

# GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

March 7, 2019

**SPECIAL FEATURE – BRUCE & CAROL PETERSON!**



## **THE HERO OF THE NINTH DISTRICT ELECTION CONTROVERSY: JOSHUA D. MALCOLM!**

(Much of the Information in this Article  
is from *The Charlotte Observer*  
and from Joshua D. Malcolm)

**“Mark Harris was cruising toward a seat in Congress until Joshua Malcolm raised his hand.**

**“The North Carolina Board of Elections convened on November 27<sup>th</sup> to certify the results of the November 6<sup>th</sup> General Election. It was expected to be a routine matter, as it is every year. But at the last minute, Joshua Malcolm asked his colleagues on the board to pull the Ninth District race from the list of thirteen congressional races to be certified.**

**“He cited unspecific ‘unfortunate activities’ and said, ‘I am not going to turn a blind eye to what took place to the best of my understanding which has been ongoing for a number of years that has repeatedly been referred to the United States Attorney and the district attorneys for them to take action and clean it up. And in my opinion those things have not taken place.’**

**“The Board of Elections voted 9-0 not to certify Harris’ 905 vote victory over Democrat Dan McCeady.**

**“A few dozen bombshells later, details about a fraudulent absentee ballot operation in Bladen County have been unearthed and the State Board has called for a new election.”**

## **REPUBLICAN RETRIBUTION!**

**North Carolina Republicans were so upset about Joshua Malcolm calling attention to their election fraud that they put into motion a coordinated smear campaign focused on Joshua himself. In the immediate days after two bipartisan votes (9-0 and 7-2) to delay certification by the State Board of Elections, Republican Representative David Lewis “demanded” Joshua appear before his committee to “answer” for his actions.**

**A few weeks later Republican Senators Harry Brown and Kathy Harrington sent Joshua a letter demanding that he answer questions, which were purportedly for the purpose of improving the absentee by mail processes. However, the questions asked by Brown and Harrington were nothing more than a regurgitation of baseless assertions made by Republican Party ED Woodhouse and State Chair Hayes. In both instances, Joshua REFUSED to take part or respond to these partisan attempts to undermine the ongoing investigation into what was proven to be a “coordinated, unlawful, and substantially resourced absentee ballot scheme” perpetrated on the citizens of the Ninth Congressional District.**

**In the weeks that followed, Joshua refused to respond to news media inquiries in an attempt to ensure the sanctity of the ongoing investigations that he had so boldly “raised his hand” to ensure could move forward, even while being smeared through vicious, unfounded and absolute falsehoods thrown toward him by Mark Harris, his campaign staff/attorneys, the NC Republican Party, and biased news media outlets.**

**In late February, Joshua sat on the front row as the State Board of Elections convened in Raleigh to hear the results of the bipartisan investigation publicly disclosed by Joshua in late November.**

**Joshua had notified the NC Democratic Party in mid-January of his desire not to serve on the newly constituted five-member State Board of Elections.**

**In a quote to the Robesonian newspaper Joshua said, “some things are bigger than self. Public confidence in the elections oversight and/or processes are bigger than any single person or any ambition they may have.” Asked about this quote later, Joshua said he recognized what the Republican Party was trying to do and decided to beat them at their own game. He knew the Republicans were going to attempt to make any hearing about him, since he had stepped forward and said “I’m not going to turn a blind eye.”**

**In a moment of profound selfless leadership, Joshua, from his years of serving as a military officer in the US Air Force, knew he needed to sacrifice his own desire to finish what he had started and yield to what was best for the voters and citizens of our state.**

**The simple act of Joshua “raising his hand” had started as a ripple and ultimately hit the NC Republican Party like a tidal wave by the time the State Board of Elections concluded its hearing, which has resulted in the first ever federal election in our country’s history to be tossed out/redone because election fraud was perpetrated on Joshua’s neighbors and he would not stand for it ANYMORE.**

**Joshua served on the North Carolina State Board of Elections for five years and is the first American Indian to serve on the SBOE as a member and as its Chairman. Joshua is a member of the Lumbee Tribe of NC, where he serves as the Chief Justice of the Tribal Supreme Court. He has worked in the University of North Carolina system for 15 years and has served as the General Counsel for his alma mater, UNC Pembroke, for the last 11 years.**

**North Carolina Democrats who would like to congratulate Joshua for standing up for fair elections may write to him at: [joshua\\_malcolm@hotmail.com](mailto:joshua_malcolm@hotmail.com).**



## **SPECIAL FEATURE – BRUCE & CAROL PETERSON DEMOCRATS LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST!**

**Bruce and Carol Peterson of Asheville are retired educators who have continued their public service by giving back to their community, their state, and their nation.**

**In the picture above, Bruce and Carol are welcoming Lisa Raymond to Asheville. Lisa is Assistant Coach of the 2019 USA Fed Cup Tennis Team. The Fed Cup is an International Women's Tennis Tournament played by countries rather than individuals. It is the women's version of the men's Davis Cup. The first round of the Fed Cup is being played in Asheville this year and Bruce is the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee.**

### **REMARKABLE DEMOCRATS!**

**Throughout their lives Bruce and Carol have been active Democrats.**

**Carol was one of North Carolina's Members of the Democratic National Committee for four years. She was a Delegate to four Democratic National Conventions including being a Super Delegate for President Obama in 2008. She served as a Buncombe County Commissioner for eight years. She has been Chair of the Buncombe County Democratic Party and President of the Democratic Women of Buncombe County. She has been a strong Democrat at all levels including representing Buncombe County on the 11<sup>th</sup> District Executive Committee, being a Member of the State Executive Committee and serving as Precinct Chair.**

**Bruce was Chair of the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Democratic Party for six years, Chair of the Buncombe County Democratic Party, President of the Buncombe County Democratic Men, a State Executive Committee Member, and a Delegate to three Democratic National Conventions. Governor Beverly Perdue named Bruce a Trustee to UNC-Asheville. Governor Mike Easley awarded him the Order of the Long Leaf Pine and he was District Director for Congressman Heath Shuler.**

**Bruce and Carol enjoy continuing to build Asheville and Buncombe County through their service on the Asheville Buncombe Regional Sports Commission, the Buncombe County Agriculture Committee, and the Folk Heritage Committee which produces the Mountain Dance and Folk Festival and Shindig on the Green.**



### **MICHAEL WILSON WITH KATY TUR & JACOB SOBOROFF!**

**Strong Democrat Michael Wilson was attending the State Board of Elections hearing on the Ninth Congressional District election on February 19<sup>th</sup> when he realized that MSNBC stars Jacob Soboroff and Katy Tur were covering the hearing.**

**Michael says: “At this point, I was really just looking for any excuse under the sun to talk with them. Luckily, like most people involved with political activities, my car is my second closet and I have been carrying Katy’s book around in my trunk for months. So I asked Katy to autograph it. Her inscription says: ‘What’s happening in North Carolina?’ – a question we seem to be asking ourselves almost daily.”**

**Katy is an anchor for MSNBC Live and has reported for many other NBC news programs. The title of her book is “Unbelievable: My Front Row Seat To The Craziest Campaign In American History.”**

**Jacob Soboroff has been a correspondent for NBC News and MSNBC since 2015. He specializes in border issues, making him one of he first reporters to call attention to the Trump administration family separation policy.**

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and written information to this publication at: [melvin535@gmail.com](mailto:melvin535@gmail.com)**



## **RYAN & REBECCA GET ENGAGED!**

**On February 17<sup>th</sup> Ryan Watts proposed to Rebecca Copley at the top of the Wells Fargo Building in Raleigh. Rebecca happily accepted and these pictures show the joy that they experienced!**

**Ryan ran a strong race in the Sixth Congressional District in 2018 and who knows what great victories are ahead for this talented couple!**





### **TREVOR FULLER FOR US SENATE!**

**Mecklenburg County Commissioner Trevor Fuller has kicked off his campaign for US Senator. In November, 2018 Fuller was elected to his fourth term as a Mecklenburg County Commissioner. He is an At Large Commissioner which means he represents all of the approximately one million people in the county.**

**Trevor's goal is to replace Thom Tillis. He said: "We have a US Senator who refuses to stand up for North Carolinians and instead stands up for whatever the errant president wants to do."**

**Trevor is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law School and he practices law in Charlotte.**

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## **CLEMMONS DEMOCRATS!**

**All over the state Democrats have been holding 2019 Precinct Meetings to elect Precinct Officers and Delegates to County Conventions.**

**One of the most enthusiastic meetings was held by the Clemmons Cluster Democrats in Forsyth County. Democrats from six Clemmons precincts are shown in this picture taken at the Clemmons Library.**

**This cluster has grown from two people in 2017 to the large group above. In 2017 they decided to follow two guiding principles: All Clemmons precincts would work together and they would cede no ground to the GOP, no matter the odds.**

**Their accomplishments since 2017 include:**

- **All six precincts are organized and ENERGIZED!**
- **Helped elect Michelle Barson to the Clemmons Village Council, the first Democrat elected in 10 years. Because she received more votes than any other candidate, Michelle became Mayor Pro Tem!**
- **They have an active voter contact program. In 2018 they increased the vote for some Democratic candidates by 60% over 2014 numbers.**
- **They maintain an active schedule of community outreach events, including candidate meet-and-greets, a booth at Clemmons Community Day, and the Clemmons Community Spring Cleanup**
- **They managed and staffed the Early Voting site at the Clemmons Library with their own volunteers and left no shift unfilled.**

**Congratulations, Clemmons Democrats!**



### **TEAGUE SISTERS SING FOR FORSYTH DEMOCRATIC MEN!**

Those talented Democrats, Kiki Teague and Mary Laura Teague Austin, entertained the Democratic Men of Forsyth County at their quarterly meeting in February.

They performed songs which they originated including a song about Cal Cunningham for Lt. Governor. Their good friend, Judge Bill Freeman, is on the right.



### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY WINNERS!**

Nash County Democratic Party Officer Kevin Jones presented awards to these top winners in the 2019 Black History Month Essay Contest at Baskerville Elementary School in Nash County.





## **NATIONAL COLLEGE DEMS CONVENTION IN RALEIGH!**

**President John Easterling and the North Carolina College Dems hosted the National Winter Convention of the College Democrats of America in Raleigh on February 1-3. More than 150 College Dems were entertained at the Executive Mansion during the Convention.**



**Part of the College Democrats are shown in this picture of an event at the State Headquarters.**





### **DOLLY PARTON & HER IMAGINATION LIBRARY!**

**Superstar Dolly Parton came to the Children's Marbles Museum in Raleigh on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to launch the statewide rollout of her Imagination Library which will give hundreds of thousands of free books to children. With her own funds Dolly has already given more than 5,000,000 free books to children from age 2 months to five years!**

**The NC General Assembly has now appropriated \$3.5 million for Dolly's book distribution in the first year and \$7 million for the second year.**

**Governor and Mrs. Cooper joined Dolly for the statewide rollout of her massive educational initiative.**



**Multi-talented Eric Wilson welcomed Dolly to Raleigh. Eric is Special Assistant to the Governor and he performs a multitude of actions to help make all the Governor's events run smoothly.**

**Dolly's Imagination Library sends a free book EVERY MONTH to children from 2 months to five years. Each month's book is tailored to the current age of each child.**

**You can register children in this happy program by going to:**

**[www.IMAGINATIONLIBRARY.com](http://www.IMAGINATIONLIBRARY.com)**



NC AAPI

## Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Day

On May 4<sup>th</sup> NCAAPI (North Carolina Asian American and Pacific Islander) will be holding a culture day in honor of Asian and Pacific Islander month. In May of 1992 President George H. W. Bush designated May to be the heritage month for all who identify as an Asian American and or, Pacific Islander. We celebrate this special month every year by highlighting some our history Because of the myriad of countries, religions and cultural differences that make up the AAPI community, we have tried to focus a few important issues each year. This year the focus is will be on:

1. The Chinese Exclusion Act and how Immigration Policies have impacted the AAPI population.
2. The various contributions that the Chinese (and other immigrants) have made to NC and America
3. The start of Ramadan along with an explanation of what Ramadan means

We have invited Congresswoman Grace Meng, Vice Chair of DNC, Phil Kim of DNC, and Bel Leong-Hong (Chair National AAPI and our representative to DNC).

The event will be held at **Kiwanis Recreation Center and Honeycutt Park in Fayetteville, NC (352 Devers St, Fayetteville, NC 28303)** on **May 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [aapi.ncdp@gmail.com](mailto:aapi.ncdp@gmail.com).



### **NC DEMOCRATS AT DNC MEETING!**

**Our North Carolina Democrats enjoyed meeting lots of celebrities at the mid-February meeting of the Democratic National Committee at the Marriott Marquis in Washington. Yes, that is Senator Corey Booker at the back of this picture! Senator Booker asked for a private meeting with our NC Delegation. The meeting with Senator Booker went on for a long time and was highly informative for our DNC members.**

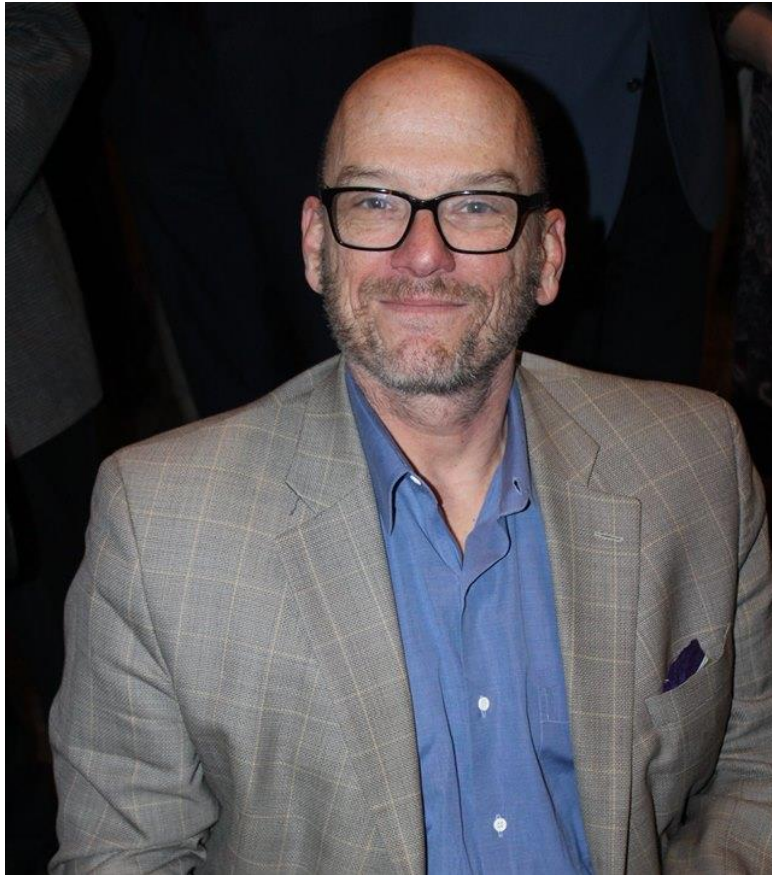
**From the left our NC Democrats are Rev. Ray McKinnon, DD Adams, Shelia Huggins, Dr. Bobbie Richardson, Wayne Goodwin, John Verdejo, and Matt Hughes.**



**John Verdejo talking one-on-one with  
DNC Chair Tom Perez**



**Bobbie Richardson with  
with Senator Corey Booker**



**MARK EZZELL HONORED!**

**The Wake County Democratic Party presented the Ronnie Condrey Mentor Of The Year Award to that dedicated Democrat, Mark Ezzell, at their annual Valentine Gala.**

**Mark was the Wake Party's member of the Wake County Board of Elections for several years and he supports everything the Party does. He works at the Governor's Highway Safety Program.**



**Governor Jim Hunt joined Mark for this picture at the Duke-Wake Forest basketball game on March 5<sup>th</sup>.**



### **NCDP OFFICERS MEETING!**

**On Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Officers of the State Democratic Party held a day long meeting at the State Headquarters.**

**Most readers know these folks: State Chair Wayne Goodwin, First Vice Chair Bobbie Richardson, Richard Poole who is President of the NCDP County Chairs Association, Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes, Treasurer Anna Tilghman, and Third Vice Chair Nida Allam. Secretary Melvin Williams is seated in the front.**

**Talented members of the State Headquarters staff made an excellent series of presentations to the Party Officers.**

**All the people in this picture are goodhearted and are dedicated to providing victorious leadership to our Party!**



### **RESILIENCE RECEPTION – NC YOUNG DEMOCRATS!**

**The Young Democrats of North Carolina hosted a new event, the Resilience Reception, in Durham on February 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Special awards were presented to the three outstanding Democrats in the picture above. NCDP Vice Chair Nida Allam was honored with the “Politico Of The Year Award.”**

**State Representative Chaz Beasley was the winner of the “Harvey Gantt Award.” State Representative Zack Hawkins was honored with the “Most Outstanding Alumni Award.”**



**From the left, the outstanding Young Democrats in the picture are Lee Goldston, Lorenzo Pedro, Ebony West, Matt Hughes, Shannon Auer, Grayson Barnette, Devonte Wilson and State YD President Anne Evangelista.**



### **STANLY COUNTY DW OFFICERS INSTALLED!**

**Fran Walker was installed as President of the Democratic Women of Stanly County during the recent DW meeting in Albemarle. Fran is on the front row in the picture above.**

**In the second row are: The installing officer Judge Susan Taylor, Vice President Cathy Holland, Recording Secretary Teresa Lanning, Treasurer Nancy Joines, and Corresponding Secretary Hazel Poolos.**



**Former County Party Chair Judy Hammill (left) congratulated outgoing DW President Ivonia Mills for her outstanding service to the organization.**



**MEET THE 2019 OFFICERS  
OF THE LGBTQ DEMOCRATS  
OF WAKE COUNTY!**

**These leaders are ready to boost the entire Democratic ticket in the upcoming election!**



**PRESIDENT  
REV. CLAYTON BROOKS**

**Clayton is a Baptist minister with a passion for social justice and transforming society to become more fair and equitable.**

**His work in activism has spanned electoral campaigns, fair budget policy, immigration reform, and LGBTQ rights.**

**Clayton helped organize the founding of the LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina in 2011 and also managed the campaign which elected the first openly gay member of the NC**

**House of Representatives in 2010.**

**He received his Bachelor's Degree in Religion from Harvard University and a Masters of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary at Columbia University. He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**

**Currently a resident of Knightdale, Clayton is originally from Laurinburg, North Carolina.**

**VICE PRESIDENT  
LISA MALACHOWSKY**

**Lisa is a newcomer to North Carolina but not a newcomer to LGBTQ activism. She has previously been involved in many aspects of the Democratic Party in Phoenix, AZ where she lived for ten years.**

**She served as a precinct committee person and as the Vice President and Treasurer of the Arizona LGBTQ Democrats. Lisa also served on the HRC Arizona Steering committee as the Federal Club Chairperson.**

**She is a retired IT executive and she received her Bachelor's Degree in Math and Computer Science from Vassar College.**

**She proudly serves on her alumnae LGBTQ fundraising committee. She currently resides in Apex with her wife, Bev, and their furry family.**





## **SECRETARY TOM NEVELS**

**Tom is a native North Carolinian and a lifelong arts educator. He currently works as the Professional Development Manager for A+ Schools of North Carolina, helping teachers become more effective by using engaging instruction and the arts in every classroom.**

**For twelve years he was a theatre arts teacher and technical director in K-12 public schools throughout North Carolina.**

**Tom serves on the organizing committee for Pride: Durham, NC and is the production stage manager for the Pride festival stage. He is also the organizer of The Human Library – Durham. He received his BFA in Theatre Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and MA in**

**Theatre Education from Emerson College. Tom is a proud North Carolina Teaching Fellows Alumnus. He is a new resident of Raleigh.**

## **TREASURER MATTHEW WILLIAMS**

**Matthew is a lifelong North Carolinian. He grew up in Cary, graduating from Cary High School.**

**He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from NC State University, where he currently works as an Assistant Director in Alumni Relations.**

**Outside of work, he serves on the NC State Recent Grad Philanthropy Council and on the board of the Young Democrats of Wake County.**

**Matthew has been passionate about policy for most of his life and is proud to have the opportunity to serve in this role and advocate for the LGBTQ community. He currently resides in Raleigh.**





**CANDIS COX**  
**AT LARGE BOARD MEMBER**

**Candis is an LGBTQ educator and advocate, serving on the Board of Directors for Equality NC and working closely with HRC fighting discrimination and educating people of all backgrounds on gender identity, sexuality, and minority issues.**

**Candis came to prominence in 2016 when she became the only open transgender person to date to meet with the Governor Pat McCrory to fight the discriminatory, anti-transgender bathroom bill, HB2.**

**Since then Candis' advocacy and commitment to visibility has manifested itself in many forms.**

**Television specials featuring Candis' life and work have been featured on WRAL,**

**CNN, Focus, BBC, and German National News among numerous others. In 2016 she became the first transgender keynote speaker to the Democratic Party at the VIP Reception of the Jefferson Jackson Dinner. Candis also became the first openly transgender person to walk the final look for NC Fashion week modeling for Michael Kuluva's "Tumbler and Topsy."**

**That year Candis was the recipient of both the HRC Person of the Year award and the Charlotte Pride "Harvey Milk" Award.**

**GEORGE GREENE**  
**AT LARGE BOARD MEMBER**

**George is a Precinct Chair in southeast Raleigh and a longtime Democratic activist.**

**He was a founding member of the LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina.**

**He serves on the North Carolina Democratic Party's State Executive Committee and on the Party's Plan of Organization Committee.**





### **GOVERNOR COOPER ADDRESSES THE SIR WALTER CABINET!**

**Governor Roy Cooper gave the Keynote Address at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sir Walter Cabinet at the Carolina Country Club in Raleigh. He gave excellent remarks regarding priorities for North Carolina.**

**The Sir Walter Cabinet is an organization of the spouses of General Assembly members of both parties. It is one of the few organizations where Democrats and Republicans meet in a harmonious spirit.**



**This year the President of the Sir Walter Cabinet is Sarah Woodard, the wife of Durham State Senator Mike Woodard. Sarah invited one Mike's constituents, Brenda Pollard, to be her guest at this February meeting.**

**Governor Cooper posed with Brenda in the picture on the right. Fighting for the people of North Carolina has had a beneficial effect on Governor Cooper. Look at how energetic he looks in this picture!**



### **DURHAM DEMOCRATS!**

**Enthusiastic Durham County Democrats filled the Stanford Warren Library for their February Executive Committee meeting. County Second Vice Chair Dov Rosenberg is standing on the left and addressing the group. Durham is proud to be a heavily Democratic County!**



**Durham County Party Chair Stephen Gheen poses with Brenda Pollard in this picture. Durham Democrats are rejoicing that Stephen has recovered from serious health problems. He looks healthy, doesn't he?**



**Democratic National Committee Member Shelia Huggins and Brenda are smiling radiantly in this happy picture.**

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**March 5  
Hillsborough!**

Tues., Mar. 5  
6:30-8 PM

Orange Co Public Library  
137 W Margaret Ln





Rep. Graig Meyer      Rep. Terence Everitt

hosted by Neighbors on Call North Chapter

**March 6  
Pittsboro!**

Wed., Mar. 6  
6:30-8 PM

Chatham Community Library 197 NC-87




Rep. Robert Reives      Rep. Julie von Haefen

hosted by Neighbors on Call South Chapter

**March 7  
Chapel Hill!**

Thurs., Mar. 7  
6:30-8 PM

Chapel Hill Public Library 100 Library Dr.






Rep. Verla Insko      Rep. Sydney Batch

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**March 19  
Durham!**

Tues., Mar. 19  
7-8:30 PM

Durham SW Regional Library 3605 Shannon Rd



Sen. Floyd McKissick      Rep. Marcia Morey      Rep. Zack Hawkins

hosted by Neighbors on Call East Chapter

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TO ATTEND  
THESE EXCITING MEETINGS  
IN  
ORANGE, CHATHAM, & DURHAM COUNTIES  
ON  
MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, & 19<sup>TH</sup>!**

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**Melvin Williams, State Secretary  
North Carolina Democratic Party**