

**WPTK AM-850  
WQDR-FM HD2  
Raleigh, NC  
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channel)**



**ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT**

**FOR**

**STATION WPTK & WQDR-FM HD2**

**4th Quarter, 2020  
(October 1 – December 31, 2020)**

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Radio station WPTK has compiled a list of issues that community leaders feel are major concerns to the Raleigh-Durham area. WPTK conducts regular ascertainment of community leaders, businesspersons, and residents of our coverage area to determine the issues of importance to our listeners.

WPTK utilizes this list as a basis for our programming response to selected issues each quarter. Typically, WPTK addresses the issues in its Sunday program, "Carolina Newsmakers," as well as other regularly scheduled programming.

The issues include:

AG	:	Agriculture, Farming & Rural Development
EC	:	Economy and national debt
EV	:	Early Voting
TR	:	Traffic and transportation
GR	:	Growth
RE/BLM	:	Racial Equality / Black Lives Matter
ED	:	Education
EH	:	Environment / Health / Opioid Crisis
POL	:	Political Affairs – 2020 election
UE	:	Unemployment
TR	:	Trump approval
CV	:	Coronavirus / COVID-19 / PANDEMIC
PS	:	Public Safety / Crime
BB	:	Broadband Internet Access & Internet Scams

## RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING

Issue : Traffic and roads  
Description : Live, local traffic reports of current traffic conditions  
Times : Weekdays 6am-9am and 3:30pm-6:15pm 3 times an hour at :00, :15 and :30  
Duration : Each live report is 60 seconds

Issue : Various – see below  
Program : Carolina Newsmakers  
Times : Sunday mornings – 6am – 6:50 am  
Duration : 50 minutes  
Description : “Carolina Newsmakers” is a 50-minute weekly public affairs program hosted by WPTK owner Don Curtis. It features discussions with local and state leaders in government, policy, education, research and numerous other areas. Listed below are synopses of each weekly program, followed by a two-letter code linking the subjects discussed to an ascertained community issue.

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### CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM Content / Issues Descriptions Fourth Quarter, 2020

10-4

INTERVIEW WITH TOM CAMPBELL - HOST OF NCSPIN

POLITICS, DONALD TRUMP, U.S. CONGRESS, U.S. SENATE SEAT, GOVERNOR ROY COOPER, ELECTIONS, VOTING, SUPREME COURT, MEDIA, BROADCASTING, ADVERTISING.

Issues discussed: POL, TR

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10-11

INTERVIEW WITH TOM JENSEN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING

POLITICS, ELECTIONS, ELECTORAL COLLEGE, UNITED STATES SENATE, TAXATION, UNAFFILIATED VOTERS, EARLY VOTING, SUPREME COURT, REDISTRICTING, AND CONGRESSIONAL RACES.

Issues discussed: POL, EC, EV

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10-18

INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HOOD - PRESIDENT OF THE JOHN WILLIAM POPE FOUNDATION

ELECTION, VOTING, POLITICS, CAMPAIGNING, MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA, U.S. SENATE, COUNCIL OF STATE, ECONOMY, HEALTH CARE, INSURANCE, AND POLLING.

Issues discussed: EV, POL, EH

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10-25

INTERVIEW WITH BRAD CRONE - PRESIDENT OF CAMPAIGN CONNECTIONS

POLITICS, ELECTIONS, VOTING, ELECTORAL COLLEGE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TAXATION, UNITED STATES SENATE, SUPREME COURT, NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL RACES, AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Issues discussed: POL, EC

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11-1

INTERVIEW WITH BECKI GRAY - SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION

POLITICS, ELECTIONS, VOTING, ELECTORAL COLLEGE, POLITICAL PARTIES, REDISTRICTING, COVID-19, HEALTH CARE, SUPREME COURT, EDUCATION, ECONOMY AND TAXATION.

Issues discussed: POL, CV, EC, ED

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11-8

INTERVIEW WITH BRAD CRONE - PRESIDENT OF CAMPAIGN CONNECTIONS

POLITICS, ELECTIONS, VOTING, CAMPAIGNING, COVID-19, HEALTH CARE, UNITED STATES SENATE, NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL RACES, AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Issues discussed: POL, CV, EH

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11-15

INTERVIEW WITH CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE - CONGRESSMAN OF NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT 4

REDISTRICTING, POLITICS, COVID-19, ECONOMY, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION, BROADBAND, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PARTISANSHIP, UNAFFILIATED VOTERS, STIMULUS, AND BUDGET.

Issues discussed: POL, CV, TR, EC

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11-22

INTERVIEW WITH TIM MOORE - SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REVENUE, HEALTH CARE, COVID-19, STATE BUDGET, POPULATION DISPARITY, TAXATION, TRANSPORTATION, UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, BROADBAND, AND VOTER ID.

Issues discussed: EC, EH CV, BB

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11-29

INTERVIEW WITH DALE FOLWELL - NORTH CAROLINA STATE TREASURER

COVID-19, COUNTY BUDGETS, FINANCE, TAXATION, HEALTH CARE, BROADBAND, NATIONAL DEBT, UNCLAIMED CASH, FRUAD, STATE PENSION PLAN, STATE HEALTH PLAN, AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

Issues discussed: CV, EC, EH, BB, UE

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12-6

INTERVIEW WITH PHIL BERGER - PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATE

COVID-19, STATE BUDGET, FINANCES, HEALTH CARE, TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS, EDUCATION, BROADBAND, TAXATION, ENERGY, AND COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

Issues discussed: CV, EC, EH, TR, ED, BB

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12-13

INTERVIEW WITH DR. MIKE WALDEN - WILLIAM NEAL REYNOLDS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS AT NC STATE UNIVERSITY

COVID-19, ECONOMY, BROADBAND, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY, TECHNOLOGY, INTERNATIONAL TRADE, NATIONAL DEBT, INTEREST RATES, POLITICS, PUBLISHING, REAL ESTATE, AND JOB GROWTH.

Issues discussed: CV, EC, BB, POL, UE

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12-20

INTERVIEW WITH DEBORAH ROSS - CONGRESSWOMAN-ELECT OF NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT 2

TRANSPORTATION, JUDICIARY, COVID-19, BROADBAND, RETIREMENT SECURITY, EDUCATION, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND HEALTH CARE.

Issues discussed: TR, CV, ED, EH

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12-27

INTERVIEW WITH BARRY PORTER - REGIONAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS TRIANGLE CHAPTER

BLOOD DONATION, COVID-19, DISASTER RELIEF, VACCINE, FIRE RESCUE, FINANCES, VOLUNTEERS, AND BUDGET.

Issues discussed: CV, EH, EC

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