



NC TRAVEL NEWS

A weekly newsletter on North Carolina General Assembly news relevant to the North Carolina tourism industry

NCTIA Lobbyists Preview Election



With a month before Election Day, NCTIA lobbyists Brian Lewis and Skye David sat down this week with North Carolina's top political strategists to talk elections on the *Do Politics Better* podcast, of which NCTIA is a proud sponsor.

[Click here to listen to the episode on Apple Podcasts.](#)

Morgan Jackson is senior political advisor to Gov. Roy Cooper, and Nathan Babcock consults with GOP NC Senate candidates. Babcock is also a senior policy advisor to [Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger \(R-Rockingham\)](#) when the General Assembly is in session.

"It's an insightful look into the battleground General Assembly races across the state," said NCTIA Executive Director Vince Chelena. "It's also a substantive, balanced exchange among veteran political operatives from different political parties."

The [Do Politics Better podcast](#) is produced weekly by New Frame.

Hurricane Ian (Mostly) Spares NC

North Carolina was mostly spared last week by Hurricane Ian, especially in comparison to Florida, which was ravaged by the storm.

However, Governor Roy Cooper announced this week that five North Carolinians lost their lives during and after Hurricane Ian hit the state do to automobile accidents, drownings, and carbon monoxide poisoning.



NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey reports that his office has received 888 total loss claims, a fraction compared to Hurricane Florence which caused over \$17 billion in losses for thousands of families and businesses.

"While we are grateful that we did not get the worst of Hurricane Ian, we mourn the loss of life caused by Hurricane Ian here in North Carolina and in the southeast region of the country," said NCTIA Executive Director Vince Chelena. "Some of our coastal destinations report that this past week was dedicated to community clean up in the aftermath of the storm. We consider North Carolina fortunate when compared to the massive devastation we are seeing in Florida."

Elevator Safety Law in Effect

Weston's Law, legislation requiring space guards in home elevators in North Carolina's short-term rentals, took effect October 1.

The statewide law passed by the General Assembly in 2022 is named in memory of Weston Androw, a 7-year old boy from Canton, Ohio, who died last year at an Outer Banks vacation rental when he became trapped between the elevator car and elevator shaft. The law requires owners of short-term rentals to reduce the gap between the elevator landing and car doors and document the fix with the NC Department of Insurance.

NCTIA, NC Realtors, and the NC Home Builders Association endorsed this legislation sponsored by [Sen. Todd Johnson \(R-Union\)](#).

On Thursday, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the manufacturer of the elevator installed in the Outer Banks home announced a voluntary recall of some residential elevators, citing the danger for children. Space guards would be provided, according to the announcement.