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Summary by ChatGPT

- Voting Urgency: Emphasized the critical need for voter turnout, with only a few days left before Election Day.
- Economic Relief Plans: Proposed measures to reduce the cost of living, including a middle-class tax cut and efforts to curb corporate price-gouging.
- Healthcare and Reproductive Rights: Stressed a commitment to safeguarding healthcare access and restoring reproductive rights.
- Unity and Leadership: Promised to seek common ground and bring all voices to the table.

- Empowering the Next Generation: Celebrated youth activism on climate and gun safety, highlighting their role in shaping the future.

Kamala Harris 00:00:04
Hello, North Carolina.

Kamala Harris 00:00:10
Can we hear for Tyson?

Kamala Harris 00:00:17
Oh, it's good to be back. It's good to be back. Charlotte, are we ready to do this?

Kamala Harris 00:00:27
Are we ready to vote?

Kamala Harris 00:00:31
Are we ready to win?

Kamala Harris 00:00:36
Oh, it's good to be back. It is good to be back. And it is good to be back with so many friends and so many leaders. And I want to thank everyone for taking the time out of your busy lives to be here. We do.

Kamala Harris 00:00:53
And we are here together. And I thank, thank you all so very much. Governor Cooper, you are a dear friend. You are an incredible leader. I thank you.

Kamala Harris 00:01:05
Your next Governor, Josh Stein, your next Attorney General Jeff Jackson, Congresswoman Adams, Mayor Lyles, DNC Chair Harrison Kerry, Washington. Let's give it up for all of them and for Britney Spencer and Khalid, the war and treaty and Jon Bon Jovi.

Kamala Harris 00:01:43
All right, North Carolina, so we have three days left in one of the most consequential elections of our lifetime. And we still have work to do. We still have work to do. But here's the thing. I know about everybody here.

We like hard work.

Kamala Harris

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Hard work is good work. Hard work is joyful work.

Kamala Harris

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And make no mistake, we will win. We will win. We will win.

Kamala Harris

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And here's part of the deal on that. We will win. Because when you know what you stand for, you know what to fight for.

Kamala Harris

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And we have an opportunity in this election to turn the page on a decade of Donald Trump trying to keep us divided and afraid of each other. We're done with that. We're done. We're exhausted with it. We're done.

Kamala Harris

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And we know who he is. We know who he is. He tells us every day. But, But, Charlotte, that's not who we are. That's not who we are.

Kamala Harris

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Uh, and we know it is time for a new generation of leadership in America.

Kamala Harris

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And I am ready to offer that leadership as the next President of the United States of America and North Carolina. Here's the thing. You know me. You know me. I'm not afraid of tough fights.

Kamala Harris

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For decades, as a prosecutor and a top law enforcement officer of the biggest state in our country, I won fights against the big banks that ripped off homeowners. I won fights against for profit colleges that scammed veterans and students against predators who abused women and children. I, ah, won fights against the cartels that traffic in guns and drugs and human beings.

Kamala Harris

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And I pledge to you that if you give me the chance to fight on your behalf as president,

there is nothing in the world that will stand in my way.

Kamala Harris

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And look, we know who Donald Trump Is this isn't so, right? We do, don't we?

Kamala Harris

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And here's one of the things we know about him. This is not someone who is thinking about how to make your life better. And this is someone who is increasingly unstable, uh, obsessed with revenge, consumed with grievance. And the man is out for unchecked power. So, look, in less than 90 days, it's either going to be him or me sitting in the Oval Office.

Kamala Harris

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We're going to do this.

Kamala Harris

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Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Okay, Come on.

Kamala Harris

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Thank you. Okay. Okay. Thank you.

Kamala Harris

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Okay, but so how about sharing with your friends, right? So this is the thing that we want to share with folks, just to imagine, right, what this means and the choice that is in front of us. Imagine. And let's ask the friends who are not here to imagine the Oval Office. You've seen it on tv, right?

Kamala Harris

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Imagine the Oval Office. And if he is elected, Donald Trump on day one would be sitting in that office stewing over his enemies. Listen, but when I am elected, I will walk in on your behalf, working on my to do list.

Kamala Harris

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And at the top of my list is bringing down the cost of living for you.

Kamala Harris

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That will be my focus every single day as president. I will give a middle class tax cut to over 100 million Americans.

I will enact the first ever federal ban on corporate price gouging on groceries.

Kamala Harris

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Fight to make sure that hardworking Americans can actually afford a place to live.

Kamala Harris

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And if you are caring for an elderly parent, my plan will cover the cost of home care under Medicare.

Kamala Harris

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All good. It's all good.

Kamala Harris

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It's all good. You know what? One of the reasons, one of the reasons we are here is because we are fighting for a, um, democracy and the right of people to speak their mind. But right now, I am speaking.

Kamala Harris

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So bringing down the cost of living for you includes making sure that we are caring for those who are caring for others. It's okay, y'all. Um, democracy can be complex. It's all right. It's all right.

Kamala Harris

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It's all right.

Kamala Harris

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This is what democracy looks like.

Kamala Harris

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So included in the work we will do is ensuring that Medicare covers the cost of home health care for seniors. And I'll tell you, a lot of how I think about these policies is based on my own experiences. When my mother was. When my mother was sick, I took care of her.

Kamala Harris

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All good. It's all good.

Kamala Harris

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It's all good. Hey, listen, it's all good. And look, we all want that war in the Middle east to end. We want the hostages home and when I am president, I will do everything in my power to make it so, so, so much about what I care about on your behalf is truly about dignity.

Kamala Harris

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It is about dignity.

Kamala Harris

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It is about the importance of lifting people up and not trying to tear them down.

Kamala Harris

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Which is why my plan will lower the cost of childcare, cut taxes for small businesses. Do we have small business owners in the here? We do. I love our small businesses. You all are part of the big backbone of America's economy.

Kamala Harris

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Keep doing what you do. I love our small businesses.

Kamala Harris

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And our work will include lowering healthcare costs. Because where I come from, in terms of how I think about this, access to healthcare should be a right and not just a privilege of those who can afford it.

Kamala Harris

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On the other hand, Donald Trump's answer to the financial pressures you face. Same as it was last time. Another trillion dollars in tax cuts for billionaires and big corporations.

Kamala Harris

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And this time he will pay for it with a 20% national sales tax on everything you buy that is imported clothes, food, toys, cell phones. A Trump sales tax that economists have estimated will cost you an additional \$4,000 a year.

Kamala Harris

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And on top of that, Donald Trump still wants to get rid of the Affordable Care act, which would throw millions of Americans off their health insurance and take us back to the time when insurance companies could deny people with pre existing conditions. You remember what that was? Well, we are not going back.

We are not going back.

Kamala Harris

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We are not going back. We're not going back. We're not going back.

Kamala Harris

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And we are not. And we are not going back. Because ours is a fight for the future and it is a fight for freedom. Like the fundamental freedom of a woman to make decisions about her own body and not have her government tell her what to do.

Kamala Harris

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And we all remember how we got here. Donald Trump hand selected three members of the United States Supreme Court. And with the intention that they would undo the protections of Roe v. Wade, they did as he intended. And now in America, one in three women lives in a state with a Trump abortion ban, including North Carolina and every state in the south except Virginia, many with no exceptions, even for rape and incest, which is immoral.

Kamala Harris

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And understand Donald Trump is not done. He would ban abortion nationwide. He would restrict access to birth control. He would put IVF treatments at risk and get this force states to monitor women's pregnancies.

Kamala Harris

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Just Google Project 2025, which still I can't believe they put in writing.

Kamala Harris

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And I think everyone here knows one does not have to abandon their faith or deeply held beliefs to agree the government shouldn't be telling her what to do. Not the government and not Donald Trump.

Kamala Harris

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And when Congress passes a bill to restore reproductive freedom nationwide, as President of the United States, I will proudly sign it into law. Proudly. Proudly.

Kamala Harris

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So, North Carolina, uh, I'm here to ask for your vote. I'm here to ask for your vote.

And here. And here is my pledge to you as president. I pledge to seek common ground and common sense solutions to the challenges you face.

Kamala Harris

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I am not looking to score political points. I am looking to make progress.

Kamala Harris

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And I pledge to you to listen to those who will be impacted by the decisions I make. I pledge to you to listen to experts, to listen to people who disagree with me.

Kamala Harris

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Because, you see, unlike Donald Trump, I don't believe that people who disagree with me are the enemy.

Kamala Harris

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He wants to put them in jail. I will give them a seat at the table.

Kamala Harris

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That's what real leadership looks like. That's what strong leadership looks like.

Kamala Harris

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And I pledge to always put country above party and self and to be a president for all Americans.

Kamala Harris

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So that is my pledge to you, Charlotte. And let me then ask, who here has already voted?

Kamala Harris

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So now I'm going to ask you. Just please talk to your friends and your family and your neighbors, and seriously, please share with them. Um, you've. You've taken such time out of all the other obligations you have, you've taken such time to be here. So please do share with them why you have taken this time and what your perspective is on this election.

Kamala Harris

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It's so important. And please encourage people. I love you back.

Kamala Harris

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And let's encourage everyone to know the strength of their voice. And for anyone who hasn't voted yet, look, first of all, no judgment, but please do get to it.

Kamala Harris

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And please take a moment to think about your plan for voting, about when and where you will vote. Election day is Tuesday, November 5th. Polls are open here in North Carolina from 6:30am to 7:30pm Go to [iwillvote.com](https://www.willvote.com) for any information you need about when and where to vote. Because, listen, we need everyone to vote.

Kamala Harris

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North Carolina.

Kamala Harris

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You all will make the difference in this election. You will make the difference. So, look, it all comes down to this. We are all here together because we love our country. We love, uh, our country.

Kamala Harris

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Yes, we love our country. And here's what we know. Here's what we all know. When you love something, you fight for it. You fight for it.

Kamala Harris

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And I do believe it is one of the highest forms of patriotism, of our love, the expression of our love for our country. To fight for its ideals and to fight to realize the promise of America. The promise of America. And look, I have always believed in our nation's promise because I have lived it.

Kamala Harris

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I grew up as a child of the Civil Rights movement.

Kamala Harris

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My parents. My parents would take me to the marches when I was in a stroller. And what we all know about that time is there were folks from every background, every walk of life coming together to fight for freedom and for opportunity.

Kamala Harris

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Right?

And growing up, I saw how hard my mother worked to give her daughters the same chances our country gave her. And I was blessed to have family by blood and family by love who instilled in me the values of community and compassion and faith. And I have spent my life fighting for people who have been hurt and counted out, but who never stop believing that in our country anything is possible.

Kamala Harris

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I have lived the promise of America. And today I see the promise of America in everybody who is here. In all of you, in all of us. We are the promise of. Of America.

Kamala Harris

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We are the promise of America in the fathers and the mothers and the grandparents who work every day for our children's future. In the women who refuse to accept a future without reproductive freedom and the men who support them.

Kamala Harris

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I see it. I see it in Republicans who have never voted for a Democrat before, but who are putting Constitution of the United States over party.

Kamala Harris

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I see the promise of America every day in the year. Young leaders who are voting for the first time. Where are you? Where are you? Let me see you right.

Kamala Harris

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I love you guys. I love Gen Z, I love Gen Z.

Kamala Harris

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I love this generation. And because, you know, here's the thing, you all are rightly impatient for change. They are impatient for change.

Kamala Harris

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You are determined. Mhm.

Kamala Harris

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I'm telling you, the future of our nation is bright. It is bright. We have so much to be optimistic about. So we got three days to get this done.

Kamala Harris

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And no one can sit on the sidelines. Let's spend the next three days so when we look back three days from now, we will have no regrets about what we could have done.

Kamala Harris

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Knock on doors, let's text, let's call. Reach out to your family, your friends, your classmates, your neighbors, your co workers, your play cousins, you know what I'm saying? And please, during the course of these next three days, I ask, let us please be intentional about building community. Let us be intentional about building community.

Kamala Harris

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You know, there's something about this whole Trump era that really was to try and suggest that the strength of a leader is based on who you beat down.

Kamala Harris

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Instead of what we know. The real strength of a leader is based on who you lift up.

Kamala Harris

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Let's be intentional about building community and let's be intentional about building coalitions, remembering that the vast majority of us have so much more in common than what separates us. Uh, and there is power in that. There is power in that approach and it will strengthen our country. And so I'll leave you with this.

Kamala Harris

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And let's remember and please remind everyone your vote is your voice and your voice is your power.

Kamala Harris

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And don't let anyone ever take your power from you.

Kamala Harris

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So, North Carolina, today I ask you, are you ready to make your voices heard?

Kamala Harris

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Do we believe in freedom? Um, do we believe in opportunity?

Kamala Harris

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Do we believe in the promise of America M And are we ready to fight for it?

And when we fight, we win. God, uh, bless you and God bless the United States of America.
God bless.