

## The Truth About Property Taxes

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**Our Board of Commissioners are facing a difficult budget choice this year.**


Because of the state-mandated property reappraisal this year, property owners in Guilford County are facing huge property tax increases, and many homeowners can't afford it.













Fortunately, the Board of County Commissioners are not powerless. In fact, the County Manager has proposed a budget using an option that our friends at Guilford For All are calling **"reduced rate tax adjustment,"—lowering the tax rate enough to protect homeowners, while keeping the county fully funded.**

However, Commissioners are getting a *lot* of pushback from folks in the community who want them to go "revenue neutral," which

means they would lower the tax rate to the point where the county would not gain *any* new revenue this year -- leaving our county critically underfunded and our school budget decimated.



Pre-2026	Revenue Neutral	Recommended Budget	Rate Neutral
 <b>\$171,600</b> Median Value	 <b>\$283,700</b> Median Value	 <b>\$283,700</b> Median Value	 <b>\$283,700</b> Median Value
 <b>\$0.7305</b> Tax Rate	 <b>\$0.5326</b> Tax Rate	 <b>\$0.6190</b> Tax Rate	 <b>\$0.7305</b> Tax Rate
 <b>\$1,253</b> County Tax Bill	 <b>\$1,511</b> County Tax Bill	 <b>\$1,756</b> County Tax Bill	 <b>\$2,072</b> County Tax Bill
	<b>+ \$21.45</b> per month (Revenue Neutral)	<b>+ \$41.88</b> per month (Revenue Neutral + Recommended Tax Rate)	<b>+ \$68.24</b> per month (Rate Neutral)

  
The manager's recommended budget provides relief for property owners AND keeps county services and schools funded.

Let's **show up together** this Thursday to let our commissioners know that we need them to have the political courage to do what's right for our community and our kids. We need about 20 people to help fill the gallery with our community partners and about 5 people to speak during public comments (we'll help you!).

Register: [tinyurl.com/BOCC6-4-26](https://tinyurl.com/BOCC6-4-26)



We showed up in Raleigh on May Day 15,000-strong and ready to fight for our public school students. May Day was neither the beginning nor the end of our Kids Over Corporations campaign, and we're here to continue the fight.

Building power as a union means also building our membership density. We now have four locals in North Carolina at union majority, including our neighboring Forsyth County. Guilford's on the shortlist to be next!

What does majority density gain us? POWER. Durham and Asheville City (majority locals) are now in meet & confer negotiations with their district leaders, giving workers more power over their own working conditions and an effective avenue for negotiation.

Many of your coworkers aren't yet union members because no one has asked them yet! You can be the one to invite them to change their working conditions by taking collective action with their coworkers.

### Recruitment Resources:

- [May Day Recruitment Rap](#) (a way you can talk to your coworkers about joining)
- Membership Sign-Up: [ncae.org/join](http://ncae.org/join)
- Early Enrollment Paper Form: [tinyurl.com/GuilCoEE26](http://tinyurl.com/GuilCoEE26)
- Early Enrollment: Members who sign up between now and the end of August don't pay dues until September!
- If you need a staff & member list for your building, email [gcaenc@gmail.com](mailto:gcaenc@gmail.com).
- Email all completed paper forms to [forms@ncae.org](mailto:forms@ncae.org) AND [gcaenc@gmail.com](mailto:gcaenc@gmail.com).

### Incentives:

- All new members receive a GCAE t-shirt to wear on #RedForEd Wednesdays.
- Invite a Member Organizer to your building to help you recruit members, and they'll bring donuts! Email [gcaenc@gmail.com](mailto:gcaenc@gmail.com) to set up your building visit.
- Members who recruit 4 new members by September 1, 2026, can join the GCAE Organizing Committee and receive an exclusive Organizing Committee hoodie. Report your new recruits by emailing [gcaenc@gmail.com](mailto:gcaenc@gmail.com)!

# Plug In and Build YOUR Union

**Budget Public Hearing at Board of County Commissioners Meeting**

**Thursday, June 4**

5:30 PM

Old Guilford County Courthouse

[Register](#)

**Skills to Win Training**

**Sat-Sun, August 8-9**

12:00-5:00 PM

Virtual

[Interest Form](#)

**Have a Building Meeting!**

**any time**

at YOUR work site!

[Sample Agenda](#)

**Take a #RedForEd Group Photo**

**Every Wednesday**

at YOUR work site!

[How To #RedForEd](#)

**Need some union swag?** Check out the [GCAE Shirt Shop!](#)

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## Ways to Plug In with NCAE & NEA:

GCAE is the local affiliate of our state union, NCAE, and our national union, NEA. The following opportunities are available for all GCAE members ready to learn one more thing, take one more step, or dig just a little bit deeper.

- **Connect with NCAE & NEA**
    - Fill out: <http://join.nea.org/north-carolina/connect>
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## Ways to Plug In with Our Community Partners:

- **G4A People Power: Our Schools, Our Future on Zoom**
  - Tuesday, June 2, 7:00-8:00 PM
  - Virtual
  - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/carolinafederation/event/882748/>
- **Stop SD1082! Rapid Response Phone Bank**
  - Tues-Wed, June 2-3, 2:00-5:00 PM

- Virtual
  - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/downhomenc/event/963976/>
  - **Down Home NC: Organizing Training and Work Session on NC Constitutional Amendments**
    - Wednesday, June 3, 7:00-8:30 PM
    - Virtual
    - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/downhomenc/event/959478/>
  - **Public School Strong: Educators For Strong Schools: Momentum From May Day**
    - Thursday, June 4, 7:00-8:15 PM
    - Virtual
    - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/raceforward/event/954605/>
  - **When AI Comes to Town: Decoding the Real Life Impact of Data Centers in Our Communities**
    - Tuesday, June 9, 6:00-7:30 PM
    - College Park Baptist Church
    - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisibleguilford/event/953829/>
  - **AFSC: Canvassing for Safer Homes**
    - Sundays, Wednesday, and Fridays, 5:30-7:30 PM
    - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/afscnc/event/943966/>
  - **Participate in a study for inclusion specialists**
    - [Information](#)
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