

# NC Senate



**Carl Ford**

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**Occupation: Radio station owner**

**Education: Rowan-Cabarrus Community College**

*What are the three most important issues facing your district/constituents?*

Reopening the economy to get people back to work, transportation and cutting the governmental "red tape"

*Is the governor responding appropriately to the COVID-19 pandemic? Why or why not?*

"I think he should reopen everything. I think we need to change (the emergency powers law) regardless of who the governor is, or what party they're in. It just doesn't need to be one person making these decisions for months on end."

*What action, if any, can the N.C. General Assembly take to address racial injustice and police brutality issues?*

Ford said such things should be handled at the local level, but legislators can work with the police chiefs' association or sheriffs' association and Highway Patrol. "I'm sure some of those problems exist. I think that we have, fortunately, less of those in our area."



**Tarsha Ellis**

*Democrat/Challenger*

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**Education: UNC-Chapel Hill**

Funding education, expanding Medicaid and providing the ability for workers to make affordable, living wages

Ellis said Gov. Roy Cooper's pandemic response has been responsible and science-driven. "We can't take this pandemic lightly."

Ellis said lawmakers need to ensure laws are being applied equally. "Talking about racial issues can be uncomfortable for some folks, and that's just part of life. I think that's where you'll see a lot of that unrest — when folks feel like laws aren't applied equally."