

FORSYTH COUNTY DISTRICT B BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CANDIDATE DAVID CHRISTOPHER “CHRIS” PARKER (R)

Chris Parker filed for the District B seat on December 1, 2025, the first day of the filing period, with the personal endorsement of outgoing Republican board chairman Don Martin, and ran uncontested through the Republican primary. Forsyth, who calls himself a “successful business owner, devoted family man, and dedicated community servant,” has committed to “ensuring that Forsyth County remains a great place to live, work, raise a family, and run a business for generations to come.” He has focused his campaign priorities on fiscal responsibility, public safety, workforce development and education, housing affordability, and community services. Forsyth County [leans Democratic](#); Kamala Harris carried the county [over Trump in 2024](#) by approximately 56% to 43%.

Key Findings:

Parker is a first-time candidate and the hand-picked Republican successor for an open, competitive seat that could flip the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners from Republican to Democratic control. Chris Parker filed for the District B seat on December 1, 2025, the first day of the filing period, with the personal endorsement of outgoing Republican board chairman Don Martin, and ran uncontested through the Republican primary.

Parker's campaign emphasizes fiscal conservatism, low taxes, and business-friendly policies. Parker's [campaign website](#) states: “I will fight to keep taxes low while ensuring essential county services are maintained” and “Keep property taxes low and predictable.” Parker has said “education is the key” to economic growth, and pledged to “work to attract new businesses while supporting our existing employers and ensure that our citizens are sufficiently equipped to take advantage of those new opportunities.”

Parker's professional background and civic ties are deeply embedded in the Forsyth County Republican establishment. Parker serves as chairman of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Utilities Commission and on the board of trustees of Forsyth Technical Community College, and received the endorsement of two sitting Republican commissioners when he launched his campaign.

BACKGROUND & BIO

Parker filed for the District B seat on December 1, 2025 and was unopposed in the Republican primary. “Chris Parker filed on Monday to run as a Republican in District B.” [Winston-Salem Journal, [12/2/25](#)]

Don Martin, Republican Commissioner, District B. “Martin said he is pleased that Chris Parker will be filing as a Republican candidate for the seat he is vacating.” [Winston-Salem Journal, [12/2/25](#)]

Parker has been a Forsyth County resident since 1994. “Forsyth County became home in 1994, when my fiancée, Heather, first brought me here while we were working on a consulting project together in Chattanooga, Tennessee.” [Chris Parker for Forsyth County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

Parker and his wife Heather have two children, Victoria and Jacob. “After they were engaged, Heather Parker was transferred to a project at Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem. Looking for a career change to a more relationship focused and service-oriented field, Chris Parker decided to go to work for his future in-laws at Vienna Village in November of 1995. They married in April 1996. Heather left Andersen Consulting when their first child, Victoria, was born. Then, their son Jacob came along two years later. In 2006, when the children were of school age, Heather Parker came to work full-time at Vienna Village joining her parents and husband in the family business.” [Clemmons Courier, [10/23/25](#)]

Parker and his wife are parishioners at Holy Family Catholic Church in Winston-Salem. “Heather Parker and Chris Parker are engaged parishioners at Holy Family Catholic Church.” [Clemmons Courier, [10/23/25](#)]

Parker is a graduate of the University of South Alabama and Louisiana State University. “Jim and Ann's daughter, Heather Parker, graduated from Duke University in 1992 and began working at Andersen Consulting where she met Chris Parker, a graduate of the University of South Alabama and Louisiana State University on a project in Chattanooga.” [Clemmons Courier, [10/23/25](#)]

Parker VP of administration at Vienna Village Assisted Living; described operating Vienna Village as preparation for county leadership. “Looking for a career change to a more relationship focused and service-oriented field, Chris Parker decided to go to work for his future in-laws at Vienna Village in November of 1995.” “Operating a small business with 90 residents and over 80 staff has required hands on leadership, financial discipline, and a deep sense of responsibility—skills that mirror what effective county leadership demands.” [Chris Parker for Forsyth County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#); Clemmons Courier, [10/23/25](#)]

Parker serves as chairman of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Utilities Commission, “Chris Parker succeeded Jim Lowe on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Utilities Commission and currently serves as chair.” [Clemmons Courier, [10/23/25](#)]

Parker sits on the board of trustees of Forsyth Technical Community College and has held several other civic leadership positions. "He also is a member of the Board of Trustees at Forsyth Technical Community College. Additionally, Chris Parker has served as board chair for the Northwest North Carolina YMCA, Camp Hanes, and the Centers for Exceptional Children." [Clemmons Courier, [10/23/25](#)]

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Total Receipts (This Election Cycle)	Operating Expenditures (This Election Cycle)	Cash on Hand (End of Reporting Period)
\$52,467.77	\$1,619.94	\$50,743.37

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Parker made small contributions exclusively to Republican candidates in North Carolina from 2012 through 2020. Recipients include NC State Treasurer Dale R. Folwell (three contributions totaling \$1,500), NC state legislative candidate Debra L. Conrad (five contributions totaling \$700), and NC Rep. Donny Lambeth (\$100). [Open Secrets, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

Contributor	Employer	Date	Amount	Recipient
Parker, David (Chris)	Vienna Village	3/28/12	\$250	Conrad, Debra L. (R-NC)
Parker, Chris	Vienna Village	7/15/13	\$100	Conrad, Debra L. (R-NC)
Parker, Chris	Vienna Village	9/8/14	\$100	Lambeth, Donny Carr (R-NC)
Parker, David C. Chris	Vienna Village	2/26/16	\$500	Folwell, Dale R. (R-NC)
Parker, Chris	Vienna Village	11/9/17	\$150	Conrad, Debra L. (R-NC)
Parker, Chris	Vienna Village	11/17/17	\$100	Conrad, Debra L. (R-NC)

Parker, Chris	Vienna Village	9/21/18	\$100	Conrad, Debra L. (R-NC)
Parker, David C. (Chris)	Vienna Village	10/31/18	\$500	Folwell, Dale R. (R-NC)
Parker, David C. (Chris)	Vienna Village Inc.	2/19/20	\$500	Folwell, Dale R. (R-NC)

AFFORDABILITY

No findings identified.

BUDGETS & TAXES

Parker: “I will fight to keep taxes low.” “As a business leader in the healthcare industry who employs over 80 employees, I understand the importance of fiscal discipline. I will fight to keep taxes low while ensuring essential county services are maintained.” [Chris Parker for County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

Parker called “keeping taxes low and predictable” his top fiscal priority. “Chris's Priorities for Fiscal Responsibility: Keep property taxes low and predictable. Conduct regular efficiency audits of county operations. Increase transparency in county spending. Build adequate reserves for emergencies.” [Chris Parker for County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

Parker: “I will push for regular audits...and eliminate wasteful spending...”“My twelve years on the WS/FC Utility Commission, including the past two years as Chair, have enabled me to read and understand government budgets and ask the tough questions. I will push for regular audits, transparent budgeting, and eliminating wasteful spending.” [Chris Parker for County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

CONTROVERSIES

No findings identified.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Parker: “I will work to attract new businesses while supporting our existing employers and ensure that our citizens are sufficiently equipped to take advantage of those new opportunities.” “Forsyth County has tremendous potential for economic growth. Serving on the Board of Trustees for Forsyth Technical Community College, I have seen first hand the importance in educating our citizens to work for both existing and future employers. These opportunities will create pathways to good-paying jobs for all residents . Understanding that

education is the key, we must focus on K to 12 education as well. As your Commissioner, I will work to attract new businesses while supporting our existing employers and ensure that our citizens are sufficiently equipped to take advantage of those new opportunities. We must invest in workforce development, streamline permitting processes, and ensure our infrastructure supports sustainable growth.” [Chris Parker for County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

ELECTIONS & BALLOT ACCESS

No findings identified.

EDUCATION

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Parker’s priorities for education include “adequate funding for public schools” and investments in workforce training. “Chris's Priorities for Workforce Development and Education: Invest in workforce training and skills development. Attract new businesses and industries to Forsyth County. Support small business development and entrepreneurship. Streamline county permitting and approval processes. Support adequate funding for public schools.” [Chris Parker for County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Parker supports “our parks and recreation facilities...programs that improve quality of life for all residents...” “A strong community takes care of its most vulnerable members. I will ensure our seniors, veterans, and families in need have access to vital county services. This includes supporting our parks and recreation facilities, libraries, and health department programs that improve quality of life for all residents.” [Chris Parker for County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

Parker’s priorities for community services include maintaining “quality parks and recreation facilities.” “Chris's Priorities for Community Services: Protect services for children, seniors, and veterans. Maintain quality parks and recreation facilities. Support mental health and substance abuse programs. Ensure accessible services throughout the county. Partner with nonprofits to maximize community impact.” [Chris Parker for County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

ETHICS & GOOD GOVERNMENT

No findings identified.

HEALTHCARE

Parker's priorities include support for "mental health and substance abuse programs."

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HOUSING

Parker: "Housing affordability is key to keeping our workforce residing in our county."

"Housing affordability is key to keeping our workforce residing in our county and making our county attractive to new employers. We need to have adequate supply of homes for our citizens and to facilitate necessary growth when needed. Housing costs are heavily influenced by zoning regulations and rising property taxes. Maintaining low taxes is essential because property taxes directly affect overall housing affordability." [Chris Parker for County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

Parker's "Priorities for Housing Affordability" include low taxes, streamlined permitting, and expanded water and sewer infrastructure. "Chris's Priorities for Housing Affordability: Keep property taxes low and predictable. Streamline county permitting and approval processes. Find ways to cut regulatory burden especially with zoning. Expand water and sewer infrastructure for growth." [Chris Parker for County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

INFRASTRUCTURE

No findings identified.

PHILOSOPHY & IDEOLOGY

Parker has framed himself as a fiscal conservative and small business owner. "Chris believes in common-sense solutions and fiscal responsibility. He's not running to be a career politician—he's running to serve his community and make Forsyth County an even better place to live, work, raise a family, and run a business." [Chris Parker for Forsyth County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

Parker has pledged to work across party lines. "I will listen to your concerns, work across party lines when it serves our community, and always put the people of Forsyth County first." [Chris Parker for Forsyth County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

Outgoing Commissioner Don Martin, the Republican chairman of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, endorsed Parker at the time of filing. “Martin said he is pleased that Chris Parker will be filing as a Republican candidate for the seat he is vacating. ‘Chris is a good thinker, asks good questions and cares deeply about this community.’” [Winston-Salem Journal, [12/2/25](#)]

PUBLIC SAFETY

Parker lists public safety as top priority. “Nothing is more important than the safety of our families and communities. I will ensure our sheriff's department, fire services, and emergency responders have the resources, training, and support they need. We must also invest in crime prevention programs and build strong relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.” [Chris Parker for County Commissioner District B, [accessed 6/1/26](#)]

LINKS

[Campaign Website](#)