

All eyes on Anson

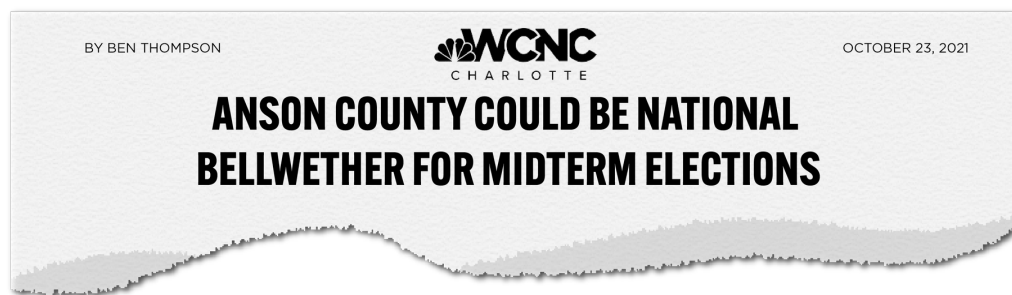


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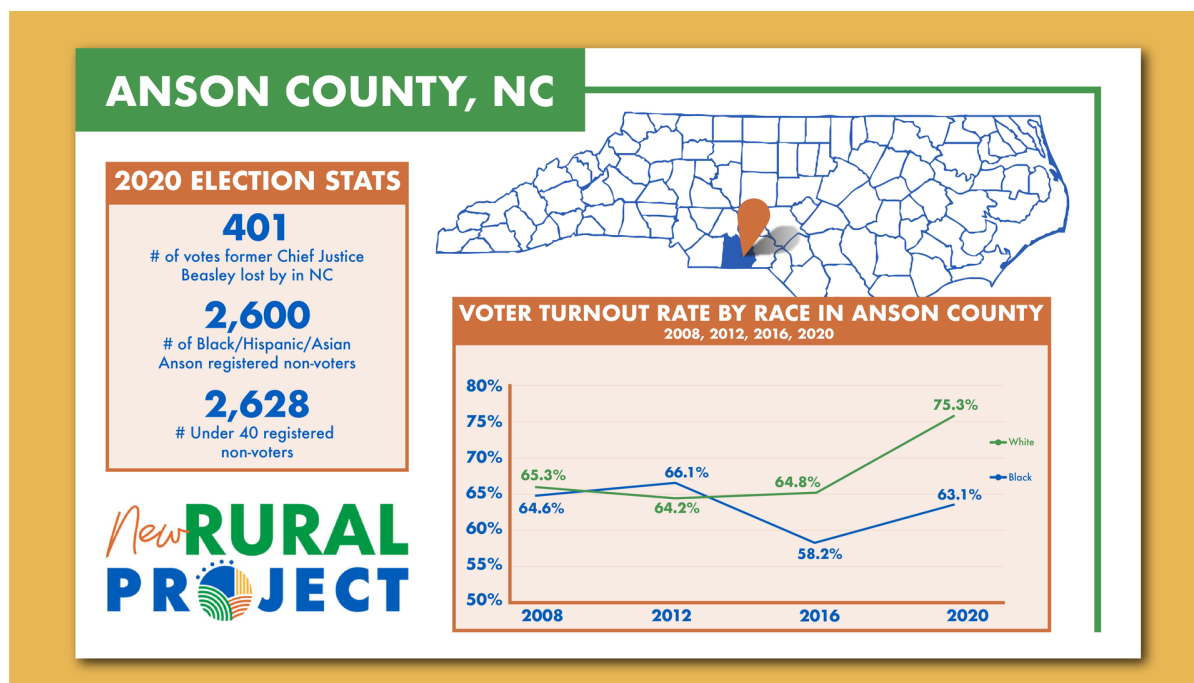


Dear Steve,

For months now, we've been talking to anyone who will listen about how important our mission at the New Rural Project is. Our ability to engage young and marginalized residents in rural communities will have a long-lasting electoral effect in North Carolina. And now, it's not just us saying it— **NBC's Chuck Todd has named Anson County, North Carolina one of eight 'bellwether' counties in the country.**



That's because African American and youth voter turnout in Anson County and other rural communities across the country was significantly lower than the average turnout. So much so, that if turnout had been higher among these groups, some of our North Carolina election results would have been completely different. Our analysis below confirms these findings.



All citizens deserve to have their voices heard, which is why we must work to eliminate barriers to engagement for rural folks, especially for youth and marginalized voters. We are more excited than ever to get to work, and proud and grateful to have you with us.

Many thanks,
Cynthia & Helen

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P.S. RSVP for the New Rural Project's inaugural fundraiser with NC Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green and honorary board member Congresswoman Eva

Clayton on Monday, November 8!



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