Currituck DEMS

A newsletter from the Currituck County Democratic Party Fall 2021 (Edition 1: Issue 2)

From the Party Chair, C. Dorsey Harris

I hope your September is going well. Soon it will be time for October and Halloween. Let me know if you are interested in the Currituck County Democratic Party hosting an event. For example, the Chowan County Democratic Party is hosting a band on September 18 and will set up a booth to register new voters. I know we are being careful as we continue to isolate due to Covid but I wanted to seek out any input on hosting an event even if it is virtual like a Zoom call that we could be involved in to increase the visibility of the Currituck County Democratic Party. We could be recruiting future Democrats to our party. I am open to new ideas and suggestions.

It may be needed that we host a Zoom Conference Call by late September or early October, at least with the Currituck County Democratic Party Executive Board.

Please continue to share with me the names and contacts of Currituck citizens who are Democrats so we can add them to our mailing list in order to keep them apprised.

Please stay safe and well out there.

Best, C. Dorsey Harris, Chair Currituck County Democratic Party <u>obxdorsey@gmail.com</u> (email) 252.333.7100 (cell)

North Carolina Democratic Party County Chairs Met by Zoom on Thursday, August 26

The North Carolina Democratic Party County Chairs met by Zoom on Thursday, August 26, 2021, hosted by Jeffrey Rose, President of the NC Democratic Party County Chairs. A 40% quorum was needed and was met. The group nominated and voted on Anderson Clayton, Democratic Party Chair in Person County as the new Statewide County Chairs president. Anderson has a lot of experience working nationwide for the Democratic Party and Democratic candidates. She is used to organizing and just what our party needs. The group also nominated and voted on other officers. There was no one to take the secretary's position so Jeffrey Rose will serve as secretary until a new secretary can be found.

Volunteer

A hugely important part of being a part of the Currituck DEMS are the people who give their valuable time and skills to help make things happen. You help us make a real difference in our local community and across the nation. **Volunteer to help turn NC BLUE in 2022! Blue Looks Good on You.**

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Thanks to President Biden and NC Democrats

North Carolina families have received relief through the second payment of monthly tax cuts. Thanks to President Biden and the entire North Carolina Democratic congressional delegation's efforts, American families covering nearly 61 million children received the second monthly Child Tax Credit payment this past week included in the American Rescue Plan.

Experts estimate the new Child Tax Credit will cut child poverty by multiples of the historic record. Experts have also estimated that these tax cuts will be the main driver in predictions that the American Rescue Plan could cut child poverty in half by next year, including over a hundred thousand children out of poverty in North Carolina.

President Biden's leadership and the North Carolina Democratic congressional delegation's votes made relief that will be provided to the families of nearly 2 million children in North Carolina possible.

All ten of the entire NC Republican Congressional delegation voted against the American Rescue Plan that included funding to lift NC children out of poverty. This includes Currituck's US Congressman, Greg Murphy.

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Currituck County Board of Elections co.currituck.nc.us/departments/board-of-elections

Get Engaged with North Carolina Democrats

Our team of grassroots Democrats are fighting on the front lines to take the majority in the General Assembly, bring change to Washington, and elect local Democrats from Murphy to Manteo. It's never been more important for everyday North Carolinians, like you, to join the fight. **Blue Looks Good on You!**

Welcome to The Currituck County Democratic Party Newsletter Entitled *"Currituck DEMS"*

Currituck County is a beautiful place to live. We have the Currituck OBX, the Currituck Sound, the North River, and a host of tributary creeks and wetlands which add to the appeal of our county. We have gorgeous farmland and wildlife which in addition adds to the esthetic beauty. From Moyock to Corolla and from Shawboro to Point Harbor and all in between, we live in a beautiful environment.

Unfortunately, we battle not only nature's storms but in addition we battle political storms that are very challenging to us as Democrats knowing we are the minority party in our county. It is hard sometimes to keep our heads above water. We invite you to join the Currituck County Democratic Party to be a part of us. Our New Motto is **Blue** Looks Good on You!

The Currituck County Democratic Party wants to keep the laws, programs, and democratic institutions that sustain and empower everyone. And we want to update and repair the ones that don't. The Currituck DEMS offer an organization with many diverse opinions, a range of incomes, a myriad of cultures, and various lifestyles.

But the one thing we all share is a love for Currituck County, the home where we all belong. Remember, Blue Looks Good on You!

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Elected North Carolina Officials

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The North Carolina Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. This was updated on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

2022 US Senate Candidates for the Democratic Nomination Updated on 8/4/2021

As the Chair of the Democratic Party in Currituck County, I am truly excited about all of these eight (8) very qualified candidates who are running to fill Senator Burr's seat. Just to note, as the Chair, I will not be endorsing any candidate until after the primary. Let's work to take back this Senate seat. **Blue Looks Good on You!**

Cheri Beasley

https://cheribeasley.com/

Cheri Beasley is the former chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court -- and the first Black woman to hold the job. The longtime jurist was previously an associate justice and also served on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Beasley, who was appointed to the chief justice bench by Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper in 2019, narrowly lost a race to keep the job in 2020 to Republican Paul Newby. Beasley announced her bid in April 2021.

Keith Davenport

Keith Davenport declared he was running for Senate and launched a fundraiser on GoFundMe. As of July 4, 2021, his campaign site and campaign Facebook pages were inactive, though he was still tweeting @Davenport4POTUS. According to Ballotpedia, he ran for president as a Republican in 2020.

Ava Edwards

https://www.avaedwardsfornc.com/

Ava Edwards is a pharmacist running as a progressive Democrat. She has not held elected office before. Edwards' priorities include Medicare for all, more funding for schools and job creation. She announced her candidacy in March.

Jeff Jackson

https://www.jeffjacksonnc.com/

Jeff Jackson is a state senator from Charlotte whose profile has risen in recent years, especially through updates he provided during the coronavirus crisis. The attorney and Army National Guard member has been in the state Senate since 2014. He had planned on running for the U.S. Senate in 2020 but ultimately decided against it. Jackson announced his new bid in January 2021.

Tobias LaGrone

https://ncnewday.com/

Tobias LaGrone is a small business owner, pastor and counselor who identifies as a conservative, pro-life Democrat. His platform includes what he calls "new day legislation" focusing on access to tech data, transparency in hiring, increasing tax credits for child care and education, and the establishment of a national law enforcement malpractice registry. He announced his bid in March 2021.

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Rett Newton

https://www.rettnewton.com/

Rett Newton is the mayor of Beaufort, on North Carolina's coast. The retired Air Force officer told the News & Observer that he was inspired to run for higher office after seeing the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, calling it a "domestic terror attack in the house of our democracy." He announced his bid in April 2021.

Erica Smith

https://ericaforus.com/

Erica Smith is a former state senator who represented the coastal District 3 in the General Assembly from 2015 to early 2021. This is Smith's second bid for the U.S. Senate. In 2020, she came in second in the Democratic primary to Cal Cunningham, who went on to lose to Republican Sen. Thom Tillis in November. Smith announced her bid in January 2021.

Richard Watkins

https://www.richardlwatkins.com/

Richard Watkins of Durham is a scientist who got his Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from UNC Chapel Hill. The CEO and founder of the Science Policy Action Network Inc. hasn't held public office before but ran unsuccessfully in the 2018 Democratic primary for North Carolina's 4th Congressional District. Watkins told the News & Observer that "people are expecting science to lead," especially in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. He announced his bid in March 2021.

