henderson Hunt of Rock Ridge and Michael Albert Vecchiolla of Columbia, S.C., were married Saturday afternoon in Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. Officiating was the Rev. Placid Solari assisted by the Rev. Jeffrey Ingham.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt Jr. of Rock Ridge are the bride's parents. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Vecchiolla of Gastonia.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore her mother's wedding gown of antique taffeta highlighted with Alencon lace etched with pearls. A back bow softly draped onto the pick-up skirt.

For her headpiece she chose an heirloom lace coronet enhanced with pearls and iridescent sequins matching the gown with an attached veil of ecru cotton netting bordered with pearls. She carried a bouquet of cascading sterling silver roses, light blue delphinium, dendrobium orchids, ivory freesia, stephanotis and trailing ivy.

Elizabeth Hunt of Rock Ridge was her sister's maid of honor. Her tea-length dress of pale azurite cotton was fashioned with a modified bustle and puff sleeves. She carried an arm bouquet of ivory yarrow, rosario alstroemeria lilies, light blue delphinium, lavender freesia, purple statice, miniature lavender asters and trailing ivy tied with lavender and azurite ribbon.

Bridesmaids were Rebecca Hunt-Hawley of Rock Ridge, sister of the bride; Deborah Derrick of Washington, D.C., sister-in-law of the bride; Deborah Seldon of Richmond, Va., and Trina Vecchiolla of Charlottesville, Va., sisters of the bridegroom; Aileen O'Driscoll of Essex Falls, N.J.; Linda Neal of Rock Ridge; and Candace Mason of Norfolk, Va. They were attired like the honor attendant and carried identical flowers tied with azurite ribbon.

Jimmy Vecchiolla of Charlotte served as his brother's best man. Ushers were Baxter Hunt of Washington, D.C., brother of the bride; Bill Robinson of Raleigh; Lee Neumann of Charlotte; Kevin Stewart of Gastonia; Felix Dover Jr. of Atlanta; Milt Leeman of Columbus, Ohio; and Jim Rivell of Baltimore.

Wedding music was presented by Jim Marshall, organist; and Robert Daniel, soloist.

Hannah Hawley of Rock Ridge and Brad Seldon, Timmy Seldon and Ashley Seldon of Richmond distributed birdseed bags.

A reception in the Virginia Dare Ballroom at the Sir Walter Restaurant followed the ceremony. The bride's parents were hosts.

Tables were covered with burgundy silk overlays and centered with mirrored reflectors holding candles and bud vases of carnations.

The refreshment table was adorned with a centerpiece of white snapdragons, lilies, light blue delphinium, rosario alstroemeria lilies, lavender daisies, pink Gerbera daisies and statice in a silver wine cooler.

An antique diver's helmet decorated an auxiliary table.

Small trees in the ballroom were adorned with miniature white lights.

The band Backfence provided music for dancing.

Mrs. Vecchiolla graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in English and political science. She plans to attend the University of South Carolina School of Law in the fall.

Her husband is a graduate of UNC-CH where he received a degree in biology. He is a representative in the professional products division of Burroughs Wellcome.

Upon their return from a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will make their home in Columbia.

On the eve of the wedding, a rehearsal dinner was given at Butcher's Block Restaurant by the bridegroom-elect's parents.

The bride-elect's mother entertained Saturday morning at a bridesmaids' brunch at the Top of the Tower Restaurant at the Holiday Inn.

**It's easy to buy for a man who needs things I want**

For Father's Day, my husband received a motorized closet valet. It's a little carousel for ties and belts that runs on two batteries. My husband has about as much use for a merry-go-round for his ties as he does for polo score cards.

Erma Bombeck

his office are a 6-foot inflatable dinosaur, a giraffe head over the door, a life preserver with "Titanic" printed on the side, and six Opus dolls.

Don't even think of buying him something to wear. I can tell you only that if 1989 comes back he

**FITNESS CENTER SUMMER SPECIAL**

Students - 3 months .....	\$65 <sup>00</sup>
Adults - 3 months .....	\$95 <sup>00</sup>
Aerobics (only) - 3 months .....	\$35 <sup>00</sup>

(“Miss Hunt Marries Mr. Vecchiolla,” *Wilson Daily Times*, 6/20/89)

## CURRENT BUSINESS RECORDS

*Rachel Hunt is founder of two North Carolina-domiciled, for-profit entities: Hunt for College, LLC and Charlotte School Search, LLC. While the former, founded in 2014, remains active to date; Hunt administratively dissolved the latter entity in 2021, six years after its original incorporation.*

### ***Hunt For College, LLC***

**On October 28, 2014, Hunt Incorporated Hunt For College, LLC As A Domestic, For-Profit Entity With The North Carolina Secretary Of State.** (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 10/28/14)

*State of North Carolina*  
*Department of the Secretary of State*

Date Filed: 10/28/2014 9  
Elaine F. Marsh  
North Carolina Secretary

**C2014 279 00**

**Limited Liability Company**  
**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION**

Pursuant to §57D-2-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby submit these Articles of Organization for the purpose of forming a limited liability company.

1. The name of the limited liability company is: Hunt for College, L.L.C.  
(See Item 1 of the Instructions for appropriate entity designation)
2. The name and address of each person executing these articles of organization is as follows: (State whether each person is executing these articles of organization in the capacity of a member, organizer or both. **Note: This document must be signed by all persons listed.**)  
Rachel Hunt, Organizer, 3310 Windbluff Drive, Charlotte NC 28277  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The name of the initial registered agent is: Rachel Hunt
4. The street address and county of the initial registered agent office of the limited liability company is:  
Number and Street 3310 Windbluff Drive  
City Charlotte State: NC Zip Code: 28277 County: Mecklenburg

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 10/28/14)

- **The Entity Is Active To Date; Hunt Serves As Registered Agent And Officer.** (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 6/10/22)

## Limited Liability Company

**Legal Name**  
Hunt for College, L.L.C.

## Information

**SosId:** 1409130  
**Status:** Current-Active   
**Date Formed:** 10/28/2014  
**Citizenship:** Domestic  
**Annual Report Due Date:** April 15th  
**Annual Report Status:** Current  
**Registered Agent:** [Hunt, Rachel](#)

## Addresses

**Mailing**  
3310 Windbluff Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28277-9828

**Principal Office**  
3310 Windbluff Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28277-9828

**Reg Office**  
3310 Windbluff Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28277-9828

**Reg Mailing**  
3310 Windbluff Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28277-9828

## Company Officials

All LLCs are managed by their managers pursuant to N.C.G.S. 57D-3-20.

**Managing Member**

[Rachel Hunt](#)

3310 Windbluff Drive

Charlotte NC 28277-9828

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 6/10/22)

**On November 2, 2011, Hunt Filed Articles Of Dissolution For Charlotte School Search, LLC The North Carolina Secretary Of State.** (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 11/2/21)

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 11/2/21)

### *Charlotte School Search, LLC*

**On April 16, 2015, Hunt Incorporated Charlotte School Search, LLC As A Domestic, For-Profit Entity With The North Carolina Secretary Of State.** (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 4/16/15)

*State of North Carolina  
Department of the Secretary of State*

Elaine F. Mar  
North Carolina Secretary of State

**C2015 099 (**

#### Limited Liability Company ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

Pursuant to §57D-2-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby submit these Articles of Organization for the purpose of forming a limited liability company.

1. The name of the limited liability company is: Charlotte School Search, L.L.C.  
(See Item 1 of the Instructions for appropriate entity designation)
2. The name and address of each person executing these articles of organization is as follows: (State whether each person is executing these articles of organization in the capacity of a member, organizer or both. **Note: This document must be signed by all persons listed.**)  
Rachel Hunt, organizer and member  
Amanda Raymond, Member  
Suzanne Cormier, member
3. The name of the initial registered agent is: Rachel Hunt
4. The street address and county of the initial registered agent office of the limited liability company is:  
 Number and Street 3310 Windbluff Drive  
 City Charlotte State: NC Zip Code: 28277 County: Mecklenburg

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 4/16/15)

- **Hunt Served As Registered Agent And Officer.** (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 6/10/22)



## Company Officials

All LLCs are managed by their managers pursuant to N.C.G.S. 57D-3-20.

**Member**

[Suzanne Cormier](#)

3108 Lauren Glen Road  
Charlotte NC 28226

**Member**

[Rachel Hunt](#)

3310 Windbluff Drive  
Charlotte NC 28277-9828

**Member**

[Amanda Boo Raymond](#)

1400 Blueberry Lane  
Charlotte NC 28226

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 6/10/22)

**On November 2, 2011, Hunt Filed Articles Of Dissolution For Charlotte School Search, LLC The North Carolina Secretary Of State.** (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 11/2/21)

State of North Carolina  
Department of the Secretary of State

ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION OF  
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Date Filed: 11/2/2021 10:07:00 AM  
Effective: 11/1/2021  
Elaine F. Marshall  
North Carolina Secretary of State  
C2021 305 00339

Pursuant to §57D-6-09 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned limited liability company hereby submits the following Articles of Dissolution for the purpose of dissolving the limited liability company.

1. The name of the limited liability company is: Charlotte School Search LLC
2. \*The North Carolina Secretary of State Id Number (SOSID#): 1440103
3. The effective date (which shall be date certain) of the dissolution is: 11/01/2021  
(See instructions)
4. Attach any other information determined by the Company Officials filing these articles.

This the 28 day of October, 2021.

Charlotte School Search LLC  
Name of Limited Liability Company

Rachel Hunt  
Signature

Rachel Hunt, registered agent, member  
Type or Print Name and Title

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 11/2/21)

## PROFESSIONAL & RECREATIONAL LICENSES

*Rachel Hunt is a licensed attorney who is active and in good standing in North Carolina. Hunt was admitted to the state bar in August 1994; no disciplinary history could be found for Hunt.*

***Attorney*****North Carolina**

**According To The North Carolina Bar, Hunt Is An Actively-Licensed Attorney Who Was Admitted On August 26, 1994.** ([North Carolina State Bar](#), Filed 8/26/94)

**Membership Information**

Ms. Rachel H. Hunt - Attorney	
<b>Bar #:</b> 21130	<b>Status:</b> <span style="background-color: green; color: white;">Active</span>
<b>Name:</b> Ms. Rachel H. Hunt	The lawyer is presently eligible to practice law in North Carolina.
<b>Address:</b> 3310 Windbluff Drive	<b>Date Admitted:</b> 08/26/1994
<b>City:</b> Charlotte	<b>Status Date:</b> 08/26/1994
<b>State:</b> NC	<b>Judicial District:</b> 26 - Mecklenburg
<b>Zip Code:</b> 28277	
<b>Work Phone:</b> 704-351-5142	
<b>Email:</b> rnilender@gmail.com	

([North Carolina State Bar](#), Filed 8/26/94)

- **No Disciplinary History Could Be Found For Hunt.** ([North Carolina State Bar](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

**PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

*According to her most recently filed Statement of Economic Interest, Rachel Hunt is a full-time member of the North Carolina General Assembly who earns income as a state legislator in addition to dividends from personal and spousal investments. Hunt and her family own stock in myriad publicly-traded entities of political salience domestically and internationally, namely Taiwan Semiconductor, Alibaba Group (China), Microsoft (big tech), and Pfizer (big pharma), among others. Hunt declared sole proprietorship of her business, Hunt for College LLC. Hunt declared no liabilities.*

***2022 Statement Of Economic Interests (SD-42)*****Real Property**

**In 2022, Hunt Declared 100 Percent Interest In Her Charlotte, NC Primary Residence And 100 Percent Ownership In Her Candler, NC Secondary Residence.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)



Property Interests			
1. As of December 31, 2021, did you or any members of your immediate family: A. have an ownership interest in North Carolina real estate (including your residence) with a market value of \$10,000 or more? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Owner of Real Estate	% Ownership Interest	Location by City	Location by County
(Self plus Spouse)	100.00%	Charlotte	Mecklenburg
(Self plus Spouse)	100.00%	Candler	Buncombe

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)

### Investments

**In 2022, Hunt Declared Multiple Personal, Spousal, And Dependent Investments Of Note For Their Political Salience, Including Taiwan Semiconductor, Microsoft, Pfizer, Alibaba Group.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)

Do <u>not</u> list interests in a widely held investment fund (including mutual funds, regulated investment companies, or pension or deferred compensation plans) if: 1. the fund is publicly traded or its assets are widely diversified; and 2. neither you nor an immediate family member are able to control the underlying assets.	
Owner of Interest	Full Name of Company or ticker symbol
Rachel Hunt (Self)	Taiwan Semiconductor
Rachel Hunt (Self)	Alliance Bernstein Global High Income Fund
Rachel Hunt (Self)	Green Plain Partners
Rachel Hunt (Self)	Microsoft
Rachel Hunt (Self)	New Market Group
Rachel Hunt (Self)	Pfizer
Rachel Hunt (Self)	Pulte Group
(Self plus Spouse)	Alliance Bernstein LP
Jonas Nilender (Child)	Alibaba Group
Jonas Nilender (Child)	One Main Holding
Olav Nilender (Spouse)	Applied Materials Inc.
Olav Nilender (Spouse)	MDC Holdings
Olav Nilender (Spouse)	Amkor Technology
Olav Nilender (Spouse)	Alibaba Group
Olav Nilender (Spouse)	Century Communities
Olav Nilender (Spouse)	Evgo Incorporated
Olav Nilender (Spouse)	Group 1 Automotive
Olav Nilender (Spouse)	Lam Research Corporation
Olav Nilender (Spouse)	Main Street Capital

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)

**In 2022, Hunt Declared Personal Or Spousal Stock Ownership In A Business Entity.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)

C. Interests in a non-publicly owned company or business entity? These include interests in sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited partnerships, joint ventures, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and closely held corporations.  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No - If "No," proceed to question 4.	
<b>Owner of Interest</b>	<b>Name of Company or Business Entity</b>
C (1). For each company or business entity identified in question 3.C. (the "Primary Company"), please list the names of any other companies or business entities in which the Primary Company owns securities or equity interests valued at over \$10,000, if known.	
<b>Non-Publicly Owned Company or Business Entity (the Primary Company)</b>	<b>Other Companies in which the Primary Company Owns Security or Equity Interests</b>
None or Not Known	
C (2). If you know that any entity listed in 3.C or 3.C(1) above has any material business dealings or business contracts with the State of North Carolina, or is regulated by the State, briefly describe that business activity.	
<b>Name of Company or Business Entity</b>	<b>Description of Business Activity with the State</b>
None or Not Known	

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)

### Creditors

**In 2022, Hunt Declared No Creditors.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)

5. As of December 31, 2021, did you any members of your immediate family have liabilities of \$10,000 or more, excluding the mortgage on your primary personal residence? Examples include credit card debts, auto loans, student loans, personal loans and intra-family debt.  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Name of Debtor</b>	<b>Type of Creditor (commercial Bank, credit union, individual, etc.)</b>

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)

### Income

**In 2022, Hunt Declared Personal Salary Of More Than \$5,000 Received From The North Carolina General Assembly.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)

**In 2022, Hunt Declared Personal Investment Dividends Of More Than \$5,000.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)

**In 2022, Hunt Declared Spousal Investment Dividends Of More Than \$5,000.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)

6. List each source of income (**not** specific amounts) of more than \$5,000 received by you or any members of your immediate family during 2021. Include salary, wages, state/local government retirement income, professional fees, honoraria, interest, dividends, rental income, business income, and other types required to be reported on State and federal tax returns. **Please remember to disclose your receipt of salary or wages from any governmental or private entity.**

Do **not** include income received from the following sources:

- ▶ Capital gains
- ▶ Federal government retirement
- ▶ Military retirement
- ▶ Social security income/SSDI

Recipient of Income	Name of Source	Type of Business/Industry	Type of Income
Rachel Hunt (Self)	dividends from investments	dividends from investments	Dividends
Rachel Hunt (Self)	salary	NCGA	Salary

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Olav Nilender (Spouse)	dividends from investments	dividends from investments	Dividends
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### Civic Positions

**In 2022, Hunt Declared No Civic Positions.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)

**Professional and Civic Relationships**

7(a). During 2021, were you or any members of your immediate family a director, officer, governing board member, employee, independent contractor, or registered lobbyist of a nonprofit corporation or organization operating in North Carolina primarily for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, public health and safety, or educational purposes?

☐ Yes ☒ No - If "No," proceed to question 8.

▶ Do not list State boards or entities.  
▶ Do not list organizations of which you are a mere member.

Name of Person	Position	Name of Nonprofit Corporation or Organization	Nature or Purpose of Organization

7(b). If the nonprofit corporations or organizations listed above do business with the State of North Carolina or receive State funds, briefly describe the nature of that business, if known or with due diligence could reasonably be known.

Name of Nonprofit Corporation or Organization	Describe State Business
None or Not Known	

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### Fiduciary Positions

**In 2022, Hunt Declared A Personal Fiduciary Position As Proprietor Of Hunt For College LLC.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/13/22)

9(a). List the name of each business with which you were associated where you or a member of your immediate family was an employee, director, officer, partner, proprietor, or member or manager as of December 31, 2021.

Name of Person	Relationship to Filer	Name of Company	Role of Person
Rachel Hunt	Self	Hunt for College LLC	Proprietor

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## **HUNT’S SUPPORT FOR THE FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, PROGRESSIVE AGENDA**

*A review of Hunt’s time serving in the legislature revealed a record of support for a fiscally irresponsible, big-government, progressive agenda.*

*Campaigning in 2018, Hunt tipped her hand when she declared that “we need to become the progressive state we used to be.”*

*Hunt has taken up the left’s anti-growth posture on taxes. Hunt has indicated a general opposition to providing any sort of tax relief to North Carolinians. In 2019, voted against legislation that reduced the franchise tax rate on North Carolina businesses.*

*On education, Hunt has worked to expand the burden on taxpayers, limit school choice and oppose well-meaning school programs. Hunt has called for the taxpayer subsidization of pre-k. On school choice, in 2021, Hunt introduced an unsuccessful amendment to require voucher recipients to be tested in order to assess school voucher effectiveness. In 2019, Hunt voted to pass an amendment which reduced funding for the opportunity scholarship program - a program that “provides scholarships to low-income students to attend private schools.” Additionally, Hunt voted against SB 438, the Excellent Public Schools Act of 2019, which would make various improvements to the North Carolina read to achieve program. Hunt also voted against requiring high school students to take a course in economics and personal finance – a policy supported by the NC Chamber of Commerce. Perhaps most notably, despite claiming to support increases in teacher pay, Hunt voted in a partisan manner against a series of 2019 bills that increased pay for North Carolina educators: HB 377, HB 354, and HB 231. Relatedly, Hunt appears to oppose performance-based compensation plans for teachers.*

*Despite being willing to spend significantly on healthcare and education programs, Hunt has voted against efforts to improve the state’s infrastructure.*

*Hunt has taken positions and supported policies that expand government control and harm the business community. Of note, in 2019, Hunt voted against an advertising regulations reform bill that was backed by the business community.*

*Hunt’s preference for expanded government extends to healthcare by her support for the expansion of Medicaid.*

*Finally, Hunt supported the left’s big government reaction to the covid-19 pandemic that decimated the economy. Hunt supported Roy Cooper’s authority and actions amid the covid pandemic. Hunt consistently opposed legislative efforts to reopen businesses and schools. Notably, Hunt sought to impose her own burdensome covid-related regulations on businesses.*

## **HUNT HAS CALLED FOR MAKING NORTH CAROLINA “THE PROGRESSIVE STATE WE USED TO BE”**

### ***Hunt, In 2018: “We Need To Become The Progressive State We Used To Be”***

**Hunt, In 2018: “We Need To Become The Progressive State We Used To Be.”** “But Hunt says tax cuts have disproportionately benefited the wealthy and that education spending hasn't kept pace with growing enrollments since Republicans took control after the 2010 election. She sees the election as a referendum on the General Assembly. "Since 2000, I've been very concerned with the direction our state is headed," she said in an interview. "We need to become the progressive state we used to be." Some of Brawley's critics agree.” (*Charlotte Observer*, 9/23/18)

## **HUNT HAS BROADLY OPPOSED TAX CUTS IN NORTH CAROLINA**

### ***Hunt Has Broadly Opposed Tax Cuts In North Carolina***

**“Hunt Says Tax Cuts Have Disproportionately Benefited The Wealthy And That Education Spending Hasn't Kept Pace With Growing Enrollments Since Republicans Took Control After The 2010 Election.”** “Democrat Rachel Hunt is the daughter of former four-term Gov. Jim Hunt. Like her father, she has made education her top issue. A non-practicing attorney, she owns two educational consulting companies. They're running in a Republican-leaning district that includes the towns of Matthews and Mint Hill and south Charlotte suburbs. In 2016 President Donald Trump carried it by almost 10 percentage points. But through June, Hunt, thanks in part to her father's political network, had nearly \$133,000 in her campaign account to Brawley's \$89,000. Brawley declined to be interviewed for a story. He's been a big part of Republican policies that have cut taxes and regulations, boosted the "rainy day" fund and raised teacher pay. But Hunt says tax cuts have disproportionately benefited the wealthy and that education spending hasn't kept pace with growing enrollments since Republicans took control after the 2010 election. She sees the election as a referendum on the General Assembly.” (*Charlotte Observer*, 9/23/18)

## **HUNT VOTED AGAINST REDUCING A TAX ON NORTH CAROLINA’S BUSINESSES**

### ***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against SB 578, Which Reduces The Franchise Tax Rate***

**Hunt Voted No On SB 578, Which Reduces The Franchise Tax Rate And Expands Those Qualifying For Film And Entertainment Grants.** ([SB 578](#), Bill Passed - House (61 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/31/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 578 would do the following, all of which were included in House Bill 966, the 2019 Appropriations Act: Reduce the franchise tax rate from \$1.50 to \$0.96 over a two-year span and remove one method of calculating a corporation's franchise tax base, beginning with the 2021 taxable year. (In House Bill 966, this provision was effective beginning with the 2020 taxable year). Reduce the qualifying expense threshold for awards from the Film and Entertainment Grant Fund (Fund), effective when the act becomes law. (House Bill 966 had an effective date of July 1, 2019)” ([SB 578](#))

***SB 578 “Lowers The State’s Franchise Tax, Which Is Defined As A Tax On A Company’s ‘Net Worth’”***

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 578 “Lowers The State’s Franchise Tax, Which Is Defined As A Tax On A Company’s ‘Net Worth.’”** “SB 578 lowers the state’s franchise tax, which is defined as a tax on a company’s “net worth.” The franchise tax essentially serves as a penalty for doing business in North Carolina. Reducing the franchise tax encourages capital investment in our state, resulting in more jobs and bigger paychecks. While the bill also includes some modifications to the state's Film Tax Credit - which is ardently opposed by Civitas Action - the benefits of reducing the franchise tax still far outweigh the negatives of making adjustments to the film grant program. North Carolina businesses should not be penalized for growing, which benefits the economy of the state. For that reason, Civitas Action believes a vote for SB578 is a vote for freedom.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**“The Franchise Tax Essentially Serves As A Penalty For Doing Business In North Carolina”**

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## **HUNT HAS SUPPORTED MEASURE IMPOSING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS ON SCHOOL VOUCHER RECIPIENTS**

### ***In 2021, Hunt Introduced An Unsuccessful Amendment To Require Voucher Recipients To Be Tested In Order To Assess School Voucher Effectiveness***

**In March 2021, Hunt Introduced An Unsuccessful Amendment To Require Voucher Recipients To Be Tested In Order To Assess School Voucher Effectiveness.** "House Bill 32 would also expand who could receive a voucher and give funding priority this year to families who left public schools to attend private schools during the coronavirus pandemic. Private schools have been more likely than public schools to be open for in-person instruction this school year. "This provides an equitable situation where low-wealth income students are provided opportunities that the more affluent citizens can have where they're not locked into a failing school situation," said Rep. Dean Arp, a Union County Republican, and one of the bill's primary sponsors. But Democratic members raised concerns Tuesday that the legislation would take away money needed to educate students in the public schools. An effort to amend the bill to require scholarship recipients to be tested to assess the program's effectiveness was rejected. "The state is spending millions of dollars on these scholarships and on educating these children," said Rep. Rachel Hunt, a Mecklenburg County Democrat who introduced the amendment. "We all have an interest in knowing whether they have achieved what they need to learn in these schools." Arp said the amendment was not needed." (*The News & Observer*, 3/23/21)

## **HUNT VOTED TO CUT FUNDING FOR A SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM**

### ***In 2019, Hunt Voted To Pass An Amendment That Reduced Funding For The Opportunity Scholarship Program - A Program That "Provides Scholarships To Low-Income Students To Attend Private Schools"***

**Hunt Voted Yea On Amdt 17 To HB 966, An Amendment To An Appropriations Act That Reduced Funding For The Opportunity Scholarship Program.** ([Amdt 17](#), Amendment Failed - House (54 - 60), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Hunt Voted Yea)



4 on page 3, line 41, by decreasing the requirements for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years  
5 by \$20,000,000; and

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7 on page 76, lines 26 through 27, by inserting between those lines the following new section to  
8 read:

9 **"FUND SCHOOL-BASED PERSONNEL/REDUCE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**  
10 **FUNDS**

11 **SECTION 7.39.(a)** G.S. 115C-562.8(b) reads as rewritten:

12 "(b) The General Assembly finds that, due to the critical need in this State to provide  
13 opportunity for school choice for North Carolina students, it is imperative that the State provide  
14 ~~an increase of funds of at least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) each fiscal year for 10 years to~~  
15 the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve. Therefore, there is appropriated from the  
16 General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each fiscal year to be used for the  
17 purposes set forth in this section:

18	Fiscal Year	Appropriation
19	2017-2018	\$44,840,000
20	2018-2019	\$54,840,000
21	2019-2020	<del>\$64,840,000</del> \$44,840,000
22	2020-2021	<del>\$74,840,000</del> \$54,840,000
23	2021-2022	<del>\$84,840,000</del> \$64,840,000
24	2022-2023	<del>\$94,840,000</del> \$74,840,000
25	2023-2024	<del>\$104,840,000</del> \$84,840,000
26	2024-2025	<del>\$114,840,000</del> \$94,840,000
27	2025-2026	<del>\$124,840,000</del> \$104,840,000
28	2026-2027	<del>\$134,840,000</del> \$114,840,000

29 For the 2027-2028 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the  
30 General Fund to the Reserve the sum of one hundred ~~forty-four~~ twenty-four million eight hundred  
31 ~~forty thousand dollars (\$144,840,000)~~ (\$124,840,000) to be used for the purposes set forth in this  
32 section. When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year

([Amdt 17](#))

**"This Amendment To The Budget Bill Would Reduce Funding To The Opportunity  
Scholarship Program (OSP)," A Program That "Provides Scholarships To Low-Income  
Students To Attend Private Schools"**

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization, Described The Amendment As:  
"This Amendment To The Budget Bill Would Reduce Funding To The Opportunity  
Scholarship Program (OSP)," A Program That "Provides Scholarships To Low-Income  
Students To Attend Private Schools." "This amendment to the budget bill would reduce  
funding to the Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP). OSP provides scholarships to low-  
income students to attend private schools. Civitas Action believes parents, not government  
bureaucrats, are best equipped to choose the right school for their children. Reducing funding for  
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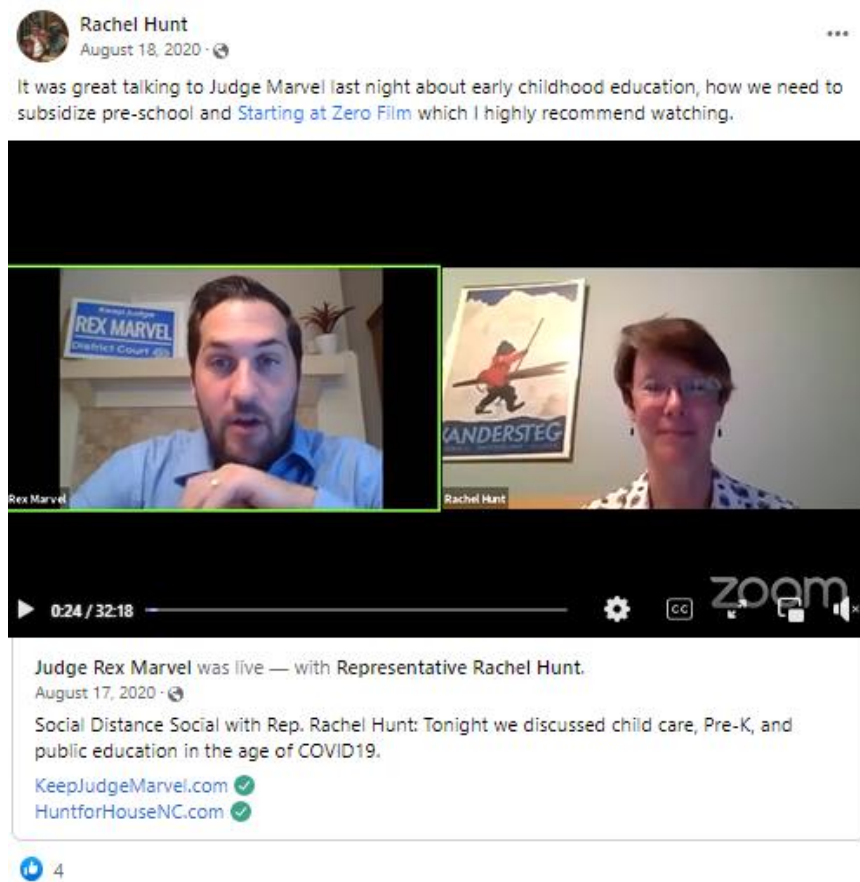
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**HUNT HAS CALLED FOR TAXPAYERS TO SUBSIDIZE PRE-K EDUCATION**

***In August 2020, Hunt Posted On Facebook Expressing Her Support For Subsidizing Pre-School***

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(Hunt Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/18/20)

## **HUNT VOTED AGAINST LEGISLATION THAT SOUGHT TO IMPROVE THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against SB 438, The Excellent Public Schools Act Of 2019, Which Would Makes Various Changes To The North Carolina Read To Achieve Program***

**Hunt Voted No On SB 438, The Excellent Public Schools Act Of 2019, Which Would Makes Various Changes To The North Carolina Read To Achieve Program.** ([SB 438](#), Bill Passed - House (68 - 48), North Carolina State House, 8/8/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “SB 438 would makes various changes to the North Carolina Read to Achieve Program, including the following: Establish individual reading plans. Establish a Digital Children's Reading Initiative. Establish a Comprehensive Plan to Improve Literacy Instruction (Comprehensive Plan). Require the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) to prioritize and provide aligned professional development in early learning and literacy instruction. Require educator preparation programs to provide literacy training in programs for elementary education teachers. Require the literacy curriculum and instruction provided by local school administrative units to align with Read to Achieve and the Comprehensive Plan. Require approval of plans for local reading camps. Study phasing out some alternative assessments for third grade reading. Create a uniform reporting structure for Read to Achieve data. Provide for continuing education credits related to literacy for certain reading camp instructors and allow certain retired teachers to serve as reading camp instructors. Expand the Wolfpack WORKS program...” ([SB 438](#))

***SB 438, Which Was Vetoed By Gov. Cooper, “Aimed To Improve Read To Achieve, The State’s K-3 Literacy Program Tasked With Improving Low Reading Scores”***

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***SB 438 “Would Establish Individual Reading Plans, Expand The Wolfpack WORKS Program, Align The Literacy Curriculum And Instruction With Read To Achieve”***

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would establish individual reading plans, expand the Wolfpack WORKS program, align the literacy curriculum and instruction with Read to Achieve, as well as a few other provisions. In his veto message, Cooper said S.B. 438 tries to put a Band-Aid on a program where implementation has clearly failed.” (Lindsay Marchello, “Governor Vetoes Excellent Public Schools Act, Senate Leader’s Priority,” [Carolina Journal](#), 8/23/19)

### ***The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported SB 438***

**The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported This Legislation.** (2019 Legislative Session North Carolina General Assembly, [North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce](#))

## **HUNT VOTED AGAINST REQUIRING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO TAKE A COURSE IN ECONOMICS AND PERSONAL FINANCE – A POLICY SUPPORTED BY THE NC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

### ***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against HB 924, Which Requires “A New Course In Economics And Personal Finance (EPF) As A Graduation Requirement For Students...”***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 924, Which Requires “A New Course In Economics And Personal Finance (EPF) As A Graduation Requirement For Students, As Well As Require Professional Development For Teachers Of That Course,” Among Other Measures.** ([HB 924](#), Bill Passed - House (73 - 39), North Carolina State House, 6/27/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “Clarify how much time a teacher must have already worked for a local board of education in order to be eligible for an extended employment contract.” ([HB 924](#))
- NOTE: “Require a new course in economics and personal finance (EPF) as a graduation requirement for students, as well as require professional development for teachers of that course.” ([HB 924](#))
- NOTE: “Clarify the requirements for the existing high school civics course, and require the State Board of Education to revise the standards for the social studies standard course of study.” ([HB 924](#))

### ***The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported HB 924***

**The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported This Legislation.** (2019 Legislative Session North Carolina General Assembly, [North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce](#))

## **HUNT VOTED AGAINST MOVING THE TEXTBOOK SELECTION PROCESS FROM THE STATE TO THE LOCAL LEVEL**

### ***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against Legislation That “Would Repeal The Current Process For Textbook Selection By The State Board Of Education And Would Replace It With A Process For Local Boards Of Education To Select Instructional Materials”***

**In 2019, Hunt Voted No On HB 315, Which Would Repeal The Current Process For Textbook Selection By The State Board Of Education And Would Replace It With A**



**Process For Local Boards Of Education To Select Instructional Materials.** ([HB 315](#), Bill Passed - House (63 - 51), North Carolina State House, 4/3/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “HB 315 would repeal the current process for textbook selection by the State Board of Education and would replace it with a process for local boards of education to select instructional materials. HB 315 would also create a process for individuals to challenge instructional materials as unfit, which could be appealed to the State Board of Education.” ([HB 315](#))

**ACTING IN A PARTISAN AND HYPOCRITICAL MANNER, HUNT VOTED AGAINST A SERIES OF 2019 BILLS THAT INCREASED PAY FOR NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATORS**

***Hunt, In 2018: “The No. 1 Thing I Would Like To See Is Raising Teacher Pay Back Up To The National Average”***

**Hunt, In 2018: “The No. 1 Thing I Would Like To See Is Raising Teacher Pay Back Up To The National Average.”** “In 2001-02 — as Jim Hunt wrapped up his fourth and final term — North Carolina ranked 19th in teacher pay among the 50 states. It's now ranked 37th and lags behind the neighboring states of South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia. Principal pay is 50th in the nation, according to National Education Association figures. "The No. 1 thing I would like to see is raising teacher pay back up to the national average," Hunt said.” (*Wilson Times*, 11/25/18)

***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against HB 377, The Teacher Step Act, Which Provides Teachers With Salaries Increases***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 377, The Teacher Step Act, Which Provides Teachers With Salaries Increases, Among Other Measures.** ([HB 377](#), Bill Passed - House (61 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/30/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “The Proposed Committee Substitute to House Bill 377 (PCS) would provide teachers, instructional support personnel, and assistant principals with salary increases based on years of experience, authorize salary supplements for highly qualified North Carolina teaching graduates, and, consistent with House Bill 966 of the 2019 Regular Session, appropriate funds to provide legislatively mandated salary increases to principals.” ([HB 377](#))

**Headline: “North Carolina Senate Passes New Teacher Pay Bill.”** (Nyamekye Daniel, “North Carolina Senate Passes New Teacher Pay Bill,” [The Center Square](#), 10/31/19)

**Under HB 377, “Teachers Would Receive A 3.9 Percent Raise Over Two Years And Non-Instructional Support Staff Would Receive 2 Percent Over Two Years”**

**Under HB 377, “Teachers Would Receive A 3.9 Percent Raise Over Two Years And Non-Instructional Support Staff Would Receive 2 Percent Over Two Years.”** “Cars zoomed past the corner of Shipyard Blvd and 41st Street while Hoggard High School chemistry teacher Amanda White spoke from behind a podium and a sign which read: “Better budget priorities.”

White was joined by a small group of educators and Senator Harper Peterson to urge Governor Roy Cooper to veto House Bill 377. If passed, teachers would receive a 3.9 percent raise over two years and non-instructional support staff would receive 2 percent over two years.” (“Educators Urge Gov. Cooper To Veto Pay Raise Bill,” [Star News](#), 11/7/19)

***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against SB 354, The Strengthening Educators' Pay Act, Which Would Provide Legislatively Mandated Compensation Increases For Certain Public School Employees***

**Hunt Voted No On SB 354, The Strengthening Educators' Pay Act, Which Would Provide Legislatively Mandated Compensation Increases For Certain Public School Employees.** ([SB 354](#), Bill Passed - House (62 - 46), North Carolina State House, 10/31/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 354 would provide (i) legislatively mandated compensation increases for certain public school employees, consistent with House Bill 966 of the 2019 Regular Session, and (ii) contingent on House Bill 966 becoming law, additional legislatively mandated compensation increases for certain educational employees and increased funding for tuition grants for graduates of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. SB 354 was ratified by the General Assembly on October 31, 2019, and vetoed by the Governor on November 8, 2019.” ([SB 354](#))

***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against HB 231, Which Appropriates Funds To Provide For Salary Increases To Employees Of The University Of North Carolina System And The North Carolina Community College System***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 231, Which Appropriates Funds To Provide For Salary Increases To Employees Of The University Of North Carolina System And The North Carolina Community College System And To Provide Two One-Time Cost-Of-Living Supplements For Retirees.** ([HB 231](#), Bill Passed - House (61 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/30/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “Consistent with House Bill 966, the PCS to House Bill 231 appropriate funds to provide legislatively mandated salary increases to employees of the University of North Carolina system and the North Carolina Community College system and to provide two one-time cost-of-living supplements for retirees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System, and the Legislative Retirement System.” ([HB 231](#))

**HUNT HAS CRITICIZED PAY FOR PERFORMANCE COMPENSATION**

***Hunt Has Criticized Pay For Performance Teacher Compensation Plans***

**Hunt Has Criticized Pay For Performance Compensation Plans For Teachers.** “We applaud CMS's decision to make quality teaching the central focus of its 2014 plan. Teachers play tremendously important roles in children's lives and futures, and all our children deserve great ones. Still, we are somewhat concerned to see the district focus on pay-for-performance as its main strategy for promoting high quality teaching. Study after study has made clear that working conditions have a greater influence on teachers' career decisions than pay structure.” (Rachel Hunt

Nilender, Op-Ed, "For The Record; Supporting Teachers Is More Effective Than Pay-For-Performance," *Charlotte Observer*, 12/9/09)

- **Rather Than Moving To Pay For Performance Teacher Compensation Plans, Hunt Instead Advocated For Increased Teacher Resources.** "During the past five years, teacher turnover in CMS has averaged nearly 15 percent - about 1,400 teachers - a year. Nationally, the numbers are little better. Attrition is often particularly high among new teachers, who can easily be overwhelmed with the demands of their jobs. Recruiting and training their replacements costs CMS millions of dollars every year. National estimates suggest that while teachers leave their jobs for many reasons, close to a quarter - 350 teachers a year in CMS - are driven by circumstances that districts can change. Last month, the League of Women Voters sponsored a forum on recruiting and retaining high-quality public schoolteachers. Participants - many of whom were teachers - broke into small groups and talked about their priorities. Those discussions focused less on measuring than on more interactions such as mentoring. Here are some of their top recommendations: \*Greater support for new teachers. Most successful businesses have extensive mentoring and training pro-grams for new employees. One of Teach for America's strengths is the support, training and opportunities for collaboration it provides. Yet too many of CMS's novice teachers are thrust directly into challenging classrooms with minimal mentoring support." (Rachel Hunt Nilender, Op-Ed, "For The Record; Supporting Teachers Is More Effective Than Pay-For-Performance," *Charlotte Observer*, 12/9/09)

**Hunt Proposed Deferring A Study Regarding Pay For Performance As A Means To Save Money For Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.** "The combined savings from eliminating one additional learning community and deferring both the proposed magnet expansions and the pay-for-performance study should be enough to offset most of the cost of maintaining the existing magnet busing arrangements for the next year. This would pave the way for a more systematic, comprehensive consideration of magnets and busing in the coming year." (Rachel Hunt Nilender, Op-Ed, "Eliminate Three Learning Communities, Defer Magnet Expansions; FOR THE RECORD," *The Charlotte Observer*, 5/11/10)

## **HUNT VOTED AGAINST AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE STATE'S INFRASTRUCTURE**

***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against An Amendment That Reallocates Funds From The Film And Entertainment Grant Fund To Be Used To Fund Water Infrastructure Projects***

**Hunt Voted No On Amdt 29 To HB 966, An Amendment To An Appropriations Act That Reallocates Funds From The Film And Entertainment Grant Fund To Be Used To Fund Water Infrastructure Projects Through The Department Of Environmental Quality For The State Water And Wastewater Reserve.** ([Amdt 29](#), Amendment Failed - House (14 - 100), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Hunt Voted No)

moves to amend the bill on page 5, line 41, by reducing the requirements by \$31,000,000 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

on page 5, line 46, by increasing the requirements by \$31,000,000 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

on page 216, lines 27-28, by inserting the following new provision between those lines:

**"FILM GRANT RE-ALLOCATION TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

**SECTION 12.13.** Notwithstanding anything in this act or the associated committee report to the contrary, the funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce for the Film and Entertainment Grant Fund shall be reduced by thirty-one million dollars (\$31,000,000) in recurring funds in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Environmental Quality for the State Water and Wastewater Reserve shall be increased by thirty-one million dollars (\$31,000,000) in recurring funds in the 2020-2021 fiscal year."; and

by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

([Amdt 29](#))

***"This Amendment To The Budget Bill Would Reallocate \$31 Million From The State's Film Tax Incentive Program To Fund Water Infrastructure Projects Through The State Department Of Environmental Quality"***

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: "This Amendment To The Budget Bill Would Reallocate \$31 Million From The State's Film Tax Incentive Program To Fund Water Infrastructure Projects Through The State Department Of Environmental Quality."**

"This amendment to the budget bill would reallocate \$31 million from the state's film tax incentive program to fund water infrastructure projects through the state Department of Environmental Quality. Civitas Action believes North Carolina taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize Hollywood. The vote to defend freedom is yes." ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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## **HUNT VOTED AGAINST THE REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2019 – A BILL AIMED AT “REDUCING AND STREAMLINING NORTH CAROLINA REGULATIONS”**

### ***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against SB 553 - The Regulatory Reform Act Of 2019***

**Hunt Voted No On SB 553, The Regulatory Reform Act Of 2019.** ([SB 553](#), Bill Passed - House (78 - 31), North Carolina State House, 8/29/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “The Conference Committee Substitute (CCS) for Senate Bill 553 would amend several State laws related to State and local government regulation, and agricultural, energy, environmental, and natural resources regulation.” ([SB 553](#))

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### ***SB 553 Included A Series Of Provisions Which Are Supported By The North Carolina League Of Municipalities***

**SB 553 “Included The Following Provisions Of Interest To” North Carolina’s Municipalities, Among Other Measures:**

- **“Authorization Of A City Or County To Establish A Process To Permit Temporary Event Venues.”** (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))
- **“A Division Of Emergency Management Study Of The Needs Of Law Enforcement And First Responders To Improve Access To The Interstate System.”** (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))
- **“Provisions To Address The Financial Viability Of Certain Water And Wastewater Utilities Based On Their Infrastructure Need, Including Creating A New Grant Program Entitled The “Viability Utility Reserve Fund” – Which Appeared In**

**Multiple Other Bills This Session.”** (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))

## **HUNT VOTED AGAINST AN ADVERTISING REGULATIONS REFORM BILL THAT WAS BACKED THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

### ***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against HB 645, Which Allows For Relocation And Reconstruction Of Outdoor Advertising Signs In Certain Instances***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 645, Which Allows For Relocation And Reconstruction Of Outdoor Advertising Signs In Certain Instances, Among Other Reforms.** ([HB 645](#), Bill Passed - House (60 - 54), North Carolina State House, 8/7/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 645 would amend the laws pertaining to outdoor advertising, to do all of the following: Allow for relocation and reconstruction of outdoor advertising signs, with specified criteria to be met. Prohibit the North Carolina Department of Transportation from denying a sign relocation site due to the presence of vegetation obstructing the sign's visibility. Reduce the waiting period for a permitted outdoor advertising location to receive a selective vegetation removal permit from two years to one year, and exempt relocated signs from that waiting period.” ([HB 645](#))

### ***HB 645 “Would Allow Billboard Companies The Ability To Move Their Signs If Government Takes Their Property Through Eminent Domain”***

**HB 645 “Would Allow Billboard Companies The Ability To Move Their Signs If Government Takes Their Property Through Eminent Domain.”** “North Carolina’s Governor Roy Cooper vetoed House Bill 645 which would allow billboard companies the ability to move their signs if government takes their property through eminent domain. Here’s a press release by the North Carolina Outdoor Advertising Association objecting to the veto.” (“Governor Vetos House Bill 645 in North Carolina,” [Billboard Insider](#), 8/23/19)

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## **HUNT HAS VOTED TO SUPPORT MARKET DISTORTING TAX CREDITS AND SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS**

### ***In 2019, Hunt Voted To Pass HB 399, Which Extends The Sunset Dates For A Series Of Tax Credits And Sales Tax Exemptions***

**Hunt Voted Yea On HB 399, Which Extends The Sunset Dates For A Series Of Tax Credits And Sales Tax Exemptions, Among Other Measures.** ([HB 399](#), Bill Passed - House (93 - 8), North Carolina State House, 10/24/19, Hunt Voted Yea)

- NOTE: "... Extends the sunset date of the State's Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit to include expenses incurred by January 1, 2024. - Reinstates the Mill Rehabilitation Tax Credit for a project that meets certain conditions. - Extends the sunset date for an existing sales tax exemption for qualifying airlines until January 1, 2024. - Extends the sunset date for existing sales tax exemptions and refunds for the motorsports industry until January 1, 2024..." ([HB 399](#))

**"HB399 Extends The Historic Preservation Tax Credit As Well As Other Targeted Tax Credits For The Airline And Motorsports Industries"**

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: "HB399 Extends The Historic Preservation Tax Credit As Well As Other Targeted Tax Credits For The Airline And Motorsports Industries."** "As amended and passed in October 2019, HB399 extends the Historic Preservation Tax Credit as well as other targeted tax credits for the airline and motorsports industries. Providing tax relief only to hand-picked industries is unfair and opens the door for corruption and cronyism. Instead, tax relief should be given on an across-the-board basis. The vote for freedom is no on HB399." ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

***Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization, Opposed This Legislation: "Providing Tax Relief Only To Hand-Picked Industries Is Unfair And Opens The Door For Corruption And Cronyism. Instead, Tax Relief Should Be Given On An Across-The-Board Basis"***

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***In 2019, Hunt Voted To Pass SB 505, Which Expands The Types Of Business Eligible For An Award From The Job Maintenance And Capital Development Fund***

**Hunt Voted Yea On SB 505, Rural Job Retention Act, Which Expands The Types Of Business Eligible For A Grant From The Job Maintenance And Capital Development Fund And Increases The Total Aggregate Cost Of All Agreements The Department Of Commerce May Enter Into Under The Program.** ([SB 505](#), Bill Passed - House (110 - 3), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Hunt Voted Yea)

- NOTE: "Senate Bill 505 expands the types of business eligible for an award from the Job Maintenance and Capital Development Fund to include a heritage manufacturing employer. ... The bill also increases the number of agreements the Department may enter into from six to seven, and it increases the total aggregate cost of all agreements that may be entered into from \$139 million to \$154 million." ([SB 505](#))

***Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization Opposed This Legislation: “This Bill Is A Clear Example Of Corporate Cronyism And Highlights The Problems With Corporate Welfare Programs More Broadly”***

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization Opposed This Legislation: “This Bill Is A Clear Example Of Corporate Cronyism And Highlights The Problems With Corporate Welfare Programs More Broadly.”** “Senate Bill 505, Rural Job Retention Act, would expand eligibility for the Jobs Maintenance and Capital Development Fund (JMAC) and grant an additional \$15 million of taxpayer money over ten years to the program. This bill is a clear example of corporate cronyism and highlights the problems with corporate welfare programs more broadly. Civitas Action believes government should not pick winners and losers in the free market. Across the board tax cuts are the only fair way to provide support to our job-creating businesses. The vote to defend freedom is no.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**HUNT SUPPORTS THE EXPANSION OF MEDICAID**

***Hunt Has Called For “Expanding The State's Medicaid System To Cover More Patients In A Federal-State Partnership Under The Affordable Care Act”***

**“Hunt Said Expanding The State's Medicaid System To Cover More Patients In A Federal-State Partnership Under The Affordable Care Act Is Another Area Where Democrats And Republicans Should Be Able To Find Common Ground.”** “Hunt said expanding the state's Medicaid system to cover more patients in a federal-state partnership under the Affordable Care Act is another area where Democrats and Republicans should be able to find common ground. GOP legislative leaders have been resistant to Medicaid expansion thus far. “We are sending our tax dollars to other states currently,” Hunt said, noting that states receive a larger share of federal funds to cover the bulk of increased Medicaid costs. “Republicans and Democrats, they're very upset about that. This is something we have the ability to choose.” When it comes to how the state would pay its share of the Medicaid tab and how to enhance education, Hunt said she's open to working with Republican colleagues to identify revenue sources. “Everything is up for studying, in my opinion,” she said. “I'm definitely going to be looking for common ground with folks. I'm going to be working with Republicans and Democrats to move North Carolina forward.”” (*Wilson Times*, 11/25/18)

***On Social Media, Hunt Has Indicated Support For Expanding Medicaid***

**In March 2020, Hunt Posted On Facebook Appearing To Criticize A Decision Not To Expand Medicaid Expansion.** (Hunt Profile, [Facebook](#), 3/27/20)



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## HUNT SUPPORTED ROY COOPER'S AUTHORITY AND ACTIONS AMID THE COVID PANDEMIC

*In 2020 And 2021, Hunt Voted Against Legislation That Sought To Reign In Gov. Cooper's Abuse Of Emergency Powers*

**Hunt Voted No On HB 264, 'Emergency Powers Accountability Act.'** ([HB 264](#), Bill Passed - House (65 - 45), North Carolina State House, 10/20/21, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: "An act to clarify the expiration of a statewide state of emergency and the exercise of certain powers under a statewide state of emergency, to clarify the abatement of statewide imminent hazards, and to clarify statewide quarantines." ([HB 264](#))

**ACU: "This Bill, Known As The Emergency Powers Accountability Act, Helps Protect Against Overreach Taken By The Executive Branch Concerning Issuance Of Executive Orders Relating To States Of Emergency."** "This bill, known as the Emergency Powers Accountability Act, helps protect against overreach taken by the executive branch concerning issuance of executive orders relating to states of emergency. Under the bill, a "Council of State" is established which is made up of the Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and six other public officials. Under the bill, any state-wide emergency declaration issued by the governor shall expire 7 days after issuance unless the Council of State approves. If the Council of State approves, the order must then be approved by the General Assembly to be implemented for more than 45 days. ACU supports this legislative check on executive branch power and supported this bill." ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)



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**The American Conservative Union “Supports This Legislative Check On Executive Branch Power And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

**Hunt Voted No SB 105, Which Clarifies Emergency Powers.** ([SB 105](#), Bill Passed - House (64 – 49), North Carolina State House, 6/25/20, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to clarify the expiration of a state of emergency and the exercise of certain powers under a state of emergency and to clarify the abatement of statewide imminent hazards.” ([SB 105](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Provides A Critical Check On Executive Branch Powers Concerning State Of Emergency Declarations, Which Have Been Abused By Governor Roy Cooper During The COVID-19 Outbreak.”** “This bill provides a critical check on executive branch powers concerning state of emergency declarations, which have been abused by Governor Roy Cooper during the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the bill, any statewide state of emergency declared by the governor must be approved in concurrence of the majority of the Council of State (Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of Insurance) or be rescinded 48 hours after issuance. ACU supports this check on executive authority and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

***In June 2020, Hunt Voted Against Legislation That “Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Skating Rinks And Bowling Alleys Can Safely Reopen”***

**Hunt Voted No SB 599, Concerning Skating Rinks And Bowling Alleys.** ([SB 599](#), Bill Passed - House (68 – 52), North Carolina State House, 6/16/20, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to authorize skating rinks and bowling alleys to resume operations and to modify the capacity of temporary outdoor seating for food and drink establishments.” ([SB 599](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Skating Rinks And Bowling Alleys Can Safely Reopen.”** “This bill combats Governor Roy Coopers abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring skating rinks and bowling alleys can safely reopen. At the time of this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials even as other businesses were permitted to reopen. The bill sets a capacity restriction of 50 percent and requires the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting

constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill." ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

***In June 2020, Hunt Voted Against Legislation That Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Gyms, Health Clubs And Fitness Centers Can Safely Reopen"***

**Hunt Voted No HB 806, Concerning Exercise And Fitness Facilities.** ([HB 806](#), Bill Passed - House (75 – 31), North Carolina State House, 6/26/20, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: "An act to authorize indoor or outdoor exercise and fitness facilities, gyms, health clubs, and fitness centers to resume operations." ([HB 806](#))

**ACU: "This Bill Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Gyms, Health Clubs And Fitness Centers Can Safely Reopen."**

"This bill combats Governor Roy Coopers abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring gyms, health clubs and fitness centers can safely reopen. At the time of this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials even as other businesses were permitted to reopen. The bill sets a capacity restriction of between 40 and 50 percent and requires the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill." ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

***In June 2020, Hunt Voted Against A Bill That "Ensures Individuals Are Able To Celebrate Our Nation's Founding And Participate In Fourth Of July Festivities By Overriding The Governor's COVID-19 Shutdown Order"***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 686, 'Freedom To Celebrate The Fourth Of July.'** ([HB 686](#), Bill Passed - House (67 – 47), North Carolina State House, 6/23/20, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: "An Act To Protect The Right To Celebrate The Fourth Of July, In Commemoration Of The Declaration Of Independence Of The United States." ([HB 686](#))

**ACU: "This Bill Ensures Individuals Are Able To Celebrate Our Nation's Founding And Participate In Fourth Of July Festivities By Overriding The Governor's COVID-19 Shutdown Order."**

"This bill ensures individuals are able to celebrate our nation's founding and participate in Fourth of July festivities by overriding the Governor's COVID-19 shutdown order. Under the bill, the Governor nor localities may enact any restriction that forbids parades or firework displays from July 1st through the 10th of 2020. Additionally, this bill protects organizations that hold festivities by establishing civil liability protections for alleged exposure to COVID-19. ACU believes individuals possess reason, which gives them the ability to assess risk and choose how they celebrate the founding of the United States and supported this bill." ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

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- **“Additionally, This Bill Protects Organizations That Hold Festivities By Establishing Civil Liability Protections For Alleged Exposure To COVID-19.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

The American Conservative Union “Believes Individuals Possess Reason, Which Gives Them The Ability To Assess Risk And Choose How They Celebrate The Founding Of The United States And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

***In June 2020, Hunt Voted Against Legislation That “Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Amusement Parks, Arcades, Fairs, Carnivals, And Public Playgrounds Can Safely Reopen”***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 795, Which Authorizes Operations For Playgrounds, Among Other Venues.** ([HB 795](#), Bill Passed - House (54 – 52), North Carolina State House, 6/25/20, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to authorize amusement parks, gaming and business establishments with video games and arcade games, fairs or carnivals, and public playgrounds to resume operations.” ([HB 795](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Amusement Parks, Arcades, Fairs, Carnivals, And Public Playgrounds Can Safely Reopen.”** “This bill combats Governor Roy Coopers abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring amusement parks, arcades, fairs, carnivals, and public playgrounds can safely reopen. At the time of this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials even as other businesses were permitted to reopen. The bill sets a capacity restriction of 50 percent and requires the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

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## HUNT VOTED AGAINST LEGISLATION THAT SOUGHT TO ENSURE IN-PERSON LEARNING FOR STUDENTS

***In 2021, Hunt Voted Against SB 37 – A Bill That “Helps Return Students To The Classroom For The Remainder Of The 2020-2021 School Year By Requiring All Local School Administrative Units To Provide The Option Of In-Person Instruction To Students In Grades”***

**Hunt Voted No On SB 37, ‘In-Person Learning Choice For Families.’** ([SB 37](#), Bill Passed - House (77 – 42), North Carolina State House, 2/16/21, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to provide access to in-person learning for students in grades kindergarten through twelve.” ([SB 37](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Helps Return Students To The Classroom For The Remainder Of The 2020-2021 School Year By Requiring All Local School Administrative Units To Provide The Option Of In-Person Instruction To Students In Grades.”** “This bill helps return students to the classroom for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year by requiring all local school administrative units to provide the option of in-person instruction to students in grades K-12. The bill provides appropriate guidance to promote social distancing for in-person instruction and leaves student participation up to the student’s parent or guardian for the remainder of the school year. ACU supports improving educational outcomes by returning students to the classrooms and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

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## HUNT SOUGHT TO IMPOSE HER OWN BURDENSOME COVID- RELATED REGULATIONS ON BUSINESSES

***In June 2020, Hunt Sponsored An Amendment To HB 1201, Providing \$17.7 Million In Federal Cares Act Funding To Help Meat-Processing Plants, That Would Have “Required Facilities Receiving Grant Funds To Provide Employees With Face Masks, Hand Sanitizer, Gloves And A 15-Minute Break Every Two Hours For Hand Cleaning”***

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final approval Wednesday. The overwhelming support, however, came after an amendment failed 57-57 that would have required facilities receiving grant funds to provide employees with face masks, hand sanitizer, gloves and a 15-minute break every two hours for hand cleaning. A bill or amendment vote that ends in a tie is considered as failing. The impetus behind HB1201 is the COVID-19 pandemic, which "has resulted in serious and substantial impacts on the food supply chain," in particular on small- to medium-sized livestock producers. The funding assistance, which was reduced from \$25 million, is "necessary in order to reduce disruptions in the supply chain for fresh meat, and to help small producers get their product to market." One principal goal is getting new equipment in place to make plants more efficient, and so to perhaps need fewer workers. Large producers such as Tyson would not be eligible for the grants. With the failure of the amendment, the current bill does not address plant- and worker-safety conditions after several outbreaks at meat-processing facilities in the state, including at least 570 Tyson Foods workers testing positive at its Wilkesboro facilities. Rep. Rachel Hunt, D-Mecklenburg, sponsor of the failed amendment, said there have been at least 2,702 COVID-19 cases among meat-processing workers across the state." (*Winston Salem-Journal*, 6/24/20)

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## HUNT'S SUPPORT OF DANGEROUS AND RADICAL COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL POLICIES

*Perhaps most concerning to voters is Hunt's work as a legislator to implement a dangerous public safety agenda and her support of radical social policies.*

*In 2020, Democratic legislators "signed a pledge to defund the police, restrict the ability of law enforcement to obtain basic protective equipment and strip citizens of second amendment rights with no due process." The Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity pointed out that Hunt was among the signatories of the Future Now pledge.*

*Hunt's dangerous law and order agenda extends to her 2021 vote against legislation that was "designed to strengthen property rights by holding rioters accountable for the damages they cause."*

*Voters may find it concerning that Hunt has voted in a manner indicating she supports the teaching of Critical Race Theory in schools. Specifically, in 2021, Hunt voted against legislation "designed to ensure students receive instruction on core subject areas and prevent classrooms from being used to indoctrinate students with leftist ideals such as Critical Race Theory (CRT)"*

*Additionally, it appears that Hunt does not support the rule of law in regard to illegal immigration. With her vote against HB 135, which declares a sanctuary county or city ordinance null and void, Hunt undermined immigration enforcement law. Furthermore, Hunt voted against HB 370, which requires confinement facilities to comply with detainers and administrative warrants issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Curiously, Hunt voted against legislation that would remove foreign citizens from North Carolina voting rolls.*

*On social issues, Hunt appears to be unapologetically in favor of abortion. Hunt appears to be unapologetically pro-abortion and is supported by pro-abortion advocates. Hunt has indicated she is supportive of abortion based on discriminatory factors. Hunt voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. Also, Hunt has expressed anti-second amendment sentiments. In 2021, Hunt voted against the Religious Assembly Security and Protection Act, which "strengthens Second Amendment rights." On social media, Hunt has posted images of herself participating in pro-gun control demonstrations and has promoted criticism of the NRA.*

### HUNT SIGNED A PLEDGE THAT CALLED FOR DEFUNDING THE POLICE, ENDING CASH BAIL, AND OTHER CONTROVERSIAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS

***In 2020, "Forty-Seven Democratic Members Of The State House And Candidates Running To Join The Democratic Caucus Have Signed A Pledge To Defund The Police, Restrict The Ability Of Law Enforcement To Obtain Basic Protective Equipment And Strip Citizens Of Second Amendment Rights With No Due Process"***

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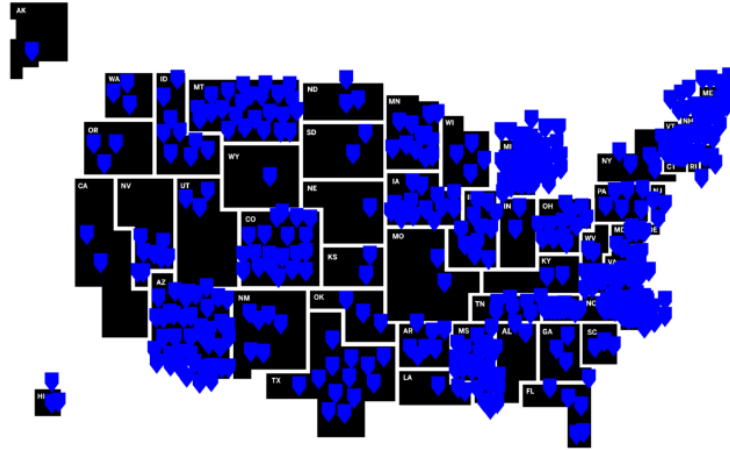
**Of Law Enforcement To Obtain Basic Protective Equipment And Strip Citizens Of Second Amendment Rights With No Due Process.”** “Forty-Seven Democratic members of the state House and candidates running to join the Democratic caucus have signed a pledge to defund the police, restrict the ability of law enforcement to obtain basic protective equipment and strip citizens of Second Amendment rights with no due process. The pledge includes ending cash bail and the assignment of court fees and costs, one which would return some dangerous criminals back to the streets, the other which would further defund the police by eliminating revenue for police training and police retirement. Eight Democratic state Senate members and candidates also signed the pledge. While not all current Democrat house members signed the pledge, if all 47 of the pledge signers were elected, they would represent 85% of the current 55 Democrat members of the state House. Included in part of the pledge is the policy statement: “Police funding...has been shown to have no connection to crime rates” House Speaker Tim Moore (R-Kings Mountain) scheduled a press conference for Monday, Sept. 14 and released the following statement: “This radical pledge by House Democrats to defund police in North Carolina is a betrayal of the basic public trust to keep families safe, particularly in times of crisis, as crime rates rise in other areas led by the radical left,” Moore said. “Assessing expenditures on policing to identify evidence-based ways to generate savings...especially communities most impacted by current policing practices,” is an official policy promise of House Democratic leaders and candidates to North Carolinians,” Moore continued. “It is stunning that House Democrats in North Carolina would sign a pledge to defund law enforcement, and that so many in their caucus would join with radical national liberals promising to cut funding for police officers who protect innocent people.” Moore further noted that in exchange for at least \$100,000 in donations, House Democratic candidates pledged to enact legislation requiring “a comprehensive review of the state’s police funding” to “reduce excessive policing.” The pledge is advocated and promoted by the organization Future Now Fund, and found at this link: <https://www.futurenow.org/> The group is classified as a 501(c)(4) issue advocacy organization with the sole purpose of helping Democrats win state-level races.” (Foundation For Research On Equal Opportunity, 9/14/20)

***The Foundation For Research On Equal Opportunity Pointed Out That Hunt Was Among The Signatories Of The Future Now Pledge***

**Archived Screenshots Of Hunt Listed As A Signatory Of The Pledge To Achieve America’s Goals On The Future Now Site Have Been Included**

- **NOTE 1:** *The Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity pointed out that Hunt was among the signatories of the Future Now pledge.*
- **NOTE 2:** *Archived screenshots of Hunt listed as a signatory of the Pledge to Achieve America’s Goals on the Future Now site have been included below:*

1,011 candidates and elected officials from all 50 states have signed the Pledge to Achieve America's Goals. [Sign the pledge](#) ↓



([Future Now](#), Archived 8/9/20)

- Sen. Megan Hunt NE Senate District 8
- Rep. Rachel Hunt NC House District 103
- Darnell William Hunt NC House District 49
- Del. Chris Hurst\* VA House, District 12
- Ricky Hurtado NC House District 63
- Natali Hurtado TX House District 126

([Future Now](#), Archived 8/9/20)

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Communities are safest when all residents have access to education, jobs and opportunities to build their lives -- higher education and employment levels are associated with lower crime rates. Police funding, on the other hand, has been shown to have no connection to crime rates. And police officers should be able to focus on the problems that they are trained to address, notably public safety, and free them from dealing with issues that others are more trained to handle like homelessness and substance abuse recovery. The Reimagine Communities Act involves impacted communities to invest police savings in proven youth, health, employment and housing programs that make communities safer.

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"KING: So this is civilians responding to calls. Do police support that? WESTERVELT: They do because it relieves them, and it's cost-effective. I mean, on a budget of just over \$2 million, this civilian team takes some 20% of Eugene's 911 calls. So it's saving money. It's saving police manpower. And also, Noel, this is key - these non-police interventions are keeping people out of emergency rooms and out of county jails. That's a huge savings. And remember, jails have become de facto America's biggest mental health facilities."

6WBRC  
Mayor & police chief working to reconsider policing in Tuscaloosa

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## ***The "Pledge To Achieve America's Goals" Promotes Effective Defunding Of The Police And Reallocation Of Police Funding***

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FAQ

### Who does this help?

Research shows that expanding educational opportunities significantly reduces the probability of incarceration and arrest, and that access to jobs reduces criminal behavior. Assessing expenditures on policing to identify evidence-based ways to generate savings and increase public safety will benefit everyone, especially communities most impacted by current policing practices.

### Is this high cost for the state government?

No. It merely allocates funding to a different mix of programs. In Eugene, OR, an alternate responder program in place for thirty years has saved the city about \$8.5 million annually in public safety costs.

### Is this reallocation to reduce policing costs popular?

Yes. Recent polling has found that 72% of voters support a new first-responder agency that addresses issues of addiction and mental health.

([America's Goals](#), Archived 9/18/20)



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## **Make Communities Safer by Stopping the Use of Military Equipment Against Americans**

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Numerous studies have found that increased use of military equipment by police leads to increased civilian casualties. Yet since 2017, the Department of Defense has transferred nearly \$760 million in military-grade equipment to local police and sheriff’s departments with little oversight of how it is used. By stopping the transfer of military weapons to police departments, and bringing transparency to any non-weapon transfer of federal equipment, the Protect Communities Act will make communities safer and save money.

([America’s Goals](#), Archived 9/18/20)

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END MASS INCARCERATION

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End Long-term Solitary Confinement	>
Reduce the Jail Population by Ending the Practice of Cash Bail	>
End Youth Solitary Confinement	>
Restore the Right to Vote for Those Who Have Served Their Time	>
Increasing Job Opportunities with the Clean Slate Act	>

(America's Goals, Archived 9/15/20)

## HUNT VOTED AGAINST LEGISLATION SEEKING TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR RIOTING

*In 2021, Hunt Voted Against Legislation That “Is Designed To Strengthen Property Rights By Holding Rioters Accountable For The Damages They Cause”*

**Hunt Voted No On HB 805, An Act To Increase The Penalties For Rioting Or Inciting Rioting.** ([HB 805](#), Bill Passed - House (63 - 41), North Carolina State House, 8/31/21, Hunt Voted No)

**ACU: “This Bill Is Designed To Strengthen Property Rights By Holding Rioters Accountable For The Damages They Cause.”** “This bill is designed to strengthen property rights by holding rioters accountable for the damages they cause. Specifically, the bill increases the felony classification of rioters who cause property damage in excess of \$1,500 or cause serious injury or death. The bill also increases penalties for rioter inciters. ACU firmly supports the founders’ belief in the First Amendment and the right to peacefully assemble, and we also support protecting property rights by holding accountable all parties who cause destruction and violence and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

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## HUNT HAS VOTED IN A MANNER INDICATING SUPPORT FOR CRITICAL RACE THEORY

*In 2021, Hunt Voted Against Legislation “Designed To Ensure Students Receive Instruction On Core Subject Areas And Prevent Classrooms From Being Used To Indoctrinate Students With Leftist Ideals Such As Critical Race Theory (CRT)”*

**Hunt Voted No On HB 324, ‘Ensuring Dignity And Nondiscrimination/Schools.’** ([HB 324](#), Bill Passed – House (61 - 41), North Carolina State House, 9/1/21, Hunt Voted No)

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill would state the General Assembly's intent that students, teachers, administrators, and other school employees employ teaching methods and procedures that do the following:

- Respect the dignity of others.
- Acknowledge the right of others to express differing opinions.
- Foster and defend intellectual honesty, freedom of inquiry and instruction, and freedom of speech and association.

Public school units would be prohibited from promoting certain identified concepts. "Promote" would be defined as compelling students, teachers, administrators, or other school employees to affirm or profess belief in the identified concepts. The identified concepts would include the following:

- One race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex.
- An individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive.
- An individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly because of his or her race or sex.
- An individual's moral character is necessarily determined by his or her race or sex.
- An individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex.
- Any individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress.
- A meritocracy is inherently racist or sexist.
- The United States was created by members of a particular race or sex for the purpose of oppressing members of another race or sex.

([HB 324](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Contains A Number Of Provisions That Are Designed To Ensure Students Receive Instruction On Core Subject Areas And Prevent Classrooms From Being Used To Indoctrinate Students With Leftist Ideals Such As Critical Race Theory (CRT).”** “This bill contains a number of provisions that are designed to ensure students receive instruction on core subject areas and prevent classrooms from being used to indoctrinate students with Leftist ideals such as critical race theory (CRT). For example, the bill prohibits public schools from promoting any ideology that one race or sex is inherently superior to another, or that an individual is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive based solely on their own race or sex. The bill also requires public and charter schools to make instructional materials available to parents. ACU opposes the Left’s quest to advance CRT and other ideals designed to advance division and grow the role of government and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

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## **HUNT HAS SIGNED SUPPORT FOR SANCTUARY CITIES AND COUNTIES**

### ***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against HB 135, Which Declares A Sanctuary County Or City Ordinance Null And Void***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 135, Which Declares A Sanctuary County Or City Ordinance Null And Void, Among Other Measures.** ([HB 135](#), Bill Passed - House (65 - 52), North Carolina State House, 6/26/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 135 would: Declare a sanctuary county or city ordinance null and void. Authorize any person to bring an action for injunctive relief against a county or city enacting a sanctuary ordinance. Appropriate \$15,000, in nonrecurring funds, for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to provide education for the public and for local governments on the contents of this act.” ([HB 135](#))

## **HUNT VOTED AGAINST LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRES COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES**

### ***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against HB 370, Which Requires Confinement Facilities To Comply With Detainers And Administrative Warrants Issued By Immigration And Customs Enforcement (ICE)***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 370, Which Requires Confinement Facilities To Comply With Detainers And Administrative Warrants Issued By Immigration And Customs Enforcement (ICE).** ([HB 370](#), Bill Passed - House (62 - 53), North Carolina State House, 8/20/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 370 would do the following: Require confinement facilities to comply with detainers and administrative warrants issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Authorize the removal of a sheriff or officer from office for failing to comply with ICE detainers. Require confinement facilities to submit annual reports to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety (JPS Oversight) regarding compliance with ICE detainers.” ([HB 370](#))

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- **Cox: “When Ice Has To Go Into A Community And Make An Arrest That Is More Dangerous For The Ice Officer, It’s More Dangerous For The Person Being Arrested And Its Also More Dangerous As A Whole.”** (“Gov. Cooper Vetoes Bill Requiring Sheriffs To Cooperate With ICE,” [WBTV](#), 8/20/19)

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“Domestic violence offenses if you look at the history, offenses against children, these sex offenses, violent assaults,” Speaker Tim Moore said. “Why in the world would the sheriff release people like that and why in the world would the governor not sign a bill to say no to that?”

According to ICE, Mecklenburg County has recently denied up to 22 detainer requests. It means immigration officials have to find these people on their own.” (“Gov. Cooper Vetoes Bill Requiring Sheriffs To Cooperate With ICE,” [WBTB](#), 8/20/19)

## **HUNT VOTED AGAINST LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REMOVE FOREIGN CITIZENS FROM NORTH CAROLINA VOTING ROLLS**

### ***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against SB 250, Which Removes From Voter Rolls Those Who Are Disqualified From Jury Duty Based On Citizenship***

**Hunt Voted No On SB 250, Which Removes From Voter Rolls Those Who Are Disqualified From Jury Duty Based On Citizenship.** ([SB 250](#), Bill Passed - House (59 - 51), North Carolina State House, 10/30/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “...Modifies proposed GS 9-6.2, regarding reports of excusals from jury duty based on disqualification. Clarifies that the records retained by the State Board of Elections (State Board) regarding disqualification from jury duty based on citizenship are public records, except as prohibited by federal statute. Makes a similar clarification to GS 163-82.14, concerning registered voter list maintenance, to deem noncitizen records under new subsection (c1) public records, except as prohibited by federal statute. Further amends the proposed new provisions in GS 163-82.14 to no longer require the State Board to quarterly publish on its website the voter registration status of persons disqualified from jury duty based on citizenship.” ([SB 250](#))

### ***SB 250 “Requires The Clerk Of Superior Court To Report The Names And Addresses Of Anyone Who Is Excused From Jury Duty Due To Non-Citizenship, Non-Residency, Or Current Felony Sentence To The State Board Of Elections”***

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 250 “Requires The Clerk Of Superior Court To Report The Names And Addresses Of Anyone Who Is Excused From Jury Duty Due To Non-Citizenship, Non-Residency, Or Current Felony Sentence To The State Board Of Elections.”** “SB250, Remove Foreign Citizens from Voting Rolls, requires the clerk of superior court to report the names and addresses of anyone who is excused from jury duty due to non-citizenship, non-residency, or current felony sentence to the State Board of Elections. The State Board and county boards would then start the process of verifying the information and potentially removing ineligible voters from the voter roll through the normal process of list maintenance after a 30-days written notice and an opportunity to appeal. SB 250 is an important step in maintaining the integrity of North Carolina’s voter rolls. The vote to preserve freedom is yes.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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**HUNT APPEARS TO BE UNAPOLOGETICALLY PRO-ABORTION AND IS SUPPORTED BY PRO-ABORTION ADVOCATES**

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***Emily’s List Has Previously Endorsed Hunt For Reelection***

**In November 2019, Emily’s List Endorsed Hunt For Reelection To The NC State Senate.** “Today EMILY’s List, the nation’s largest resource for women in politics, endorsed six women leaders for re-election to the North Carolina General Assembly. Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY’s List, released the following statement: “Pro-choice Democratic women have been on the front line demanding change and championing progressive policies that put women and families first. “From the North Carolina GOP’s use of shameful tactics to undermine the democratic process during the budget fight to their failed attempts to enact dangerous, anti-choice legislation that would keep women from making their own health care decisions, we’ve seen how out of touch Republicans are with their constituents and how critical progressive women’s voices have been in the fight to move North Carolina forward. “It is crucial that we send these six women back to Raleigh in 2020 and EMILY’s List is proud to stand with them in their bids for re-election.” EMILY’s List endorsed the following slate of candidates: Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield (HD-24) Representative Julie von Haefen (HD-36)



***On Social Media, Hunt Has Promoted Content Indicating She Is Support Of Abortions After 20 Weeks Of Pregnancy***

🔄 Rachel Hunt Retweeted

 Sandra Wilcox Conway  
@sandrawconway

“..if Republicans win a supermajority this November, or the governor’s office in 2024, then that would open up more options for the GOP to enact a total ban, not just a 20-week ban.” [#NCElectionsmatter](#)



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If Roe v. Wade is overturned, what could happen next on abortion in NC?  
A state law banning many abortions, but not all, would likely go into effect. A total ban depends on how the elections go.

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## *Hunt Has Indicated She Is Supportive Of Abortion Based On Discriminatory Factors*

**In 2021, Hunt Voted Against A Bill That “Protects Life By Prohibiting Abortions Sought Due To The Race Or The Presence Or Presumed Presence Of Down Syndrome Of The Unborn Child”**

- NOTE: “An Act To Protect Against Discrimination Of Human Life.” (HB 453)

**ACU: “This Bill Protects Life By Prohibiting Abortions Sought Due To The Race Or The Presence Or Presumed Presence Of Down Syndrome Of The Unborn Child.”** “This bill

protects life by prohibiting abortions sought due to the race or the presence or presumed presence of Down syndrome of the unborn child. Under the bill, a physician is required to provide a statement confirming that the women did not seek the abortion because of the child's actual or presumed race or presence of Down syndrome. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill." ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

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## **HUNT VOTED AGAINST THE BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT**

### ***In 2019, Hunt Voted Against SB 359, The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act***

**Hunt Voted No On SB 359, The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.** ([SB 359](#), Bill Passed - House (65 - 46), North Carolina State House, 4/16/19, Hunt Voted No; [SB 359](#), Veto Override Attempt - House (67 - 53), North Carolina State House, 6/5/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 359 would: Mandate reporting of a medical practitioner who failed to provide care. Require care by a medical practitioner for a child born alive despite an abortion. Create two new Class D felonies for violations of the Article. Create a bar to prosecution of the woman whose child was not cared for. Create civil penalties for the woman whose child was not cared for. Amend the current murder statute.” ([SB 359](#))

### ***SB 359 “Legally Reaffirms That A Baby That Survives An Attempted Abortion Has The Rights Of A Human Being And Is Entitled To Any Life-Saving Medical Care Available”***

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 359 “Legally Reaffirms That A Baby That Survives An Attempted Abortion Has The Rights Of A Human Being And Is Entitled To Any Life-Saving Medical Care Available.”** “Senate Bill 359, Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act, legally reaffirms that a baby that survives an attempted abortion has the rights of a human being and is entitled to any life-saving medical care available. This bill provides important legal protections for some of the most vulnerable North Carolinians: newborn babies. Civitas Action believes that all North Carolinians have a responsibility to uphold the sanctity of life. Governor Roy Cooper vetoed this life-saving bill; the vote for freedom is yes to override the veto.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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**HUNT HAS EXPRESSED ANTI-SECOND AMENDMENT SENTIMENTS**

***On Social Media, Hunt Has Posted Images Of Herself Participating In Pro-Gun Control Demonstrations***

**In June 2022, Hunt Shared A Tweet Picturing Her Attending The March For Our Lives Rally In Charlotte.** (Hunt Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/12/22)



(Hunt Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/12/22)



***In 2021, Hunt Voted Against The Religious Assembly Security And Protection Act – Which “Strengthens Second Amendment Rights By Building Upon Previous Law To Ensure Individuals Can Carry A Concealed Firearm In A Church Or Place Of Worship That Shares Its Location With A School”***

**Hunt Voted No On SB 43, ‘Protect Religious Meeting Places.’** ([SB 43](#), Bill Passed - House (70 - 38), North Carolina State House, 6/3/21, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to enact the religious assembly security and protection act of 2021 and to authorize concealed carry for certain law enforcement facility employees.” ([SB 43](#))

**ACU: “This Bill, Known As The Religious Assembly Security And Protection Act, Strengthens Second Amendment Rights By Building Upon Previous Law To Ensure Individuals Can Carry A Concealed Firearm In A Church Or Place Of Worship That Shares Its Location With A School.”** “This bill, known as the Religious Assembly Security and Protection Act, strengthens Second Amendment rights by building upon previous law to ensure individuals can carry a concealed firearm in a church or place of worship that shares its location with a school. Religious institutions and owners still have the freedom to prohibit a firearm on their property. Additionally, the bill provides certain law enforcement facility employees to conceal carry in a greater amount of previously prohibited areas. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment, opposes “gun-free zones” which threaten public safety by stripping individuals of their ability to defend themselves, and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

- **“Additionally, The Bill Provides Certain Law Enforcement Facility Employees To Conceal Carry In A Greater Amount Of Previously Prohibited Areas.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment, Opposes ‘Gun-Free Zones’ Which Threaten Public Safety By Stripping Individuals Of Their Ability To Defend Themselves, And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

***In 2021, Hunt Voted Against A Bill That “Reduces An Undue Burden For Individuals To Exercise Their Second Amendment Rights By Repealing The State’s Pistol Purchase Permit Requirement...”***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 398, An Act To Repeal Pistol Permits.** ([HB 398](#), Bill Passed - House (69 - 48), North Carolina State House, 5/5/21, Hunt Voted No)

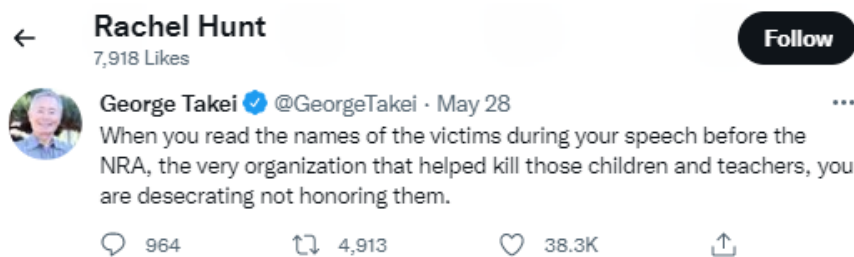
**ACU: “This Bill Reduces An Undue Burden For Individuals To Exercise Their Second Amendment Rights By Repealing The State’s Pistol Purchase Permit Requirement And Instead Directs State Handgun Purchases Through The Federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Managed By The FBI.”** “This bill reduces an undue burden for individuals to exercise their Second Amendment rights by repealing the state’s pistol purchase permit requirement and instead directs state handgun purchases through the federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) managed by the FBI. ACU

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**In May 2022, Hunt ‘Liked’ A Tweet Stating The NRA “Helped Kill” The “Children And Teachers” Of Uvalde.** (Hunt Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/28/22)



(Hunt Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/28/22)

## HUNT'S LEFTIST AFFILIATIONS AND FAMILY HYPOCRISY

*Hunt has largely acted as a political tactician her entire public career.*

*Hunt has earned the support of the support of political establishment by making donations and working to elect prominent Democrats. Hunt's financial and political support extends to Joe Biden, Barack Obama, Roy Cooper, and Hillary Clinton.*

*Unsurprisingly, Hunt has joined in lockstep the political left in opposing common-sense election integrity measures.*

*Hunt attempts to portray herself as straight-shooter whose has the best interests of all North Carolinians at heart, but her rhetoric is at odds with her own her family's legacy. Hunt has recently criticized tax breaks, but her own father former Gov. Jim Hunt championed corporate tax cuts and giveaways during his career, including successfully lobbying for a multi-million-dollar tax break for an RJR Nabisco factory that was never built. Additionally, Hunt's own father represents Raleigh's worst excesses. Jim Hunt was forced to dismiss his transportation secretary and apologize after disclosures that Hunt and his appointees used the NC Board of Transportation to benefit their own interests. Hunt himself was forced to apologize for personally lobbying to a \$7.7 million economically unfeasible bridge close to his home, but also was forced to defend himself that he engaged in a quid pro quo with campaign donors for appointments.*

### HUNT HAS INDICATED HER SUPPORT FOR PROMINENT DEMOCRATS SUCH AS BIDEN, OBAMA, AND ROY COOPER

#### ***Hunt Has Contributed To Joe Biden And Campaigned For Him In 2020***

**In 2020, Hunt Contributed \$1,000 To Biden For President.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/20/22)

**In October 2020, Hunt Posted A Photo On Instagram Picturing Her Campaigning For Joe Biden.** (Hunt Profile, [Instagram](#), 10/24/20)



(Hunt Profile, [Instagram](#), 10/24/20)

### ***Hunt Has Contributed Thousands Of Dollars To Barack Obama***

**According To The Center For Responsive Politics, Hunt Has Contributed \$2,730 In Total To Hillary Clinton’s Political Campaigns.** (Center For Responsive Politics, Accessed 6/20/22; Independent Analysis)

### ***Obama Has Previously Endorsed Hunt***

**In August 2018, Obama Endorsed Hunt For Election.** “The North Carolina Democratic Party issued the following news: Earlier today, President Obama announced his first wave of endorsements for the 2018 midterm election, including six North Carolina House and Senate candidates: \* Wiley Nickel (SD 16) \* Ron Wesson (HD 1) \* Terence Everitt (HD 35) \* Julie von Haefen (HD 36) \* Sydney Batch (HD 37) \* Rachel Hunt (HD 103) In announcing the endorsement, President Obama said "I'm confident that, together, they'll strengthen this country we love by restoring opportunity, repairing our alliances and standing in the world, and upholding our fundamental commitment to justice, fairness, responsibility, and the rule of law. But first, they need our votes.” (NC Democratic Party, 8/1/18)

- **Hunt, On Obama: “I Am Honored To Receive His Endorsement To Continue The Fight For These Shared Values In Raleigh.”** ““From supporting public education to fighting for fair maps, President Obama has stood up for Democratic values across our nation," Rachel Hunt (HD 103) said. "I am honored to receive his endorsement to continue the fight for these shared values in Raleigh.” (NC Democratic Party, 8/1/18)

***Hunt Has Contributed Thousands To Gov. Roy Cooper***

**Hunt Has Contributed \$2,500 To North Carolina Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper**

**Hunt Has Contributed \$2500 To North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections And Ethics Enforcement, Accessed 6/20/22; Independent Analysis)

***Hunt Has Posted A Photo To Facebook Picturing Her Posing With Roy Cooper***

**In August 2021, Hunt Posted A Photo To Facebook Picturing Her Posing With Roy Cooper.** (Hunt Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/4/21)



(Hunt Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/4/21)

***Hunt Has Contributed To Hillary Clinton's Campaigns***

**According To The Center For Responsive Politics, Hunt Has Contributed \$2,730 In Total To Hillary Clinton's Political Campaigns.** (Center For Responsive Politics, Accessed 6/20/22; Independent Analysis)



## HUNT HAS OPPOSED COMMON SENSE ELECTION INTEGRITY MEASURES

### *In 2021, Hunt Voted Against The Election Day Integrity Act*

#### **“This Bill Strengthens Election Integrity By Establishing A Deadline That All Absentee Ballots Must Be Received By 7:30pm On The Night Of Election Day”**

**Hunt Voted No On S 326, ‘Election Day Integrity Act.’** ([S 326](#), Bill Passed - House (62 - 48), North Carolina State House, 11/18/21, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to amend the date by which mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the county board of elections in order to be counted, to require publishing of the date absentee ballots are available and the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot, and to provide for the reporting of ballots by the county boards of elections.” ([S 326](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Strengthens Election Integrity By Establishing A Deadline That All Absentee Ballots Must Be Received By 7:30pm On The Night Of Election Day.”** “This bill strengthens election integrity by establishing a deadline that all absentee ballots must be received by 7:30pm on the night of election day. Under previous law, ballots could be received up to three days after the election and still be counted, providing an avenue for vote fraud. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Efforts To Strengthen Election Integrity And Ensure That All Legal Ballots Are Counted, And That No Illegal Ballot Is Counted, Which Disenfranchises Eligible Voters, And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

## HUNT IS KNOWN TO HAVE RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM HER FATHER DURING THE START OF HER POLITICAL CAREER

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count provisional votes. Hunt won the absentee ballots that were counted on Election Day, 1,129 to 764.” (*Charlotte Observer*, 11/9/18)

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**HUNT HAS BROADLY OPPOSED TAX CUTS, BUT HER OWN FATHER FOUGHT FOR THEM**

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**“Hunt Says Tax Cuts Have Disproportionately Benefited The Wealthy And That Education Spending Hasn't Kept Pace With Growing Enrollments Since Republicans Took Control After The 2010 Election.”** “Democrat Rachel Hunt is the daughter of former four-term Gov. Jim Hunt. Like her father, she has made education her top issue. A non-practicing attorney, she owns two educational consulting companies. They're running in a Republican-leaning district that includes the towns of Matthews and Mint Hill and south Charlotte suburbs. In 2016 President Donald Trump carried it by almost 10 percentage points. But through June, Hunt, thanks in part to her father's political network, had nearly \$133,000 in her campaign account to Brawley's \$89,000. Brawley declined to be interviewed for a story. He's been a big part of Republican policies that have cut taxes and regulations, boosted the "rainy day" fund and raised teacher pay. But Hunt says tax cuts have disproportionately benefited the wealthy and that education spending hasn't kept pace with growing enrollments since Republicans took control after the 2010 election. She sees the election as a referendum on the General Assembly.” (*Charlotte Observer*, 9/23/18)

***Hunt's Father, Former Gov. Jim Hunt, Championed Corporate Subsidies And Tax Breaks Throughout His Career***

**Hunt Is The Daughter Of Former North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt.** “Rachel Hunt is one of Jim and Carolyn Hunt's four children. Jim Hunt was first elected governor in 1976 and served through 1984. He then was elected to two more four-year terms through 2000.” (“Daughter Of North Carolina Gov. Hunt Running For Legislature,” *The Associated Press*, 2/14/18)



**Jim Hunt Once Successfully Lobbied For A Multi-Million Tax Break For An RJR Nabsico Factory That Was Never Built**

**Following His First Governorship, Jim Hunt Became A Partner At A Corporate Law Firm And Successfully Lobbied For A Tax Break For A RJR Nabsico Factory That Was Never Built.** “Becomes partner in a corporate law firm, lobbies successfully in the General Assembly to get a tax break for RJR Nabisco's (R.J. Reynolds) planned cookie factory in Garner. The factory's never built, but the \$60 million a year loophole in the corporate income tax remains on the books.” (“Hunt's Timeline ,” Indy Week, 12/13/00)

**Jim Hunt Pushed For Additional Cuts In The Corporate Income Tax In 1996**

**Campaigning In 1996, Hunt Pushed For Additional Cuts In The Corporate Income Tax.** “He said, for example, that his decision to propose the largest tax cut in the state's history in late 1994 -- a \$343 million reduction in personal and corporate income taxes -- was inspired not by that year's Republican takeover of the state House of Representatives, but by the state's economic prosperity. This year he has proposed additional cuts in the corporate income tax and the sales tax on food.” (Kevin Sack, “North Carolina Incumbent Finds Recipe For Success,” [The New York Times](#), 10/15/96)

**Campaigning For His Fourth Term For Governor, Jim Hunt Pushed For Corporate Subsidies For Business Expansion.** “As he campaigns for a fourth term, a poll says one in five voters think Hunt's a Republican. When his opponent, state Rep. Robin Hayes, comes out for repeal of the regressive sales tax on food, so does Hunt. Hunt also pushes through a program of corporate subsidies for business expansion, the William S. Lee Act, named for a Duke Power CEO.” (“Hunt's Timeline ,” Indy Week, 12/13/00)

**Jim Hunt Once Supported An Increase In The Gas Tax In Order To Avoid An Increase In The Corporate Or Personal Income Tax Rates**

**Jim Hunt Supported A Gas Tax Increase As Opposed To Higher Taxes For Corporate And Personal Income Taxes.** “Hunt backs a gas-tax increase for road construction over increases in corporate and personal income taxes. It's an example of his "economic conservatism," Luebke says. "One area where modernizers, traditionalists and 'blend' candidates [like Hunt] shared common ground was in their antipathy to progressive taxation ... their unwillingness to place any additional tax burden on the wealthy and big business.” (“Hunt's Timeline ,” Indy Week, 12/13/00)

**Jim Hunt Has Been Known To Have Cozy Ties With The North Carolina Hog Industry**

**In 1995, The News & Observer Published An Expose On The Clout Of The North Carolina Hog Industry And Jim Hunt's Close Ties With Meg-Hop Corporation Owner Wendell Murphy.** “Heavy rains collapse a big hog-waste cesspool at Oceanview Farms, causing a massive fish kill in Onslow County. The hog industry's clout in Raleigh, and Hunt's close ties with state Sen. Wendell Murphy, owner of mega-hog corporation Murphy Farms, are scandalous enough to win a Pulitzer Prize for The News & Observer when it lays them out. Hunt appoints a commission to study the problem.” (“Hunt's Timeline ,” Indy Week, 12/13/00)

## HUNT'S OWN FATHER REPRESENTED SOME OF RALEIGH'S WORST EXCESSES

### *Hunt's Father, Former Gov. Jim Hunt, Was Embroiled In An Ethics Scandal Involving Politically-Motivated Decisions At The NC Board Of Transportation*

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### **Jim Hunt Was Forced To Fire His Transportation Secretary After "Months Of Punishing News Accounts About The Department's Pendant For Building Roads And Bridges That Benefit Political Insiders"**

**In 1998, Jim Hunt Was Forced To Dismiss His Transportation Secretary After "Months Of Punishing News Accounts About The Department's Pendant For Building Roads And Bridges That Benefit Political Insiders."** "Seeking to stem damage from a fusillade of disclosures about patronage and political influence in North Carolina's road-building program, Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. dismissed his Transportation Secretary today, acknowledged mistakes and promised change. Governor Hunt and his top transportation appointees have figured in months of punishing news accounts about the department's pendant for building roads and bridges that benefit political insiders, often by overriding the recommendations of state highway engineers. But the popular and long-serving Democratic Governor suggested at a news conference today that governors from both parties were responsible for creating a corrupt system." (Kevin Sack, "A Road-Building Scandal Forces a Governor's Hand," [The New York Times](#), 1/14/98)

### **Jim Hunt Himself Personally Lobbied For A \$7.7 Million Bridge Project Near His Home Even Though State Engineers Noted "It Could Not Be Justified On Economic Grounds"**

**Though Jim Hunt Apologized For The Scandal, He Himself Had Personally Lobbied The State Highway Administrator To Replace A Bridge Over A Reservoir Near His Farm.** "But the popular and long-serving Democratic Governor suggested at a news conference today that governors from both parties were responsible for creating a corrupt system. "Over many decades and through many administrations -- Democratic and Republican, mine and others -- a system has evolved that no longer gives citizens and the taxpayers confidence in how priorities are set and decisions are made," he said. He also was contrite. "We made some mistakes," Mr. Hunt acknowledged. "Now I want to fix it." Mr. Hunt has weathered lesser ethical storms during his four terms but none that have touched him so closely: he personally lobbied the state highway administrator to replace a bridge over a reservoir near his Wilson County farm, a decision that contradicted a decision by state engineers." (Kevin Sack, "A Road-Building Scandal Forces a Governor's Hand," [The New York Times](#), 1/14/98)

**"The \$7.7 Million Project Was Approved Despite An Opinion From Department Engineers That It Could Not Be Justified On Economic Grounds."** "Last week, The Charlotte Observer reported that Mr. Hunt's intervention helped persuade the Department of Transportation to

approve the replacement of a bridge over the Buckhorn Reservoir, an infrequently used crossing about four miles from his farm that was slated for closure. The \$7.7 million project was approved despite an opinion from department engineers that it could not be justified on economic grounds. Six hundred cars crossed the bridge daily, and without it there is a two-and-a-half-mile detour.” (Kevin Sack, “A Road-Building Scandal Forces a Governor’s Hand,” [The New York Times](#), 1/14/98)

**Jim Hunt Later Put A Hold On The Project And Admitted That His Involvement Had Been Improper.** “Mr. Hunt originally defended his support for the project, saying he had spoken to Mr. Goode on behalf of neighbors who would be cut off from their community without the bridge. But several days later, he ordered the department to put a hold on the project, and today he said that his involvement had been improper. “I understand now that wasn’t the way to do it,” he said.” (Kevin Sack, “A Road-Building Scandal Forces a Governor’s Hand,” [The New York Times](#), 1/14/98)

**Jim Hunt Was Forced To Reject Contentions That He Had Engaged In A Quid Pro Quo With His Campaign Donors For Appointments To The NC Board Of Transportation**

**Additionally, A Donor To Hunt Claims He Was Told There Was A Price For A Seat With The Board Of Transportation.** “And in the most sensational disclosure of the transportation mess, a contractor wrote to Mr. Hunt to express his anger that he was not appointed to the Board of Transportation despite raising the nearly \$25,000 he claims he was told was the price for a seat. “We are very disappointed,” the contractor, James A. Cartrette of Columbus County, wrote to the Governor last year, “and feel that our money should be returned.”” (Kevin Sack, “A Road-Building Scandal Forces a Governor’s Hand,” [The New York Times](#), 1/14/98)

**Jim Hunt’s Donor Claimed That The Governor Said He Would After Him, But Jim Hunt Denied Allegations Of A Quid Pro Quo.** “The reports about the bridge followed the revelations about Mr. Cartrette’s letters, which were first reported by The Star-News of Wilmington. In a letter to Jim Bennett, Mr. Hunt’s 1996 campaign finance director, Mr. Cartrette said he had spoken with the Governor about an appointment to the Board of Transportation. Mr. Cartrette quoted Mr. Hunt as responding, “If you will send the money, I will look out for my friends, and you are my friend.” Mr. Hunt said that any suggestion of a quid pro quo appointment was “totally untrue.”” (Kevin Sack, “A Road-Building Scandal Forces a Governor’s Hand,” [The New York Times](#), 1/14/98)

**Appointments To The Transportation Board “Often Went To Political Donors,” And Many Board Members Used Their Influence To Win Approval For Projects That Benefitted Themselves And Their Associates.** “Investigations by the state’s newspapers and by public policy groups have revealed that appointments to the 26-member transportation board most often went to political donors and that many board members used their influence to win approval for low-priority projects that benefited themselves, their family members and their friends. Since the newspaper articles began appearing last fall, two members have resigned under pressure, a third pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of conflict of interest, the state auditor has ordered a full review of policymaking, and legislative committees have opened hearings.” (Kevin Sack, “A Road-Building Scandal Forces a Governor’s Hand,” [The New York Times](#), 1/14/98)

- **An Analysis Of Jim Hunt’s Appointments To The Board Of Transportation By Democracy South “Found A Strong Link Between Political Fundraising And Appointments.”** “But research by Democracy South, an advocacy group that studies the

role of money in North Carolina politics, found a strong link between political fund raising and appointments to the Board of Transportation. The 34 board members who have been appointed by Mr. Hunt since 1993 contributed more than \$2 million to state and national campaigns, said Bob Hall, research director of Democracy South. Mr. Hunt, the largest beneficiary, received a total of \$652,428 from those donors for his 1992 and 1996 campaigns, Mr. Hall said. Board members appointed by Mr. Hunt have included the fund-raising chairman of his 1996 campaign, a treasurer of the state Democratic Party and the chairmen or finance chairmen of at least 15 county campaign committees. Mr. Garrett, the deposed Transportation Secretary, also was a Hunt fund-raiser.” (Kevin Sack, “A Road-Building Scandal Forces a Governor’s Hand,” [The New York Times](#), 1/14/98)

**Jim Hunt Entered Into His First Governorship With The So-Called “Christmas Massacre” Or Wholesale Firing Of Republican-Appointed North Carolina State Employees**

**During The So-Called “Christmas Massacre” Of 1976, Jim Hunt Demanded Resignations Of 169 State Employees And Ultimately Ousted About 75 Workers From The Previous Republican Administration.** “To justify their efforts to limit Gov.-elect Roy Cooper’s powers, Republican lawmakers repeatedly cited an incident from 40 years ago when another Democratic governor took over from a Republican. Legislators repeatedly made speeches this week that mentioned what they referred to as the “Christmas massacre” of 1976. That December, Democratic Gov.-elect Jim Hunt was preparing to take over the governor’s office from Republican Gov. Jim Holshouser. Hunt demanded the resignations of 169 state employees, although he ultimately ousted about 75 workers from the Republican administration.” (Colin Campbell, “GOP Legislators’ Argument For Power Shift: Democrats Did It First,” *The News & Observer*, 12/16/16)

## APPENDIX A: ISSUES OF NOTE (BY SUBJECT AREA)

*Below is a non-comprehensive reference section pertaining to Rachel Hunt's issues and policy positions of note. Any actionable material from this section has been incorporated into the prior narrative sections.*

### FISCAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

#### *Overall*

**“Hunt Says Tax Cuts Have Disproportionately Benefited The Wealthy And That Education Spending Hasn't Kept Pace With Growing Enrollments Since Republicans Took Control After The 2010 Election.”** “Democrat Rachel Hunt is the daughter of former four-term Gov. Jim Hunt. Like her father, she has made education her top issue. A non-practicing attorney, she owns two educational consulting companies. They're running in a Republican-leaning district that includes the towns of Matthews and Mint Hill and south Charlotte suburbs. In 2016 President Donald Trump carried it by almost 10 percentage points. But through June, Hunt, thanks in part to her father's political network, had nearly \$133,000 in her campaign account to Brawley's \$89,000. Brawley declined to be interviewed for a story. He's been a big part of Republican policies that have cut taxes and regulations, boosted the "rainy day" fund and raised teacher pay. But Hunt says tax cuts have disproportionately benefited the wealthy and that education spending hasn't kept pace with growing enrollments since Republicans took control after the 2010 election. She sees the election as a referendum on the General Assembly.”  
(Charlotte Observer, 9/23/18)

#### *Taxes*

##### Franchise Tax Rate

**Hunt Voted No On SB 578, Which Reduces The Franchise Tax Rate And Expands Those Qualifying For Film And Entertainment Grants.** ([SB 578](#), Bill Passed - House (61 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/31/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 578 would do the following, all of which were included in House Bill 966, the 2019 Appropriations Act: Reduce the franchise tax rate from \$1.50 to \$0.96 over a two-year span and remove one method of calculating a corporation's franchise tax base, beginning with the 2021 taxable year. (In House Bill 966, this provision was effective beginning with the 2020 taxable year). Reduce the qualifying expense threshold for awards from the Film and Entertainment Grant Fund (Fund), effective when the act becomes law. (House Bill 966 had an effective date of July 1, 2019)” ([SB 578](#))

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 578 “Lowers The State’s Franchise Tax, Which Is Defined As A Tax On A Company’s ‘Net Worth.’”** “SB 578 lowers the state’s franchise tax, which is defined as a tax on a company’s “net worth.” The franchise tax essentially serves as a penalty for doing business in North Carolina. Reducing the franchise tax encourages capital investment in our state, resulting in more jobs and bigger paychecks. While the bill also includes some modifications to the state's Film Tax Credit - which is ardently



opposed by Civitas Action - the benefits of reducing the franchise tax still far outweigh the negatives of making adjustments to the film grant program. North Carolina businesses should not be penalized for growing, which benefits the economy of the state. For that reason, Civitas Action believes a vote for SB578 is a vote for freedom.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“The Franchise Tax Essentially Serves As A Penalty For Doing Business In North Carolina.”** ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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### **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**

**Hunt Voted Yea On Amdt 1 To HB 966, An Amendment To An Appropriations Act That Reinstated The Earned Income Tax Credit.** ([Amdt 1](#), Amendment Failed - House (55 - 61), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Hunt Voted Yea)

moves to amend the bill on page 322, line 13, by adding a new section to read:

#### **"REINSTATE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT**

**SECTION 41.11.(a)** G.S. 105-151.31 is reenacted as it existed immediately before its expiration, is recodified as G.S. 105-153.11, and reads as rewritten:

**'§ 105-151.31. Earned income tax credit.**

([Amdt 1](#))

### **Historic Preservation Tax Credit And Certain Sales Tax Exemptions**

**Hunt Voted Yea On HB 399, Which Extends The Sunset Dates For A Series Of Tax Credits And Sales Tax Exemptions, Among Other Measures.** ([HB 399](#), Bill Passed - House (93 - 8), North Carolina State House, 10/24/19, Hunt Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “... Extends the sunset date of the State’s Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit to include expenses incurred by January 1, 2024. - Reinstates the Mill Rehabilitation Tax Credit for a project that meets certain conditions. - Extends the sunset date for an existing sales tax exemption for qualifying airlines until January 1, 2024. - Extends the sunset date for existing sales tax exemptions and refunds for the motorsports industry until January 1, 2024...” ([HB 399](#))

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: “HB399 Extends The Historic Preservation Tax Credit As Well As Other Targeted Tax Credits For The Airline And Motorsports Industries.”** “As amended and passed in October 2019, HB399 extends the Historic Preservation Tax Credit as well as other targeted tax credits for the airline and motorsports industries. Providing tax relief only to hand-picked industries is unfair and opens the door for corruption and cronyism. Instead, tax relief should be given on an across-the-board basis. The vote for freedom is no on HB399.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **Civitas Action Opposed This Legislation: “Providing Tax Relief Only To Hand-Picked Industries Is Unfair And Opens The Door For Corruption And Cronyism. Instead, Tax Relief Should Be Given On An Across-The-Board Basis.”** ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

### *Spending And Budgets*

#### **The 2019 Appropriations Act (Budget)**

**Hunt Voted No On HB 966, The 2019 Appropriations Act (Budget).** ([HB 966](#), Bill Passed - House (64 - 49), North Carolina State House, 6/27/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “The General Assembly ended its work in 2019 without a full state budget for the 2019- 2020 fiscal year becoming law. The budget passed by the House and Senate in HB 966 in June was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper soon afterward, and while the House voted to override that veto in controversial fashion in September, the Senate never attempted an override vote of its own...” (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))

#### **Info. Tech. Budget/2019-2021 Fiscal Biennium**

**Hunt Voted No On HB 398, Which Establishes The Budget For The Department Of Information Technology For The 2019-2021 Fiscal Biennium, Among Other Measures.** ([HB 398](#), Bill Passed - House (54 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/24/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “... Establishes the budget for the Department of Information Technology for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium, totaling \$67.4 million in FY 2019-2020 or 26.8% above the FY 2019-2020 base budget and \$68.9 million in FY 2020-2021 or 3.0% above the FY 2019-2020 Conference budget proposal....” ([HB 398](#))

#### **Job Maintenance And Capital Development Fund**

**Hunt Voted Yea On SB 505, Rural Job Retention Act, Which Expands The Types Of Business Eligible For A Grant From The Job Maintenance And Capital Development Fund And Increases The Total Aggregate Cost Of All Agreements The Department Of Commerce May Enter Into Under The Program.** ([SB 505](#), Bill Passed - House (110 - 3), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Hunt Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 505 expands the types of business eligible for an award from the Job Maintenance and Capital Development Fund to include a heritage manufacturing employer. ... The bill also increases the number of agreements the Department may enter



into from six to seven, and it increases the total aggregate cost of all agreements that may be entered into from \$139 million to \$154 million.” ([SB 505](#))

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization Opposed This Legislation: “This Bill Is A Clear Example Of Corporate Cronyism And Highlights The Problems With Corporate Welfare Programs More Broadly.”** “Senate Bill 505, Rural Job Retention Act, would expand eligibility for the Jobs Maintenance and Capital Development Fund (JMAC) and grant an additional \$15 million of taxpayer money over ten years to the program. This bill is a clear example of corporate cronyism and highlights the problems with corporate welfare programs more broadly. Civitas Action believes government should not pick winners and losers in the free market. Across the board tax cuts are the only fair way to provide support to our job-creating businesses. The vote to defend freedom is no.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## HEALTHCARE

### *Medicaid*

#### Expansion

**“Hunt Said Expanding The State's Medicaid System To Cover More Patients In A Federal-State Partnership Under The Affordable Care Act Is Another Area Where Democrats And Republicans Should Be Able To Find Common Ground.”** “Hunt said expanding the state's Medicaid system to cover more patients in a federal-state partnership under the Affordable Care Act is another area where Democrats and Republicans should be able to find common ground. GOP legislative leaders have been resistant to Medicaid expansion thus far. "We are sending our tax dollars to other states currently," Hunt said, noting that states receive a larger share of federal funds to cover the bulk of increased Medicaid costs. "Republicans and Democrats, they're very upset about that. This is something we have the ability to choose." When it comes to how the state would pay its share of the Medicaid tab and how to enhance education, Hunt said she's open to working with Republican colleagues to identify revenue sources. "Everything is up for studying, in my opinion," she said. "I'm definitely going to be looking for common ground with folks. I'm going to be working with Republicans and Democrats to move North Carolina forward.”” (*Wilson Times*, 11/25/18)

**In March 2020, Hunt Posted On Facebook Appearing To Criticize A Decision Not To Expand Medicaid Expansion.** (Hunt Profile, [Facebook](#), 3/27/20)



(Hunt Profile, [Facebook](#), 3/27/20)

### ***Small Business Healthcare Act***

**Hunt Voted Yea On SB 86, The Small Business Healthcare Act, Which Allows For The Formation Of Association Health Plans (AHP).** ([SB 86](#), Bill Passed - House (82 - 32), North Carolina State House, 8/7/19, Hunt Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “An act to establish standards for association health plans and multiple employer welfare arrangements.” ([SB 86](#))

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 86 “Allows For The Formation Of Association Health Plans (AHP) In North Carolina. AHPs Allow Small Business Owners And Sole Proprietors To Collectively Purchase Health Insurance.”** “Senate Bill 86, Small Business Healthcare Act, allows for the formation of Association Health Plans (AHP) in North Carolina. AHPs allow small business owners and sole proprietors to collectively purchase health insurance. In doing so AHPs pools risk and drive down healthcare costs. Civitas Action believes AHPs are an effective tool to address the high costs of health insurance markets. By combining their insurance buying power, AHPs give small businesses similar negotiating advantages as larger corporations. SB 86 offers workable supply-side reforms to a healthcare market strangled by government regulation. The legislation removes government barriers for a product that has clear demand in the free market. Civitas Action believes individuals should be free to opt-in to Association Health Plans. The freedom-expanding vote is yes.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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**The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported This Legislation.** (2019 Legislative Session North Carolina General Assembly, [North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce](#))

### ***Rural Hospital Funding***

**Hunt Voted Yea On SB 681, Which Expands The Rural Health Care Stabilization Program And Appropriates Additional Funding.** ([SB 681](#), Bill Passed - House (81 - 31), North Carolina State House, 8/7/19, Hunt Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 681 would do three things: Establish a nonreverting revolving loan fund to provide low-interest loans for the support of hospitals located in rural areas that are in financial crisis, with loan approval by the Local Government Commission (LGC) and loan administration by UNC Health Care. The budget conference report would appropriate \$13,397,000 to the fund in FY19-20 and \$6,603,000 to the fund in FY20-21. Provide counties with the flexibility to levy, by referendum, an additional quarter-cent local sales tax as long as the total overall rate does not exceed the current maximum rate allowed for that county and would allow counties to identify the use of the proceeds in the ballot question as being for any public purpose, for public education purposes, or for some combination of the two. Expand the counties eligible for grants from the Utility Account from the 80 most-distressed counties under the tier system to the 87 most-distressed counties.” ([SB 681](#))

### ***Covid***

#### **State Of Emergency Orders**

**Hunt Voted No On HB 264, ‘Emergency Powers Accountability Act.’** ([HB 264](#), Bill Passed - House (65 - 45), North Carolina State House, 10/20/21, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to clarify the expiration of a statewide state of emergency and the exercise of certain powers under a statewide state of emergency, to clarify the abatement of statewide imminent hazards, and to clarify statewide quarantines.” ([HB 264](#))

**ACU: “This Bill, Known As The Emergency Powers Accountability Act, Helps Protect Against Overreach Taken By The Executive Branch Concerning Issuance Of Executive Orders Relating To States Of Emergency.”** “This bill, known as the Emergency Powers Accountability Act, helps protect against overreach taken by the executive branch concerning issuance of executive orders relating to states of emergency. Under the bill, a “Council of State” is established which is made up of the Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and six other public officials. Under the bill, any state-wide emergency declaration issued by the governor shall expire 7 days after issuance unless the Council of State approves. If the Council of State approves, the order must then be approved by the General Assembly to be implemented for more than 45 days. ACU supports this legislative check on executive branch power and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

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**The American Conservative Union “Supports This Legislative Check On Executive Branch Power And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

**Hunt Voted No SB 105, Which Clarifies Emergency Powers.** ([SB 105](#), Bill Passed - House (64 – 49), North Carolina State House, 2/16/21, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to clarify the expiration of a state of emergency and the exercise of certain powers under a state of emergency and to clarify the abatement of statewide imminent hazards.” ([SB 105](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Provides A Critical Check On Executive Branch Powers Concerning State Of Emergency Declarations, Which Have Been Abused By Governor Roy Cooper During The COVID-19 Outbreak.”** “This bill provides a critical check on executive branch powers concerning state of emergency declarations, which have been abused by Governor Roy Cooper during the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the bill, any statewide state of emergency declared by the governor must be approved in concurrence of the majority of the Council of State (Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of Insurance) or be rescinded 48 hours after issuance. ACU supports this check on executive authority and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

### **Businesses Reopening**

**Hunt Voted No SB 599, Concerning Skating Rinks And Bowling Alleys.** ([SB 599](#), Bill Passed - House (68 – 52), North Carolina State House, 6/16/20, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to authorize skating rinks and bowling alleys to resume operations and to modify the capacity of temporary outdoor seating for food and drink establishments.” ([SB 599](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Skating Rinks And Bowling Alleys Can Safely Reopen.”** “This bill combats Governor Roy Coopers abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring skating rinks and bowling alleys can safely reopen. At the time of this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials even as other businesses were permitted to reopen. The bill sets a capacity restriction of 50 percent and requires the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

**Hunt Voted No HB 806, Concerning Exercise And Fitness Facilities.** ([HB 806](#), Bill Passed - House (75 – 31), North Carolina State House, 6/26/20, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to authorize indoor or outdoor exercise and fitness facilities, gyms, health clubs, and fitness centers to resume operations.” ([HB 806](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Gyms, Health Clubs And Fitness Centers Can Safely Reopen.”** “This bill combats Governor Roy Coopers abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring gyms, health clubs and fitness centers can safely reopen. At the time of this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials even as other businesses were permitted to reopen. The bill sets a capacity restriction of between 40 and 50 percent and requires the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

### **July 4<sup>th</sup> / Shutdown Orders**

**Hunt Voted No On HB 686, ‘Freedom To Celebrate The Fourth Of July.’** ([HB 686](#), Bill Passed - House (67 – 47), North Carolina State House, 6/23/20, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An Act To Protect The Right To Celebrate The Fourth Of July, In Commemoration Of The Declaration Of Independence Of The United States.” ([HB 686](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Ensures Individuals Are Able To Celebrate Our Nation’s Founding And Participate In Fourth Of July Festivities By Overriding The Governor’s COVID-19 Shutdown Order.”** “This bill ensures individuals are able to celebrate our nation’s founding and participate in Fourth of July festivities by overriding the Governor’s COVID-19 shutdown order. Under the bill, the Governor nor localities may enact any restriction that forbids parades or firework displays from July 1st through the 10th of 2020. Additionally, this bill protects



organizations that hold festivities by establishing civil liability protections for alleged exposure to COVID-19. ACU believes individuals possess reason, which gives them the ability to assess risk and choose how they celebrate the founding of the United States and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

- **“Under The Bill, The Governor Nor Localities May Enact Any Restriction That Forbids Parades Or Firework Displays From July 1st Through The 10th Of 2020.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)
- **“Additionally, This Bill Protects Organizations That Hold Festivities By Establishing Civil Liability Protections For Alleged Exposure To COVID-19.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Believes Individuals Possess Reason, Which Gives Them The Ability To Assess Risk And Choose How They Celebrate The Founding Of The United States And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

### **Playgrounds Reopening**

**Hunt Voted No On HB 795, Which Authorizes Operations For Playgrounds, Among Other Venues.** ([HB 795](#), Bill Passed - House (54 – 52), North Carolina State House, 6/25/20, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to authorize amusement parks, gaming and business establishments with video games and arcade games, fairs or carnivals, and public playgrounds to resume operations.” ([HB 795](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Amusement Parks, Arcades, Fairs, Carnivals, And Public Playgrounds Can Safely Reopen.”** “This bill combats Governor Roy Coopers abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring amusement parks, arcades, fairs, carnivals, and public playgrounds can safely reopen. At the time of this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials even as other businesses were permitted to reopen. The bill sets a capacity restriction of 50 percent and requires the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

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### **Schools Reopening**

**Hunt Voted No On SB 37, ‘In-Person Learning Choice For Families.’** ([SB 37](#), Bill Passed - House (77 – 42), North Carolina State House, 2/16/21, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to provide access to in-person learning for students in grades kindergarten through twelve.” ([SB 37](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Helps Return Students To The Classroom For The Remainder Of The 2020-2021 School Year By Requiring All Local School Administrative Units To Provide The Option Of In-Person Instruction To Students In Grades.”** “This bill helps return students to the classroom for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year by requiring all local school administrative units to provide the option of in-person instruction to students in grades K-12. The bill provides appropriate guidance to promote social distancing for in-person instruction and leaves student participation up to the student’s parent or guardian for the remainder of the school year. ACU supports improving educational outcomes by returning students to the classrooms and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

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### Regulations

**In June 2020, Hunt Sponsored An Amendment To HB 1201, Providing \$17.7 Million In Federal Cares Act Funding To Help Meat-Processing Plants, That Would Have “Required Facilities Receiving Grant Funds To Provide Employees With Face Masks, Hand Sanitizer, Gloves And A 15-Minute Break Every Two Hours For Hand Cleaning.”** “The state House gave preliminary approval Tuesday to a bipartisan bill that would provide \$17.7 million in federal CARES Act funding to help meat-processing plants add production capacity and equipment, and market their products. House Bill 1201 is co-sponsored by GOP Reps. Jeffery Elmore of Wilkes County and Julia Howard of Davie County. The bill received a 112-2 vote on second reading. Because a third vote was objected to, the bill remains on the House calendar for final approval Wednesday. The overwhelming support, however, came after an amendment failed 57-57 that would have required facilities receiving grant funds to provide employees with face masks, hand sanitizer, gloves and a 15-minute break every two hours for hand cleaning. A bill or amendment vote that ends in a tie is considered as failing. The impetus behind HB1201 is the COVID-19 pandemic, which "has resulted in serious and substantial impacts on the food supply chain," in particular on small- to medium-sized livestock producers. The funding assistance, which was reduced from \$25 million, is "necessary in order to reduce disruptions in the supply chain for fresh meat, and to help small producers get their product to market." One principal goal is getting new equipment in place to make plants more efficient, and so to perhaps need fewer workers. Large producers such as Tyson would not be eligible for the grants. With the failure of the amendment, the current bill does not address plant- and worker-safety conditions after several outbreaks at meat-processing facilities in the state, including at least 570 Tyson Foods workers testing positive at its Wilkesboro facilities. Rep. Rachel Hunt, D-Mecklenburg, sponsor of the failed amendment, said there have been at least 2,702 COVID-19 cases among meat-processing workers across the state.” (*Winston Salem-Journal*, 6/24/20)

- **“The Failed Amendment Also Would Have Required Employers To Adhere To Social Distancing Requirements, Notify Employees Of Positive COVID-19 Cases At**



**The Workplace And Provide A Deep Cleaning After An Outbreak.** “The failed amendment also would have required employers to adhere to social distancing requirements, notify employees of positive COVID-19 cases at the workplace and provide a deep cleaning after an outbreak. Employees who tested positive for COVID-19 would have been paid for up to 80 hours of wages if they had to self-isolate for themselves or a family member infected with the virus.” (*Winston Salem-Journal*, 6/24/20)

## IMMIGRATION

### *Sanctuary Cities*

**Hunt Voted No On HB 135, Which Declares A Sanctuary County Or City Ordinance Null And Void, Among Other Measures.** ([HB 135](#), Bill Passed - House (65 - 52), North Carolina State House, 6/26/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 135 would: Declare a sanctuary county or city ordinance null and void. Authorize any person to bring an action for injunctive relief against a county or city enacting a sanctuary ordinance. Appropriate \$15,000, in nonrecurring funds, for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to provide education for the public and for local governments on the contents of this act.” ([HB 135](#))

### *Cooperation With Federal Immigration Authorities*

**Hunt Voted No On HB 370, Which Requires Confinement Facilities To Comply With Detainers And Administrative Warrants Issued By Immigration And Customs Enforcement (ICE).** ([HB 370](#), Bill Passed - House (62 - 53), North Carolina State House, 8/20/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 370 would do the following: Require confinement facilities to comply with detainers and administrative warrants issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Authorize the removal of a sheriff or officer from office for failing to comply with ICE detainers. Require confinement facilities to submit annual reports to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety (JPS Oversight) regarding compliance with ICE detainers.” ([HB 370](#))

**HB 370 “States That Sheriff’s Departments Across The State Would Be Forced To Work With Immigration Officers.”** “House Bill 370 states that sheriff’s departments across the state would be forced to work with immigration officers. In an interview with WBTV Wednesday, ICE spokesman Bryan Cox said “When federal, state and local law enforcement cooperate that is the best service to public safety.” Members of local activism group Comunidad Colectiva are celebrating the veto. “This is a big victory for the immigrant community and it goes to show the democratic process of electing a sheriff is being respected,” Stephania Arteaga said.” (“Gov. Cooper Vetoes Bill Requiring Sheriffs To Cooperate With ICE,” [WBTV](#), 8/20/19)

**HB 370 “States That Sheriffs Who Receive An ICE Detainer Request Would Be Required To Take The Person Before A ‘State Judicial Official.’”** “McFadden. The bill states that sheriffs who receive an ICE detainer request would be required to take the person before a “state judicial official.” That official would make the decision whether the inmate would continue to be

detained. H.B. 370 would also authorize the removal of a sheriff from office for failing to comply with ICE detainers.” (“Gov. Cooper Vetoes Bill Requiring Sheriffs To Cooperate With ICE,” [WBTV](#), 8/20/19)

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- **Cox: “When Ice Has To Go Into A Community And Make An Arrest That Is More Dangerous For The Ice Officer, It’s More Dangerous For The Person Being Arrested And Its Also More Dangerous As A Whole.”** (“Gov. Cooper Vetoes Bill Requiring Sheriffs To Cooperate With ICE,” [WBTV](#), 8/20/19)

**HB 370’s Advocates Said That Gov. Cooper’s Veto Of The Legislation “Undermines Safety.”** “But the Republicans who voted to pass the bill say the veto undermines safety. “Domestic violence offenses if you look at the history, offenses against children, these sex offenses, violent assaults,” Speaker Tim Moore said. “Why in the world would the sheriff release people like that and why in the world would the governor not sign a bill to say no to that?” According to ICE, Mecklenburg County has recently denied up to 22 detainer requests. It means immigration officials have to find these people on their own.” (“Gov. Cooper Vetoes Bill Requiring Sheriffs To Cooperate With ICE,” [WBTV](#), 8/20/19)

### ***Foreign Citizens On Voting Rolls***

**Hunt Voted No On SB 250, Which Removes From Voter Rolls Those Who Are Disqualified From Jury Duty Based On Citizenship.** ([SB 250](#), Bill Passed - House (59 - 51), North Carolina State House, 10/30/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “...Modifies proposed GS 9-6.2, regarding reports of excusals from jury duty based on disqualification. Clarifies that the records retained by the State Board of Elections (State Board) regarding disqualification from jury duty based on citizenship are public records, except as prohibited by federal statute. Makes a similar clarification to GS 163-82.14, concerning registered voter list maintenance, to deem noncitizen records under new subsection (c1) public records, except as prohibited by federal statute. Further

amends the proposed new provisions in GS 163-82.14 to no longer require the State Board to quarterly publish on its website the voter registration status of persons disqualified from jury duty based on citizenship.” ([SB 250](#))

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 250 “Requires The Clerk Of Superior Court To Report The Names And Addresses Of Anyone Who Is Excused From Jury Duty Due To Non-Citizenship, Non-Residency, Or Current Felony Sentence To The State Board Of Elections.”** “SB250, Remove Foreign Citizens from Voting Rolls, requires the clerk of superior court to report the names and addresses of anyone who is excused from jury duty due to non-citizenship, non-residency, or current felony sentence to the State Board of Elections. The State Board and county boards would then start the process of verifying the information and potentially removing ineligible voters from the voter roll through the normal process of list maintenance after a 30-days written notice and an opportunity to appeal. SB 250 is an important step in maintaining the integrity of North Carolina’s voter rolls. The vote to preserve freedom is yes.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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## LAW AND ORDER

### *Reforms*

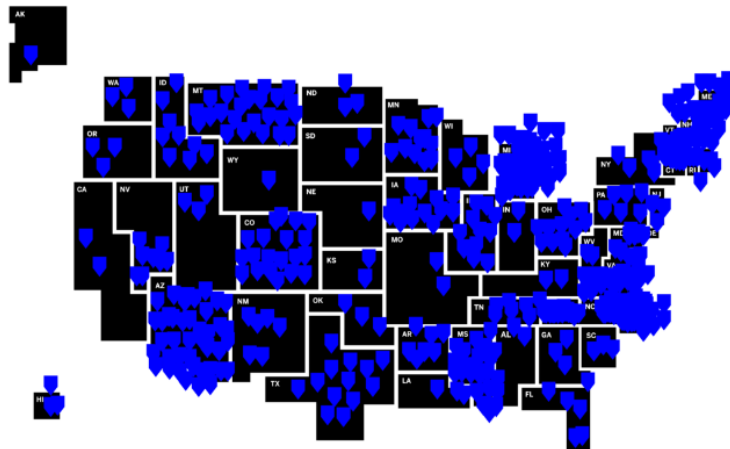
#### Overall

**“Forty-Seven Democratic Members Of The State House And Candidates Running To Join The Democratic Caucus Have Signed A Pledge To Defund The Police, Restrict The Ability Of Law Enforcement To Obtain Basic Protective Equipment And Strip Citizens Of Second Amendment Rights With No Due Process.”** “Forty-Seven Democratic members of the state House and candidates running to join the Democratic caucus have signed a pledge to defund the police, restrict the ability of law enforcement to obtain basic protective equipment and strip citizens of Second Amendment rights with no due process. The pledge includes ending cash bail and the assignment of court fees and costs, one which would return some dangerous criminals back to the streets, the other which would further defund the police by eliminating revenue for police training and police retirement. Eight Democratic state Senate members and candidates also signed the pledge. While not all current Democrat house members signed the pledge, if all 47 of the pledge signers were elected, they would represent 85% of the current 55 Democrat

members of the state House. Included in part of the pledge is the policy statement: “Police funding...has been shown to have no connection to crime rates” House Speaker Tim Moore (R-Kings Mountain) scheduled a press conference for Monday, Sept. 14 and released the following statement: “This radical pledge by House Democrats to defund police in North Carolina is a betrayal of the basic public trust to keep families safe, particularly in times of crisis, as crime rates rise in other areas led by the radical left,” Moore said. “Assessing expenditures on policing to identify evidence-based ways to generate savings...especially communities most impacted by current policing practices,” is an official policy promise of House Democratic leaders and candidates to North Carolinians,” Moore continued. “It is stunning that House Democrats in North Carolina would sign a pledge to defund law enforcement, and that so many in their caucus would join with radical national liberals promising to cut funding for police officers who protect innocent people.” Moore further noted that in exchange for at least \$100,000 in donations, House Democratic candidates pledged to enact legislation requiring “a comprehensive review of the state’s police funding” to “reduce excessive policing.” The pledge is advocated and promoted by the organization Future Now Fund, and found at this link: <https://www.futurenow.org/> The group is classified as a 501(c)(4) issue advocacy organization with the sole purpose of helping Democrats win state-level races.” (Foundation For Research On Equal Opportunity, 9/14/20)

- **NOTE 1:** *The Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity pointed out that Hunt was among the signatories of the Future Now pledge.*
- **NOTE 2:** *Archived screenshots of Hunt listed as a signatory of the Pledge to Achieve America’s Goals on the Future Now site have been included below:*

1,011 candidates and elected officials from all 50 states have signed the Pledge to Achieve America’s Goals. [Sign the pledge](#) ↓



([Future Now](#), Archived 8/9/20)

- Sen. Megan Hunt NE Senate District 8
- Rep. Rachel Hunt NC House District 103
- Darnell William Hunt NC House District 49
- Del. Chris Hurst\* VA House, District 12
- Ricky Hurtado NC House District 63
- Natali Hurtado TX House District 126

([Future Now](#), Archived 8/9/20)

**The “Pledge To Achieve America’s Goals” Contends “Police Funding, On The Other Hand, Has Been Shown To Have No Connection To Crime Rates” And Supports The Reimagine Communities Act Which “Involves Impacted Communities To Invest Police Savings In Proven Youth, Health, Employment And Housing Programs That Make Communities Safer.”** ([America’s Goals](#), Archived 9/18/20)

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SELECT A GOAL

- GOOD JOBS
- AFFORDABLE QUALITY HEALTHCARE
- INVESTING IN CHILDREN
- EMPOWERING PEOPLE OVER SPECIAL INTERESTS
- EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL**

TARGETS

- Equal Pay For Equal Work Regardless Of Gender Or Race
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- Improve Public Safety by Reinvesting Policing Savings in Community Based and Prevention Programs

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## Improve Public Safety by Reinvesting Policing Savings in Community Based and Prevention Programs

Communities are safest when all residents have access to education, jobs and opportunities to build their lives -- higher education and employment levels are associated with lower crime rates. Police funding, on the other hand, has been shown to have no connection to crime rates. And police officers should be able to focus on the problems that they are trained to address, notably public safety, and free them from dealing with issues that others are more trained to handle like homelessness and substance abuse recovery. The Reimagine Communities Act involves impacted communities to invest police savings in proven youth, health, employment and housing programs that make communities safer.

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[Examples Of Reimagining Police Departments That Show Promise](#)

“KING: So this is civilians responding to calls. Do police support that? WESTERVELT: They do because it relieves them, and it's cost-effective. I mean, on a budget of just over \$2 million, this civilian team takes some 20% of Eugene's 911 calls. So it's saving money: It's saving police manpower. And also, Noel, this is key - these non-police interventions are keeping people out of emergency rooms and out of county jails. That's a huge savings. And remember, jails have become de facto America's biggest mental health facilities.”

**6WBRC**  
Mayor & police chief working to reconsider policing in Tuscaloosa

([America’s Goals](#), Archived 9/18/20)

- **The “Pledge To Achieve America’s Goals” Promotes Effective Defunding Of The Police And Reallocation Of Police Funding.** ([America’s Goals](#), Archived 9/18/20)

FAQ	
<b>Who does this help?</b>	Research shows that expanding educational opportunities significantly reduces the probability of incarceration and arrest, and that access to jobs reduces criminal behavior. Assessing expenditures on policing to identify evidence-based ways to generate savings and increase public safety will benefit everyone, especially communities most impacted by current policing practices.
<b>Is this high cost for the state government?</b>	No. It merely allocates funding to a different mix of programs. In Eugene, OR, an alternate responder program in place for thirty years has saved the city about \$8.5 million annually in public safety costs.
<b>Is this reallocation to reduce policing costs popular?</b>	Yes. Recent polling has found that 72% of voters support a new first-responder agency that addresses issues of addiction and mental health.

([America's Goals](#), Archived 9/18/20)

**The “Pledge To Achieve America’s Goals” Supported The End Of Transferring Department Of Defense Equipment To Police Departments.** ([America's Goals](#), Archived 9/18/20)

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## Make Communities Safer by Stopping the Use of Military Equipment Against Americans

Numerous studies have found that increased use of military equipment by police leads to increased civilian casualties. Yet since 2017, the Department of Defense has transferred nearly \$760 million in military-grade equipment to local police and sheriff's departments with little oversight of how it is used. By stopping the transfer of military weapons to police departments, and bringing transparency to any non-weapon transfer of federal equipment, the Protect Communities Act will make communities safer and save money.

([America's Goals](#), Archived 9/18/20)

**The “Pledge To Achieve America’s Goals” Supported The End Of Cash Bail And Restoring The Right To Vote For Ex-Convicts.** ([America's Goals](#), Archived 9/15/20)



## END MASS INCARCERATION

Keep Kids in School with Fair Discipline	>
Improve Public Safety and Reduce Incarceration Rates By Deepening Justice Reinvestment	>
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## EDUCATION

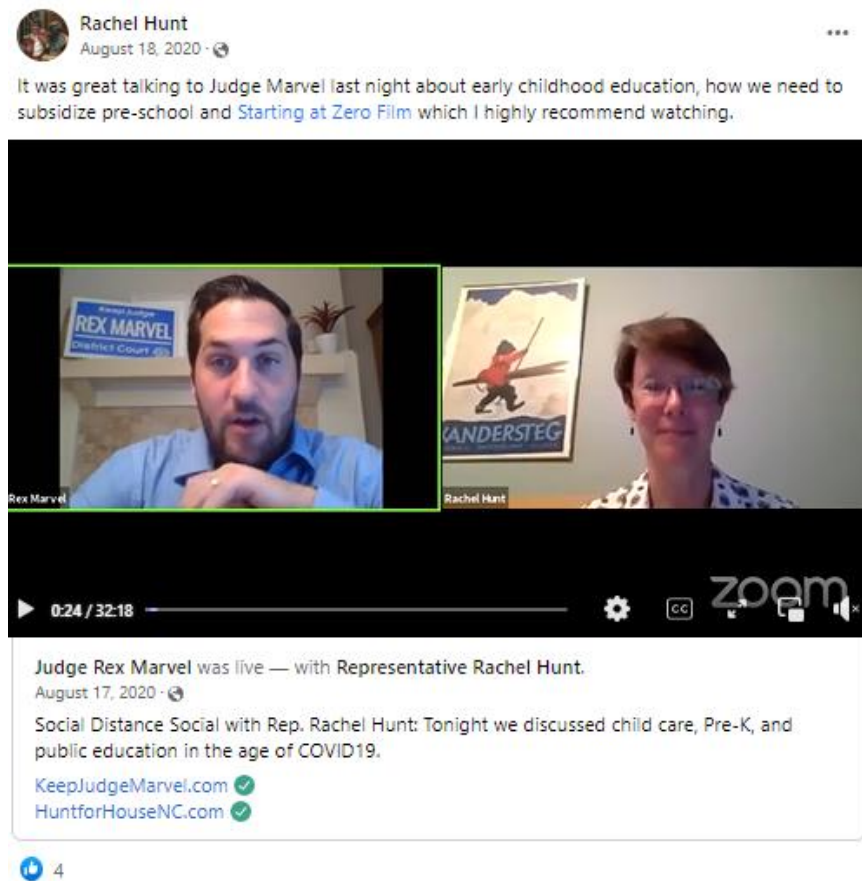
### *Overall*

**In 2018, Hunt Claimed She Was Running Because She Believes The State's Public Education System Has Been Undermined By Politicians In Raleigh.** "Democrat Rachel Hunt announced Wednesday she would run for the state House in a Mecklenburg County district currently represented by Republican Bill Brawley, a senior chairman of the House Finance Committee. Hunt is an attorney who operates a college counseling firm and a company that helps Charlotte parents locate school options. She said she's running because the state's public education system has been under-mined by politicians in Raleigh." ("Daughter Of North Carolina Gov. Hunt Running For Legislature," *The Associated Press*, 2/14/18)

### *Subsidizing Pre-K*

**In August 2020, Hunt Posted On Facebook Expressing Her Support For Subsidizing Pre-School.** (Hunt Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/18/20)





(Hunt Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/18/20)

### ***Public Educators Salaries***

#### **Pay For Performance**

**Hunt Has Criticized Pay For Performance Compensation Plans For Teachers.** “We applaud CMS's decision to make quality teaching the central focus of its 2014 plan. Teachers play tremendously important roles in children's lives and futures, and all our children deserve great ones. Still, we are somewhat concerned to see the district focus on pay-for-performance as its main strategy for promoting high quality teaching. Study after study has made clear that working conditions have a greater influence on teachers' career decisions than pay structure.” (Rachel Hunt Nilender, Op-Ed, “For The Record; Supporting Teachers Is More Effective Than Pay-For-Performance,” *Charlotte Observer*, 12/9/09)

- **Rather Than Moving To Pay For Performance Teacher Compensation Plans, Hunt Instead Advocated For Increased Teacher Resources.** “During the past five years, teacher turnover in CMS has averaged nearly 15 percent - about 1,400 teachers - a year. Nationally, the numbers are little better. Attrition is often particularly high among new teachers, who can easily be overwhelmed with the demands of their jobs. Recruiting and training their replacements costs CMS millions of dollars every year. National estimates suggest that while teachers leave their jobs for many reasons, close to a quarter - 350 teachers a year in CMS - are driven by circumstances that districts can change. Last

month, the League of Women Voters sponsored a forum on recruiting and retaining high-quality public schoolteachers. Participants - many of whom were teachers - broke into small groups and talked about their priorities. Those discussions focused less on measuring than on more interactions such as mentoring. Here are some of their top recommendations: \*Greater support for new teachers. Most successful businesses have extensive mentoring and training pro-grams for new employees. One of Teach for America's strengths is the support, training and opportunities for collaboration it provides. Yet too many of CMS's novice teachers are thrust directly into challenging classrooms with minimal mentoring support.” (Rachel Hunt Nilender, Op-Ed, “For The Record; Supporting Teachers Is More Effective Than Pay-For-Performance,” *Charlotte Observer*, 12/9/09)

**Hunt Proposed Deferring A Study Regarding Pay For Performance As A Means To Save Money For Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.** “The combined savings from eliminating one additional learning community and deferring both the proposed magnet expansions and the pay-for-performance study should be enough to offset most of the cost of maintaining the existing magnet busing arrangements for the next year. This would pave the way for a more systematic, comprehensive consideration of magnets and busing in the coming year.” (Rachel Hunt Nilender, Op-Ed, “Eliminate Three Learning Communities, Defer Magnet Expansions; FOR THE RECORD,” *The Charlotte Observer*, 5/11/10)

### Public School Employees Pay

**Hunt, In 2018: “The No. 1 Thing I Would Like To See Is Raising Teacher Pay Back Up To The National Average.”** “In 2001-02 — as Jim Hunt wrapped up his fourth and final term — North Carolina ranked 19th in teacher pay among the 50 states. It's now ranked 37th and lags behind the neighboring states of South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia. Principal pay is 50th in the nation, according to National Education Association figures. "The No. 1 thing I would like to see is raising teacher pay back up to the national average," Hunt said.” (*Wilson Times*, 11/25/18)

**Hunt Voted No On HB 377, The Teacher Step Act, Which Provides Teachers With Salaries Increases, Among Other Measures.** ([HB 377](#), Bill Passed - House (61 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/30/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “The Proposed Committee Substitute to House Bill 377 (PCS) would provide teachers, instructional support personnel, and assistant principals with salary increases based on years of experience, authorize salary supplements for highly qualified North Carolina teaching graduates, and, consistent with House Bill 966 of the 2019 Regular Session, appropriate funds to provide legislatively mandated salary increases to principals.” ([HB 377](#))

**Headline: “North Carolina Senate Passes New Teacher Pay Bill.”** (Nyamekye Daniel, “North Carolina Senate Passes New Teacher Pay Bill,” [The Center Square](#), 10/31/19)

**Under HB 377, “Teachers Would Receive A 3.9 Percent Raise Over Two Years And Non-Instructional Support Staff Would Receive 2 Percent Over Two Years.”** “Cars zoomed past the corner of Shipyard Blvd and 41st Street while Hoggard High School chemistry teacher Amanda White spoke from behind a podium and a sign which read: “Better budget priorities.”

White was joined by a small group of educators and Senator Harper Peterson to urge Governor Roy Cooper to veto House Bill 377. If passed, teachers would receive a 3.9 percent raise over two years and non-instructional support staff would receive 2 percent over two years.” (“Educators Urge Gov. Cooper To Veto Pay Raise Bill,” [Star News](#), 11/7/19)

**Hunt Voted No On SB 354, The Strengthening Educators' Pay Act, Which Would Provide Legislatively Mandated Compensation Increases For Certain Public School Employees.** ([SB 354](#), Bill Passed - House (62 - 46), North Carolina State House, 10/31/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 354 would provide (i) legislatively mandated compensation increases for certain public school employees, consistent with House Bill 966 of the 2019 Regular Session, and (ii) contingent on House Bill 966 becoming law, additional legislatively mandated compensation increases for certain educational employees and increased funding for tuition grants for graduates of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. SB 354 was ratified by the General Assembly on October 31, 2019, and vetoed by the Governor on November 8, 2019.” ([SB 354](#))

### **University Employee Pay**

**Hunt Voted No On HB 231, Which Appropriates Funds To Provide For Salary Increases To Employees Of The University Of North Carolina System And The North Carolina Community College System And To Provide Two One-Time Cost-Of-Living Supplements For Retirees.** ([HB 231](#), Bill Passed - House (61 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/30/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “Consistent with House Bill 966, the PCS to House Bill 231 appropriate funds to provide legislatively mandated salary increases to employees of the University of North Carolina system and the North Carolina Community College system and to provide two one-time cost-of-living supplements for retirees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System, and the Legislative Retirement System.” ([HB 231](#))

### ***School Choice***

**In March 2021, Hunt Introduced An Unsuccessful Amendment To Require Voucher Recipients To Be Tested In Order To Assess School Voucher Effectiveness.** “House Bill 32 would also expand who could receive a voucher and give funding priority this year to families who left public schools to attend private schools during the coronavirus pandemic. Private schools have been more likely than public schools to be open for in-person instruction this school year. “This provides an equitable situation where low-wealth income students are provided opportunities that the more affluent citizens can have where they're not locked into a failing school situation,” said Rep. Dean Arp, a Union County Republican, and one of the bill's primary sponsors. But Democratic members raised concerns Tuesday that the legislation would take away money needed to educate students in the public schools. An effort to amend the bill to require scholarship recipients to be tested to assess the program's effectiveness was rejected. “The state is spending millions of dollars on these scholarships and on educating these children,” said Rep. Rachel Hunt, a Mecklenburg County Democrat who introduced the amendment. “We

all have an interest in knowing whether they have achieved what they need to learn in these schools." Arp said the amendment was not needed." (*The News & Observer*, 3/23/21)

**Hunt Voted Yea On Amdt 17 To HB 966, An Amendment To An Appropriations Act That Reduced Funding For The Opportunity Scholarship Program.** ([Amdt 17](#), Amendment Failed - House (54 - 60), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Hunt Voted Yea)

4 on page 3, line 41, by decreasing the requirements for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years  
 5 by \$20,000,000; and  
 6  
 7 on page 76, lines 26 through 27, by inserting between those lines the following new section to  
 8 read:  
 9 **"FUND SCHOOL-BASED PERSONNEL/REDUCE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**  
 10 **FUNDS**  
 11 **SECTION 7.39.(a)** G.S. 115C-562.8(b) reads as rewritten:  
 12 "(b) The General Assembly finds that, due to the critical need in this State to provide  
 13 opportunity for school choice for North Carolina students, it is imperative that the State provide  
 14 ~~an increase of funds of at least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) each fiscal year for 10 years to~~  
 15 the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve. Therefore, there is appropriated from the  
 16 General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each fiscal year to be used for the  
 17 purposes set forth in this section:

18	Fiscal Year	Appropriation
19	2017-2018	\$44,840,000
20	2018-2019	\$54,840,000
21	2019-2020	<del>\$64,840,000</del> \$44,840,000
22	2020-2021	<del>\$74,840,000</del> \$54,840,000
23	2021-2022	<del>\$84,840,000</del> \$64,840,000
24	2022-2023	<del>\$94,840,000</del> \$74,840,000
25	2023-2024	<del>\$104,840,000</del> \$84,840,000
26	2024-2025	<del>\$114,840,000</del> \$94,840,000
27	2025-2026	<del>\$124,840,000</del> \$104,840,000
28	2026-2027	<del>\$134,840,000</del> \$114,840,000

29 For the 2027-2028 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the  
 30 General Fund to the Reserve the sum of one hundred ~~forty-four~~ twenty-four million eight hundred  
 31 ~~forty thousand dollars (\$144,840,000)~~ (\$124,840,000) to be used for the purposes set forth in this  
 32 section. When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year

([Amdt 17](#))

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization, Described The Amendment As: "This Amendment To The Budget Bill Would Reduce Funding To The Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP)," A Program That "Provides Scholarships To Low-Income Students To Attend Private Schools."** "This amendment to the budget bill would reduce funding to the Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP). OSP provides scholarships to low-income students to attend private schools. Civitas Action believes parents, not government bureaucrats, are best equipped to choose the right school for their children. Reducing funding for OSP takes that choice away from some of the most vulnerable NC families. The vote to defend freedom is no." ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**Civitas Action: "Civitas Action Believes Parents, Not Government Bureaucrats, Are Best Equipped To Choose The Right School For Their Children."** "Civitas Action believes



parents, not government bureaucrats, are best equipped to choose the right school for their children. Reducing funding for OSP takes that choice away from some of the most vulnerable NC families. The vote to defend freedom is no.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**Civitas Action: “Reducing Funding For OSP Takes That Choice Away From Some Of The Most Vulnerable NC Families.”** “Civitas Action believes parents, not government bureaucrats, are best equipped to choose the right school for their children. Reducing funding for OSP takes that choice away from some of the most vulnerable NC families. The vote to defend freedom is no.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

### *School Performance*

#### **Excellent Public Schools Act Of 2019**

**Hunt Voted No On SB 438, The Excellent Public Schools Act Of 2019, Which Would Makes Various Changes To The North Carolina Read To Achieve Program.** ([SB 438](#), Bill Passed - House (68 - 48), North Carolina State House, 8/8/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “SB 438 would makes various changes to the North Carolina Read to Achieve Program, including the following: Establish individual reading plans. Establish a Digital Children's Reading Initiative. Establish a Comprehensive Plan to Improve Literacy Instruction (Comprehensive Plan). Require the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) to prioritize and provide aligned professional development in early learning and literacy instruction. Require educator preparation programs to provide literacy training in programs for elementary education teachers. Require the literacy curriculum and instruction provided by local school administrative units to align with Read to Achieve and the Comprehensive Plan. Require approval of plans for local reading camps. Study phasing out some alternative assessments for third grade reading. Create a uniform reporting structure for Read to Achieve data. Provide for continuing education credits related to literacy for certain reading camp instructors and allow certain retired teachers to serve as reading camp instructors. Expand the Wolfpack WORKS program...” ([SB 438](#))

**SB 438, Which Was Vetoed By Gov. Cooper, “Aimed To Improve Read To Achieve, The State’s K-3 Literacy Program Tasked With Improving Low Reading Scores.”** “S.B. 438 aimed to improve Read to Achieve, the state’s K-3 literacy program tasked with improving low reading scores. The legislation, introduced by Senate leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, would establish individual reading plans, expand the Wolfpack WORKS program, align the literacy curriculum and instruction with Read to Achieve, as well as a few other provisions. In his veto message, Cooper said S.B. 438 tries to put a Band-Aid on a program where implementation has clearly failed.” (Lindsay Marchello, “Governor Vetoes Excellent Public Schools Act, Senate Leader’s Priority,” [Carolina Journal](#), 8/23/19)

**SB 438 “Would Establish Individual Reading Plans, Expand The Wolfpack WORKS Program, Align The Literacy Curriculum And Instruction With Read To Achieve.”** “S.B. 438 aimed to improve Read to Achieve, the state’s K-3 literacy program tasked with improving low reading scores. The legislation, introduced by Senate leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham,

would establish individual reading plans, expand the Wolfpack WORKS program, align the literacy curriculum and instruction with Read to Achieve, as well as a few other provisions. In his veto message, Cooper said S.B. 438 tries to put a Band-Aid on a program where implementation has clearly failed.” (Lindsay Marchello, “Governor Vetoes Excellent Public Schools Act, Senate Leader’s Priority,” [Carolina Journal](#), 8/23/19)

**The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported This Legislation.** (2019 Legislative Session North Carolina General Assembly, [North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce](#))

### ***Curriculum And Related***

#### **Economics And Personal Finance Course Requirements**

**Hunt Voted No On HB 924, Which Requires “A New Course In Economics And Personal Finance (EPF) As A Graduation Requirement For Students, As Well As Require Professional Development For Teachers Of That Course,” Among Other Measures.** ([HB 924](#), Bill Passed - House (73 - 39), North Carolina State House, 6/27/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “Clarify how much time a teacher must have already worked for a local board of education in order to be eligible for an extended employment contract.” ([HB 924](#))
- NOTE: “Require a new course in economics and personal finance (EPF) as a graduation requirement for students, as well as require professional development for teachers of that course.” ([HB 924](#))
- NOTE: “Clarify the requirements for the existing high school civics course, and require the State Board of Education to revise the standards for the social studies standard course of study.” ([HB 924](#))

**The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported This Legislation.** (2019 Legislative Session North Carolina General Assembly, [North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce](#))

#### **Textbook Selection**

**Hunt Voted No On HB 315, Which Would Repeal The Current Process For Textbook Selection By The State Board Of Education And Would Replace It With A Process For Local Boards Of Education To Select Instructional Materials.** ([HB 315](#), Bill Passed - House (63 - 51), North Carolina State House, 4/3/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “HB 315 would repeal the current process for textbook selection by the State Board of Education and would replace it with a process for local boards of education to select instructional materials. HB 315 would also create a process for individuals to challenge instructional materials as unfit, which could be appealed to the State Board of Education.” ([HB 315](#))

### ***Critical Race Theory***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 324, ‘Ensuring Dignity And Nondiscrimination/Schools.’** ([HB 324](#), Bill Passed – House (61 - 41), North Carolina State House, 9/1/21, Hunt Voted No)

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill would state the General Assembly's intent that students, teachers, administrators, and other school employees employ teaching methods and procedures that do the following:

- Respect the dignity of others.
- Acknowledge the right of others to express differing opinions.
- Foster and defend intellectual honesty, freedom of inquiry and instruction, and freedom of speech and association.

Public school units would be prohibited from promoting certain identified concepts. "Promote" would be defined as compelling students, teachers, administrators, or other school employees to affirm or profess belief in the identified concepts. The identified concepts would include the following:

- One race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex.
- An individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive.
- An individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly because of his or her race or sex.
- An individual's moral character is necessarily determined by his or her race or sex.
- An individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex.
- Any individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress.
- A meritocracy is inherently racist or sexist.
- The United States was created by members of a particular race or sex for the purpose of oppressing members of another race or sex.

([HB 324](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Contains A Number Of Provisions That Are Designed To Ensure Students Receive Instruction On Core Subject Areas And Prevent Classrooms From Being Used To Indoctrinate Students With Leftist Ideals Such As Critical Race Theory (CRT).”** “This bill contains a number of provisions that are designed to ensure students receive instruction on core subject areas and prevent classrooms from being used to indoctrinate students with Leftist ideals such as critical race theory (CRT). For example, the bill prohibits public schools from promoting any ideology that one race or sex is inherently superior to another, or that an individual is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive based solely on their own race or sex. The bill also requires public and charter schools to make instructional materials available to parents. ACU opposes the Left’s quest to advance CRT and other ideals designed to advance division and grow the role of government and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes The Left’s Quest To Advance CRT And Other Ideals Designed To Advance Division And Grow The Role Of Government And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

### *Miscellaneous*

#### Title I Schools

**Hunt Opposed A Plan By Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools To Reorganize Schools To Create Two “Learning Community” Zones Composed Of Exclusively Title I Schools.** “From Rachel Hunt Nilender, education committee chair, League of Women Voters Charlotte



Mecklenburg: At the recent hearing on the proposed Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools budget, League of Women Voters Charlotte Mecklenburg co-president Janet Brinkley expressed the League's concerns about the effect the proposed budget would have on the opportunities available to low-income students and students at high-poverty schools. The League is especially concerned about the proposal to create two "learning community" zones composed exclusively of Title I schools. This proposal would segregate Title I schools from higher wealth schools, regardless of geography or feeder sequence. From the days of *Brown v. Board of Education*, the League of Women Voters has consistently maintained that separate can never be equal. No matter how much or how little money can be saved, we are opposed to this reorganization." (Rachel Hunt Nilender, Op-Ed, "Eliminate Three Learning Communities, Defer Magnet Expansions; FOR THE RECORD," *The Charlotte Observer*, 5/11/10)

**Hunt Also Criticized Funding Cuts Proposed By Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools That She Claimed "Will Disproportionately Affect Low-Income Students And High Poverty Schools."** "The League is also troubled by the number of proposed cuts that will disproportionately affect low-income students and high-poverty schools, including a sharp curtailment of magnet transportation, the termination of the 1:17 class size policy for FOCUS elementary schools, and reductions in AP and Career Tech classes. The Education Committee believes that the interests of students would be better served by adjustments to the budget that specifically address the zone reorganization and the magnet transportation issue. We also believe that broader actions are needed to address our schools' funding crisis." (Rachel Hunt Nilender, Op-Ed, "Eliminate Three Learning Communities, Defer Magnet Expansions; FOR THE RECORD," *The Charlotte Observer*, 5/11/10)

### UNC System

**In 2014, Hunt Criticized Then-Governor McCrory For Funding Cuts To The UNC System.** ([Rachel Hunt Twitter Profile](#), Posted 5/14/14)



([Rachel Hunt Twitter Profile](#), Posted 5/14/14)

### Fraternities

**In 2015, Hunt Urged Parents To Encourage Their Children To Not Rush A Fraternity Or Sorority.** ([Rachel Hunt Twitter Profile](#), Posted 8/13/15)



([Rachel Hunt Twitter Profile](#), Posted 8/13/15)

## ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

### *Water Infrastructure*

#### Water Infrastructure Project Funding

**Hunt Voted No On Amdt 29 To HB 966, An Amendment To An Appropriations Act That Reallocates Funds From The Film And Entertainment Grant Fund To Be Used To Fund Water Infrastructure Projects Through The Department Of Environmental Quality For The State Water And Wastewater Reserve.** ([Amdt 29](#), Amendment Failed - House (14 - 100), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Hunt Voted No)

moves to amend the bill on page 5, line 41, by reducing the requirements by \$31,000,000 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

on page 5, line 46, by increasing the requirements by \$31,000,000 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

on page 216, lines 27-28, by inserting the following new provision between those lines:

#### **"FILM GRANT RE-ALLOCATION TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

**SECTION 12.13.** Notwithstanding anything in this act or the associated committee report to the contrary, the funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce for the Film and Entertainment Grant Fund shall be reduced by thirty-one million dollars (\$31,000,000) in recurring funds in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Environmental Quality for the State Water and Wastewater Reserve shall be increased by thirty-one million dollars (\$31,000,000) in recurring funds in the 2020-2021 fiscal year."; and

by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

([Amdt 29](#))

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: "This Amendment To The Budget Bill Would Reallocate \$31 Million From The State's Film Tax Incentive Program To Fund Water Infrastructure Projects Through The State Department Of Environmental Quality."**

"This amendment to the budget bill would reallocate \$31 million from the state's film tax incentive program to fund water infrastructure projects through the state Department of

Environmental Quality. Civitas Action believes North Carolina taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize Hollywood. The vote to defend freedom is yes.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**“Civitas Action Believes North Carolina Taxpayers Should Not Be Forced To Subsidize Hollywood.”** ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

### **Governing Of Water Infrastructure Grants**

**Hunt Voted No On SB 320, Would Amend Requirements Governing Disbursement Of Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Grants Or Loans To Recipients Engaged In Regionalization.** ([SB 320](#), Bill Passed - House (63 - 54), North Carolina State House, 7/16/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 320 would amend requirements governing disbursement of water/wastewater infrastructure grants or loans to recipients engaged in regionalization to, in certain circumstances, require a written agreement between a recipient and local government units purchasing treated or untreated water from the recipient, stating the current rates of purchase and any anticipated increases over the term of the agreement, or a resolution approved by the governing board of the purchasing local government unit stating that it waives its option to establish such a written agreement. The bill also establishes a process for the Local Government Commission (LGC) to assist in resolving any disputes between local government units prior to execution of a written agreement. If the parties fail to reach an agreement, the bill would prohibit the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) from disbursing any loan or grant to either local government unit until the dispute is resolved to the satisfaction of the LGC.” ([SB 320](#))

## **REGULATIONS**

### ***Regulatory Reform Act Of 2019***

**Hunt Voted No On SB 553, The Regulatory Reform Act Of 2019.** ([SB 553](#), Bill Passed - House (78 - 31), North Carolina State House, 8/29/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “The Conference Committee Substitute (CCS) for Senate Bill 553 would amend several State laws related to State and local government regulation, and agricultural, energy, environmental, and natural resources regulation.” ([SB 553](#))

**SB 553, Which Was Vetoed By Gov. Cooper, Has Been Described As “Annual Legislation Pitched By Republicans As Reducing And Streamlining North Carolina Regulations.”**

“Gov. Roy Cooper has vetoed the annual legislation pitched by Republicans as reducing and streamlining North Carolina regulations. The Democratic governor wrote Friday that a couple of provisions in the 25-page Regulatory Reform Act of 2019 threaten public health and safety. Gubernatorial vetoes apply to an entire bill’s content. Cooper cites one item that would alter the state fire code so that doorstep garbage and recycling containers can sit in certain apartment complex hallways temporarily. The governor says that could pose safety risks for residents and emergency responders.” (“Cooper Vetoes Annual North Carolina Regulatory Cleanup Bill,” [Associated Press](#), 9/20/19)

- ***Associated Press* Headline: “Cooper Vetoes Annual North Carolina Regulatory Cleanup Bill.”** (“Cooper Vetoes Annual North Carolina Regulatory Cleanup Bill,” [Associated Press](#), 9/20/19)

**SB 553 “Included The Following Provisions Of Interest To” North Carolina’s Municipalities, Among Other Measures:**

- **“Authorization Of A City Or County To Establish A Process To Permit Temporary Event Venues.”** (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))
- **“A Division Of Emergency Management Study Of The Needs Of Law Enforcement And First Responders To Improve Access To The Interstate System.”** (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))
- **“Provisions To Address The Financial Viability Of Certain Water And Wastewater Utilities Based On Their Infrastructure Need, Including Creating A New Grant Program Entitled The “Viability Utility Reserve Fund” – Which Appeared In Multiple Other Bills This Session.”** (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))

***Outdoor Advertising***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 645, Which Allows For Relocation And Reconstruction Of Outdoor Advertising Signs In Certain Instances, Among Other Reforms.** ([HB 645](#), Bill Passed - House (60 - 54), North Carolina State House, 8/7/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 645 would amend the laws pertaining to outdoor advertising, to do all of the following: Allow for relocation and reconstruction of outdoor advertising signs, with specified criteria to be met. Prohibit the North Carolina Department of Transportation from denying a sign relocation site due to the presence of vegetation obstructing the sign's visibility. Reduce the waiting period for a permitted outdoor advertising location to receive a selective vegetation removal permit from two years to one year, and exempt relocated signs from that waiting period.” ([HB 645](#))

**HB 645 “Would Allow Billboard Companies The Ability To Move Their Signs If Government Takes Their Property Through Eminent Domain.”** “North Carolina’s Governor Roy Cooper vetoed House Bill 645 which would allow billboard companies the ability to move their signs if government takes their property through eminent domain. Here’s a press release by the North Carolina Outdoor Advertising Association objecting to the veto.” (“Governor Vetos House Bill 645 in North Carolina,” [Billboard Insider](#), 8/23/19)

**The North Carolina Outdoor Advertising Association Slammed Gov. Cooper’s Decision To Veto The Legislation.** (“Governor Vetos House Bill 645 in North Carolina,” [Billboard Insider](#), 8/23/19)

***Alcohol On College Campuses***

**Hunt Voted Yea On HB 389, Which Would Authorize Public Colleges And Universities To Allow Alcohol Sales At Stadiums, Athletic Facilities, And Arenas Located On School Property.** ([SB 389](#), Bill Passed - House (88 - 25), North Carolina State House, 6/19/19, Hunt Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “House Bill 389 would authorize public colleges and universities to allow alcohol sales at stadiums, athletic facilities, and arenas located on school property.” ([HB 389](#))

### ***Hemp***

**Hunt Voted No On SB 315, Which Established A State Hemp Program And Regulations Surrounding Hemp, Among Other Measures.** ([SB 315](#), Bill Passed - House (63 - 48), North Carolina State House, 8/21/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “...Implement A State Hemp Program In Accordance With Section 10113 Of The Federal Agriculture Improvement Act Of 2018, To Be Administered By The North Carolina Hemp Commission Until July 1, 2021...” ([SB 315](#))

### ***Foster Parents***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 918, Which Amends Various Abuse, Neglect, And Dependency Laws, With The Goal Of Expediting Permanency.** ([HB 918](#), Bill Passed - House (62 - 54), North Carolina State House, 5/6/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 918 amends various abuse, neglect, and dependency laws to do the following: Ensure the safety of children in out-of-home placements. • Expedite the goal of permanency for children under three years of age who have been removed from the home. Create a presumption that foster parents with whom a child under three years of age has lived continuously for nine months are deemed nonrelative kin. Create an aggravating circumstance for the exposure of nonmedical, controlled substances in utero.” ([HB 918](#))

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### ***Riots***

**Hunt Voted No On HB 805, An Act To Increase The Penalties For Rioting Or Inciting Rioting.** ([HB 805](#), Bill Passed - House (63 - 41), North Carolina State House, 8/31/21, Hunt Voted No)

**ACU: “This Bill Is Designed To Strengthen Property Rights By Holding Rioters Accountable For The Damages They Cause.”** “This bill is designed to strengthen property rights by holding rioters accountable for the damages they cause. Specifically, the bill increases the felony classification of rioters who cause property damage in excess of \$1,500 or cause serious injury or death. The bill also increases penalties for rioter inciters. ACU firmly supports the founders’ belief in the First Amendment and the right to peacefully assemble, and we also support protecting property rights by holding accountable all parties who cause destruction and violence and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

**The American Conservative Union Supports “Protecting Property Rights By Holding Accountable All Parties Who Cause Destruction And Violence And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

## SOCIAL ISSUES

### *Abortion*

**In 2019, Hunt “Proposed An Amendment To Strip Money From Crisis Pregnancy Centers And Divert It To The Smart Start Early Education Program.”** “House Minority Leader Darren Jackson, D-Wake, opened debate by trying to delay a vote. He wanted to send the bill back to the Health Committee and add a provision expanding Medicaid. The move failed. Rep. Rachel Hunt, D-Mecklenburg also lost when she proposed an amendment to strip money from crisis pregnancy centers and divert it to the Smart Start early education program. Democrats, who often oppose school choice measures, introduced a series of unsuccessful amendments to kill a \$1 million pre-K pilot program using virtual teaching in the home.” (*The Enquirer-Journal*, 5/4/19)

**In November 2019, Emily’s List Endorsed Hunt For Reelection To The NC State Senate.** “Today EMILY’s List, the nation’s largest resource for women in politics, endorsed six women leaders for re-election to the North Carolina General Assembly. Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY’s List, released the following statement: “Pro-choice Democratic women have been on the front line demanding change and championing progressive policies that put women and families first. “From the North Carolina GOP’s use of shameful tactics to undermine the democratic process during the budget fight to their failed attempts to enact dangerous, anti-choice legislation that would keep women from making their own health care decisions, we’ve seen how out of touch Republicans are with their constituents and how critical progressive women’s voices have been in the fight to move North Carolina forward. “It is crucial that we send these six women back to Raleigh in 2020 and EMILY’s List is proud to stand with them in their bids for re-election.” EMILY’s List endorsed the following slate of candidates: Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield (HD-24) Representative Julie von Haefen (HD-36) Representative Sydney Batch (HD-37) Representative Christy Clark (HD-98) Representative Rachel Hunt (HD-103) Senator Natasha Marcus (SD-41).” (EMILY’s List, 11/13/19)

### **20-Week Ban**

**In May 2022, Hunt ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet Appearing To Express Support For Abortions Post 20 Weeks Of Pregnancy.** (Hunt Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/12/22)



🔄 Rachel Hunt Retweeted



Sandra Wilcox Conway  
@sandrawconway

“..if Republicans win a supermajority this November, or the governor’s office in 2024, then that would open up more options for the GOP to enact a total ban, not just a 20-week ban.” [#NCelectionsmatter](#)



newsobserver.com

If Roe v. Wade is overturned, what could happen next on abortion in NC?

A state law banning many abortions, but not all, would likely go into effect. A total ban could depend on how the elections go.

7:56 AM · May 12, 2022 · Twitter Web App

(Hunt Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/12/22)

### **Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act**

**Hunt Voted No On SB 359, The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.** ([SB 359](#), Bill Passed - House (65 - 46), North Carolina State House, 4/16/19, Hunt Voted No; [SB 359](#), Veto Override Attempt - House (67 - 53), North Carolina State House, 6/5/19, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 359 would: Mandate reporting of a medical practitioner who failed to provide care. Require care by a medical practitioner for a child born alive despite an abortion. Create two new Class D felonies for violations of the Article. Create a bar to prosecution of the woman whose child was not cared for. Create civil penalties for the woman whose child was not cared for. Amend the current murder statute.” ([SB 359](#))

**Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 359 “Legally Reaffirms That A Baby That Survives An Attempted Abortion Has The Rights Of A Human Being And Is Entitled To Any Life-Saving Medical Care Available.”** “Senate Bill 359, Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act, legally reaffirms that a baby that survives an attempted abortion has the rights of a human being and is entitled to any life-saving medical care available. This bill provides important legal protections for some of the most vulnerable North Carolinians: newborn babies. Civitas Action believes that all North Carolinians have a responsibility to uphold the sanctity of life. Governor Roy Cooper vetoed this life-saving bill; the vote for freedom is yes to override the veto.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“This Bill Provides Important Legal Protections For Some Of The Most Vulnerable North Carolinians: Newborn Babies.”** ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**“Civitas Action Believes That All North Carolinians Have A Responsibility To Uphold The Sanctity Of Life.”** “This bill provides important legal protections for some of the most vulnerable North Carolinians: newborn babies. Civitas Action believes that all North Carolinians have a responsibility to uphold the sanctity of life. Governor Roy Cooper vetoed this life-saving bill; the vote for freedom is yes to override the veto.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

### **Abortion Based On Discrimination**

**Hunt Voted No On HB 453, ‘Human Life Nondiscrimination Act/No Eugenics’.** ([HB 453](#), Bill Passed - House (67 - 42), North Carolina State House, 5/6/21, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An Act To Protect Against Discrimination Of Human Life.” ([HB 453](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Protects Life By Prohibiting Abortions Sought Due To The Race Or The Presence Or Presumed Presence Of Down Syndrome Of The Unborn Child.”** “This bill protects life by prohibiting abortions sought due to the race or the presence or presumed presence of Down syndrome of the unborn child. Under the bill, a physician is required to provide a statement confirming that the women did not seek the abortion because of the child’s actual or presumed race or presence of Down syndrome. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

- **“Under The Bill, A Physician Is Required To Provide A Statement Confirming That The Women Did Not Seek The Abortion Because Of The Child’s Actual Or Presumed Race Or Presence Of Down Syndrome.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

### ***Second Amendment***

#### **The Religious Assembly Security And Protection Act**

**Hunt Voted No On SB 43, ‘Protect Religious Meeting Places.’** ([SB 43](#), Bill Passed - House (70 - 38), North Carolina State House, 6/3/21, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to enact the religious assembly security and protection act of 2021 and to authorize concealed carry for certain law enforcement facility employees.” ([SB 43](#))

**ACU: “This Bill, Known As The Religious Assembly Security And Protection Act, Strengthens Second Amendment Rights By Building Upon Previous Law To Ensure Individuals Can Carry A Concealed Firearm In A Church Or Place Of Worship That Shares Its Location With A School.”** “This bill, known as the Religious Assembly Security and Protection Act, strengthens Second Amendment rights by building upon previous law to ensure individuals can carry a concealed firearm in a church or place of worship that shares its location with a school. Religious institutions and owners still have the freedom to prohibit a firearm on their property. Additionally, the bill provides certain law enforcement facility employees to conceal carry in a greater amount of previously prohibited areas. ACU supports the founders’

belief in the Second Amendment, opposes “gun-free zones” which threaten public safety by stripping individuals of their ability to defend themselves, and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

- **“Additionally, The Bill Provides Certain Law Enforcement Facility Employees To Conceal Carry In A Greater Amount Of Previously Prohibited Areas.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment, Opposes ‘Gun-Free Zones’ Which Threaten Public Safety By Stripping Individuals Of Their Ability To Defend Themselves, And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

### **Pistol Permits**

**Hunt Voted No On HB 398, An Act To Repeal Pistol Permits.** ([HB 398](#), Bill Passed - House (69 - 48), North Carolina State House, 5/5/21, Hunt Voted No)

**ACU: “This Bill Reduces An Undue Burden For Individuals To Exercise Their Second Amendment Rights By Repealing The State’s Pistol Purchase Permit Requirement And Instead Directs State Handgun Purchases Through The Federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Managed By The FBI.”** “This bill reduces an undue burden for individuals to exercise their Second Amendment rights by repealing the state’s pistol purchase permit requirement and instead directs state handgun purchases through the federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) managed by the FBI. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

### **March For Our Lives**

**In June 2022, Hunt Shared A Tweet Picturing Her Attending The March For Our Lives Rally In Charlotte.** (Hunt Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/12/22)



Rachel Hunt  
@HuntforNCSenate

#MarchForOurLivesCharlotte

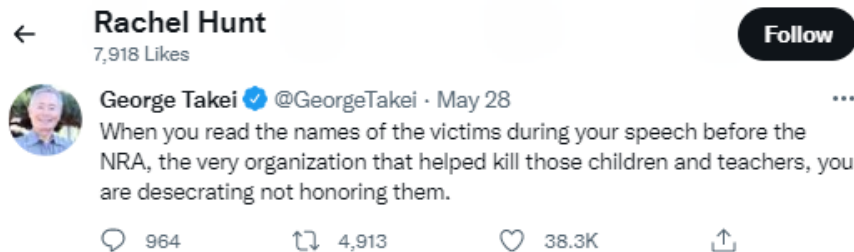


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(Hunt Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/12/22)

## NRA

**In May 2022, Hunt ‘Liked’ A Tweet Stating The NRA “Helped Kill” The “Children And Teachers” Of Uvalde.** (Hunt Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/28/22)



(Hunt Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/28/22)

## **POLITICAL**

### *Ideology*

**Hunt, In 2018: “We Need To Become The Progressive State We Used To Be.”** “But Hunt says tax cuts have disproportionately benefited the wealthy and that education spending hasn't kept pace with growing enrollments since Republicans took control after the 2010 election. She sees the election as a referendum on the General Assembly. "Since 2000, I've been very concerned with the direction our state is headed," she said in an interview. "We need to become the progressive state we used to be." Some of Brawley's critics agree.” (*Charlotte Observer*, 9/23/18)

## ***Governance Reforms***

### **Emergency Powers**

**In March 2021, Hunt Noted Her Opposition To Efforts By GOP Lawmakers To Rein In Executive Emergency Powers.** ‘House Bill 264, called the "Emergency Powers Accountability Act," would require the governor to seek concurrence from the rest of the elected officials on the Council of State for any statewide emergency declaration that lasts more than 30 days. A similar bill, Senate Bill 312, was filed Tuesday in the Senate. This isn't the first time Republican lawmakers have tried to use legislation to force Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper to get agreement from the rest of the Council of State, which is majority Republican, for some executive orders. In the summer of 2020, several bills tried to allow businesses to reopen earlier than Cooper's orders permitted, and some included language requiring the governor to get agreement from the rest of the Council of State. Cooper vetoed them all. The Judiciary Committee approved the House bill Tuesday and sent it to the Rules Committee, which could be its last stop before a vote by the full House. House Rules Chair Destin Hall, a Caldwell County Republican, told reporters when the bill was filed last week that Cooper's executive orders, and how and whether people follow them, have become politicized. House Majority Leader Rep. John Bell, a Wayne County Republican, told reporters last week that this bill "is not about reopening, or anything dealing with masks." Rather, he said, it is about how one person should not have unilateral control. "We need buy-in from folks" when government officials are making statewide decisions, Hall said. He said if Cooper had backing from the rest of the Council of State with the past year's orders, there wouldn't have been as much partisan bickering. Rep. Keith Kidwell, a Chocowinity Republican and deputy majority whip, is the primary sponsor of the House bill. In the summer of 2020, Kidwell made clear what he thought of Cooper's orders, saying on the House floor that he wouldn't follow the statewide mask mandate no matter what the governor said. Kidwell said in the committee Tuesday that the new bill would bring the law in line with "today's time frame," given that state law about the governor's emergency powers, he said, was intended to cover emergencies like hurricanes, fires and floods. Rep. Rosa Gill, a Raleigh Democrat, questioned why the bill was necessary now and why other Council of State members would need to validate or invalidate some orders during emergencies. She said she thinks all of Cooper's executive orders during the pandemic have been appropriate. "I know that we have political views or personal views of what should or should not take place," Gill said. Rep. Sarah Stevens, a Mount Airy Republican and House speaker pro tempore, said some of Cooper's orders that restricted some businesses but not others "seemed hypocritical." She said regardless of which party controls the governor's mansion, the governor should not be able to make unilateral decisions for a year. "To have it simply one person did not seem acceptable," Stevens said. "If I were the governor of the great state of North Carolina I would not want all that on me," Kidwell said. The votes are likely to fall along party lines. Rep. Rachel Hunt, a Mecklenburg County Democrat, said she supported the Executive Mansion being "where the buck stops.'" (*The News & Observer*, 3/16/21)



## ***Election Law***

### **Absentee Voting Reforms**

**Hunt Voted No On S 326, ‘Election Day Integrity Act.’** ([S 326](#), Bill Passed - House (62 - 48), North Carolina State House, 11/18/21, Hunt Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to amend the date by which mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the county board of elections in order to be counted, to require publishing of the date absentee ballots are available and the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot, and to provide for the reporting of ballots by the county boards of elections.” ([S 326](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Strengthens Election Integrity By Establishing A Deadline That All Absentee Ballots Must Be Received By 7:30pm On The Night Of Election Day.”** “This bill strengthens election integrity by establishing a deadline that all absentee ballots must be received by 7:30pm on the night of election day. Under previous law, ballots could be received up to three days after the election and still be counted, providing an avenue for vote fraud. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Efforts To Strengthen Election Integrity And Ensure That All Legal Ballots Are Counted, And That No Illegal Ballot Is Counted, Which Disenfranchises Eligible Voters, And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

## ***Democrat Affiliations***

### **Obama**

**In August 2018, Obama Endorsed Hunt For Election.** “The North Carolina Democratic Party issued the following news: Earlier today, President Obama announced his first wave of endorsements for the 2018 midterm election, including six North Carolina House and Senate candidates: \* Wiley Nickel (SD 16) \* Ron Wesson (HD 1) \* Terence Everitt (HD 35) \* Julie von Haefen (HD 36) \* Sydney Batch (HD 37) \* Rachel Hunt (HD 103) In announcing the endorsement, President Obama said "I'm confident that, together, they'll strengthen this country we love by restoring opportunity, repairing our alliances and standing in the world, and upholding our fundamental commitment to justice, fairness, responsibility, and the rule of law. But first, they need our votes.” (NC Democratic Party, 8/1/18)

- **Hunt, On Obama: “I Am Honored To Receive His Endorsement To Continue The Fight For These Shared Values In Raleigh.”** ““From supporting public education to fighting for fair maps, President Obama has stood up for Democratic values across our nation,” Rachel Hunt (HD 103) said. "I am honored to receive his endorsement to continue the fight for these shared values in Raleigh.” (NC Democratic Party, 8/1/18)



## Biden

**In October 2020, Hunt Posted A Photo On Instagram Picturing Her Campaigning For Joe Biden.** (Hunt Profile, [Instagram](#), 10/24/20)



(Hunt Profile, [Instagram](#), 10/24/20)

## Cooper

**In August 2021, Hunt Posted A Photo To Facebook Picturing Her Posing With Roy Cooper.** (Hunt Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/4/21)



(Hunt Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/4/21)

### ***Campaign Notes***

**Hunt Narrowly Won Election By 68 Votes In November 2018.** “Democrat Rachel Hunt has won North Carolina's last contested legislative race, edging out influential GOP Rep. Bill Brawley in a recount. Hunt declared victory last week after a provisional ballot count extended her narrow lead over Brawley in state House District 103, but Brawley requested a recount. News outlets report that the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections declared Hunt the winner Tuesday, with a 68-vote lead. The win further narrows the gap between the parties in the House, giving Democrats 55 seats to Republicans' 65. The race was one of the state's most expensive. Hunt, a first-time candidate and daughter of former Gov. Jim Hunt, raised more than \$1.2 million and got about \$900,000 from the state Democratic Party. Brawley, who chairs the House Finance Committee, raised over \$410,000.” (*The Associated Press*, 11/21/18)

**In January 2019, The North Carolina Values Coalition Asked The NC House To Delay Seating Hunt Due To Questions About The Mail-In Absentee Ballots In Her Race.** “A conservative Christian group asked the North Carolina House on Tuesday to delay seating a winning Democratic candidate from November because it says there are questions about mail-in absentee ballots in her extremely close race. The North Carolina Values Coalition filed documents with the House clerk and Speaker Tim Moore on the eve of the start of the General

Assembly's two-year session. Winning candidates certified by local or state election officials - including Rep.-elect Rachel Hunt of Mecklenburg County - are supposed to join the legislature Wednesday. But Coalition Executive Director Tami Fitzgerald said the chamber shouldn't seat Hunt, who defeated incumbent Republican Bill Brawley by 68 votes, "until it has thoroughly investigated this matter and determined which candidate won the most votes." The state constitution says the House shall judge "the qualifications and elections of its own members," which means a House member likely would have to step in and attempt to protest the seating of Hunt, the daughter of former four-term Gov. Jim Hunt. Republicans won 65 of the 120 House seats in the fall." (*The Associated Press*, 1/9/19)

- **NOTE:** *The effort was unsuccessful.*

### **Support From Father**

**“Hunt Raised Over \$1.2 Million And Got About \$900,000 In Support From The State Democratic Party. Brawley Raised Over \$410,000. Hunt's Father, Jim Hunt, Gave The Party \$325,000 This Year According To Reports Filed With The State Board Of Elections.”**

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**“Hunt Said Her Father's Renown As The State's Longest-Serving Governor Helped Her Connect With Voters, Who Then Took The Time To Get To Know Her Positions On The Issues.”** “Hunt said her father's renown as the state's longest-serving governor helped her connect with voters, who then took the time to get to know her positions on the issues. "It was very much an asset," she said. "Everyone, whether they're Republican or Democrat or unaffiliated, has very fond memories of what our state was like when he was governor and what a great job he did." For his part, Jim Hunt downplayed his role in the campaign and deferred to his daughter's hard work.” (*Wilson Times*, 11/25/18)

## **PERSONAL**

### ***Service***

**Hunt Has Served As The Education Chair Of The League Of Women Voters Of Charlotte Mecklenburg.** “From Rachel Hunt Nilender, chair, and the Education Committee of the League of Women Voters of Charlotte Mecklenburg: We applaud CMS's decision to make quality teaching the central focus of its 2014 plan. Teachers play tremendously important roles in children's lives and futures, and all our children deserve great ones.” (Rachel Hunt Nilender, “For The Record; Supporting Teachers Is More Effective Than Pay-For-Performance,” *Charlotte Observer*, 12/9/09)

**Hunt Was Appointed To The North Carolina Education And Workforce Innovative Council In February 2018.** “Gov. Cooper has appointed the following individuals to the Education and Workforce Innovative Council: Marshall Cherry of Winterville as an At-Large Member. Cherry is Chief Operating Officer of the Roanoke Electric Cooperative, which serves a broad range of community relations and marketing efforts such as grants and youth programs. Rachel Hunt of Charlotte as an At-Large member. Hunt is an attorney, owner of Hunt for College, LLC and founding partner of Charlotte School Search, LLC.” (Press Release, “Gov. Cooper Names New Appointees For State Boards And Commissions,” Office Of Gov. Rory Cooper, 2/13/18)

**“She Is Now The Chair Of Generation Nation And The Charlotte Mecklenburg Youth Lead And Youth Councils.”** (Press Release, “Gov. Cooper Names New Appointees For State Boards And Commissions,” Office Of Gov. Rory Cooper, 2/13/18)

### ***Career***

**2018: “Hunt Is An Attorney Who Operates A College Counseling Firm And A Company That Helps Charlotte Parents Locate School Options.”** (“Daughter Of North Carolina Gov. Hunt Running For Legislature,” *The Associated Press*, 2/14/18)

### ***Family***

#### **Jim Hunt – Father**

**Hunt Is The Daughter Of Former North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt.** “Rachel Hunt is one of Jim and Carolyn Hunt's four children. Jim Hunt was first elected governor in 1976 and served through 1984. He then was elected to two more four-year terms through 2000.” (“Daughter Of North Carolina Gov. Hunt Running For Legislature,” *The Associated Press*, 2/14/18)