

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

January 15, 2019



THE INVESTITURE OF TOBY HAMPSON NC COURT OF APPEALS!

Judge Toby Hampson and his family celebrated his Investiture to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in Raleigh on Friday, January 11th. He was elected by a strong wave of Democratic voters on November 6, 2018.

They cast the following votes:

Toby Hampson - D - 1,766,470

Jefferson Griffin - R - 1,293,098

Michael Monaco, Sr. - Lib - 167,773

His wife, Kristin Hampson, is an outstanding Attorney also. NC Legal Elite recently named her our state's best attorney in the area of Family Law.



From Left to right the following dignitaries joined in the celebration:
Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls, Supreme Court Justice Michael Morgan, Court of Appeals Judge Lucy Inman, Court of Appeals Judge Allegra Collins,
State Representative Robert Reives, and Superior Court Judge Vince Rozier.
All of these jurists were elected by Democrats.



Celebrating the Hampson Investiture!

Left: Senator Jeff Jackson & Ryan Watts with Judge Hampson

Right: Law Clerk Eric James with Lee County Democratic leader Jan Tart.



**NC College Democrats President John Easterling and Secretary of State Elaine Marshall
congratulating Judge Hampson**



**Willie Rowe, Blair Williams, Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Martin,
and retired Court of Appeals Judge Sid Eagles**

**ALL CANDIDATES WHO HAVE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED
THEY WILL BE RUNNING FOR NCDP OFFICERS, 2019-2021,
WERE INVITED TO SUBMIT AN AD FOR THIS EDITION.**

The Elections Will Be Held At The SEC Meeting At

12:00 Noon, Saturday, January 26, 2019

Mallard Creek High School

3825 Johnston Oehler Road, Charlotte, NC 28269

BE SURE TO READ THESE ADS CAREFULLY!

THE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ANNOUNCED SO FAR ARE:

STATE PARTY CHAIR

WAYNE GOODWIN

FIRST VICE CHAIR

BOBBIE RICHARDSON

BRENDA POLLARD

AISHA DEW

SECOND VICE CHAIR

MATT HUGHES

THIRD VICE CHAIR

NIDA ALLAM

SECRETARY

MELVIN WILLIAMS

**THE DOOR IS STILL WIDE OPEN FOR MORE
DEMOCRATS TO RUN FOR AN NCDP OFFICE.**

**AT THE JANUARY 26TH SEC MEETING
NOMINATIONS CAN BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR.**



**RE-ELECT
WAYNE GOODWIN**

STATE CHAIR | NC DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Promises made. **Promises kept.**



My fellow NC Democrats:

Two years ago, you elected me Chairman on my promise of organizing, recruiting, strategizing, fund-raising, messaging, unifying, inspiring, and getting out our vote. Did I keep my promise?

- Broke the Republican legislative supermajority ... in both chambers.
- Elected a Democratic Supreme Court Justice, and three Democrats to the NC Court of Appeals.
- Campaigned with incredible Congressional candidates, including first-time candidates, who ran strong races notwithstanding hyper-gerrymandered districts.
- Recruited the most diverse array of Democratic legislative candidates ever in North Carolina: record numbers of women, persons of color, LGBTQ, and young folks. Our slate, unlike the slate of other political parties here, was a more accurate reflection of our State's population.
- Established and cemented a strong partnership with Governor Roy Cooper, working together on our #1 goal of breaking the super-majority.
- Collaborated with local party leaders & community activists to organize more precincts & county parties than we had in 2016, leading to record turnout at precinct meetings.
- Installed the most robust field-organizing effort we've ever had for a mid-term election, and, utilized and shared with local parties the expertise and skills of our communications, research, and digital/social media staff.
- Due to a one-time large contribution, I was able to rebate sustaining funds to every county Democratic party that met its sustaining fund goals & approved additional funds to our Congressional District parties.
- Launched my successful Rural NC Listening Tour, and personally visited all 100 counties between 2016 and today (more than 50 in 2018 alone).
- Encouraged amending our Plan of Organization and improving our Party's operations.
- Ensured greater efficiency during our SEC meetings and state convention.
- Helped our Party regain the trust and support of volunteers, candidates, voters, and donors.
- Encouraged the hiring of the most diverse staff in recent memory & entered into a historic collective bargaining agreement with campaign workers.
- Established the Eva Clayton Fellows Program and intensified our efforts to attract future leaders from our HBCUs to fill paid internships and campaign positions.
- Helped us raise 7x more funds for 2018 mid-term elections than in 2014 & 22x more than 2010
- Raised significantly the media visibility of the Party, issuing public statements and participating in press conferences statewide & nationally

And much, much more.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Goodwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

If re-elected as our Chair, I promise to build on these successes and do more to improve our Party, and lead us to more victories in 2020. I ask for your vote and thank you for your support!

VOTE



Dr. Bobbie Richardson FOR 1st Vice Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party

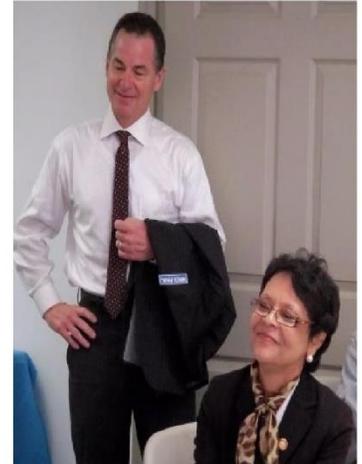
As a lifelong Democrat, I have served my community, district and state with vigor, pride, and humility. I was born in Northeastern Franklin County on my family farm. I graduated from the Franklin County School System before moving to Durham to attend North Carolina Central University (BS & Master) and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Phd.). My educational career included: a teacher assistant, a classroom teacher, a consultant for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, and Director of Programs for Children with Disabilities. I also served as a Director for Warren County Schools, the Department of Corrections (DPS) and Vance County Schools.

While living in Durham, I began my political career as a student working grassroots efforts in several local, district, state and national campaigns. I am humbled today that I have received many awards and recognitions for my services and hard work. Upon returning to my hometown in Franklin County in the late nineties, I continued working within the Democratic Party of Franklin County serving in many leadership and elected positions;



- Member of the Franklin County Board of Education
- Chair of the Franklin County Democratic Party – 6yrs (open FCDP Headquarters)
- Member and officer of Franklin County Democratic Women
- Founding member of the FC African American Caucus
- Member and officer of the Senior Democrats
- Delegate to three National Democratic Conventions
- Member of the State Executive Committee
- Member of the NC House of Representatives (representing Franklin & part of Nash Counties)

Although I did not retain my seat in the 2018 election, I ran a strong campaign in a highly gerrymandered district. I served as an active member of the Democratic Leadership Team working closely with the Democratic Caucus, NC Democratic Party and the Governor's "Break the Majority" Team to change the landscape at the North Carolina General Assembly. The team was successful in electing ten new House and six new Senate members. I worked unwaveringly to elect democrats up and down the ticket. I held many fundraisers and worked closely with the following campaigns: Linda Coleman, Mack Paul, Anita Earls, James Gailiard, Kent Winstead, Judge Carolyn Thompson, Mary Wells, and other candidates. I participated in phone banking, canvassing and getting the vote out. I worked long hours and traveled many miles during the 2018 election. I helped organize six precincts, five in Southern Nash County and one in Pilot that had not been organized when my race began. I recruited many volunteers to help GOTV for Franklin and Nash Counties.



I am a retired educator and will have time to serve as 1st Vice Chair of the State Democratic Party. I believe that our success in 2020 will be determined by how well we organize and communicate as a team. I am a team player and will work hard recruiting candidates, soliciting funds, visiting, coordinating and assisting county parties as well as communicating the party and legislative positions on issues that will ensure a win in 2020. I was thrilled about the 2018 outcome and am encouraged by the possibilities that we can have a Bigger Blue Wave that will sweep the Democrats into the majority of both the House and Senate in 2020. Additionally, I will work to elect a President that we can be proud of, retain the great Governor that NC has, and increase our leadership up and down the democratic ticket.

I am ready to be your next 1st Vice Chair of the NCDP. I am committed to the following goals to ensure that the NCDP has a strong team to support the democratic efforts in the extremely compact and competitive races of 2020

- I pledge to travel with Chairman Wayne Goodman to help organize Democrats throughout the state
- I will focus my energy on women, voters of color, and Rural voters
- I will help develop a pilot project to help rebrand the Democratic Party in rural counties
- I will work to bring more democratic members of the General assembly into the party network

I invite you to contact me at any time at 919-971-0571 and to visit my website at www.bobbie.4nc.com to learn more about my background.

Dear SEC Members,

I am respectfully “asking for your vote” for 1st Vice Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

My passion for the NCDP has been lifelong. As a Young Democrat at 19 years old and a member of the State Executive Committee since 2005, I have worked hard to attend each and every SEC meeting to support the values and platform of our Democratic Party.

In 2017, NCDP Chairman Wayne Goodwin appointed me to serve as a Member-At-Large on the Executive Council, NCDP. I have participated in the meetings, conferences calls, and represented Chairman Goodwin across NC, when asked to do so.

I am honored and privileged to have received an appointment from Governor Roy Cooper, State of NC, as a member of the NC State Museum of Natural Sciences Advisory Commission on January 30, 2018.

On September 8, 2018, I was awarded the WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2018, Democratic Women of North Carolina at the 58th Annual State Convention, Hotel Ballast, in Wilmington, NC.

The NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement selected me as a woman whose life and achievements serve as a role model and legacy to encourage other women and youth. I was selected into the initial group of honorees. The Council and the members of the Council for Women’s Advisory Board announced the inaugural Salute to Women and Youth Program in honor of Women’s History Month in March, 2018.

As a native of Johnston County, I grew up on a tobacco farm. My parents, the late Dorothy and Vernon Hill, taught their four daughters to glorify God, respect our Country and treat others as yourself, and work hard for your community.

It is my hope to achieve equality for all NC, we must advocate for education, health and safety, and economic security and social justice. Please know that I want to be your voice and serve you. The office belongs to you and it would be an honor and privilege to represent you in the SEC and North Carolina.

My professional background includes:

Executive Assistant to Thad Eure, Secretary of State
Executive Assistant to Commissioner of Insurance, Jim Long.

I have served on county, district, state, and national positions. *(See next page)*



NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY:

Member-At-Large, Executive Council, NCDP
Member, State Executive Committee (2005-present)
Former Alternate, Council of Review
Former Member, Credentials and Appeals
Former Member, Rules and Platform
Candidate for DNC
Candidate for Secretary of State, 1996

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE:

Delegate Hillary Clinton
Delegate Barack Obama
Organizing for Obama
Women for Obama
Member, DNC Platform Committee

DURHAM COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN:

President, 2011
Historian
Member, 2011-present

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA: WOMAN OF THE YEAR -2018

Democratic Women of NC
Director, Region 7
Chair, Women in Blue
Chair, Resolutions
3rd Vice President
Treasurer

DURHAM COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY:

Former 1st Vice Chair
Former 3rd Vice Chair
Chair, Precinct 9
Member, State Executive Committee
Candidate, District 20,
State Senate Appointment

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN:

Member, Woman of the Year Committee
Member, Women In Blue Committee
Member, Legislative Committee
Member, Resolutions Committee
Delegate, National Convention
Alternate, Nominating Committee
Delegate, Southern Regional Meeting

It has been an honor and privilege to be appointed by Governor Jim Hunt, Governor Mike Easley, Governor Bev Perdue, and Governor Roy Cooper as their advisor on several Boards and Commissions, I will work hard for the issues that are important to you.

A clean environment for everyone is a top priority for our future. The issues of opioids cannot be ignored and must be addressed with resolve.

Since my late Father, Vernon Hill, served in the US Army, I respect our military and the women and men who serve us everyday. We must support their needs for housing, healthcare, and jobs.

North Carolina is the best State in the USA, and I am proud to be a native. I am asking you for your vote for 1st Vice Chair, NCDP, and I pledge that I will work hard for you and be your voice on matters important to you.

Please email me at BrendaHPollard@aol.com with questions and concerns.

Brenda Pollard





Aisha Dew for First Vice Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party

We broke the supermajority!

I have personally contributed to our work together:

- I worked to do call time, attend county party events, and get investments from the DNC for our races.
- I supported candidates with Break the Majority and collaborated on early organizing strategies for the field.
- I worked in partnership with the DNC and our team to help bring in surrogates like Keith Ellison and Michael Blake.
- I have attended DNC meetings to represent North Carolina and training offered to us along with our terrific staff to back best practices to our state.
- I was also elected Vice Chair for the Southern Region for the Association Democratic Party Chairs. I am collaborating and fighting for states to have the support needed going in 2019 and 2020. I have the privilege, honor and tasks to be able to help set the course for all of us.
- I have been a microphone on local and statewide media.
- I also participated in the Women of Color Summit to make sure we all have a seat at the table and I am not done...

We've got a lot of work to do.

I will continue what we started and make it stronger.

- I am ready to work on our next steps. I am committed to working first and foremost on **voter protection** for our state. I commit (with the permission of the chair) to raise the money to hire a full-time voter protection staffer to prepare us for 2019 and 2020 so that every vote will be protected and counted.
- Coordinate with the DNC to bring in resources
- Travel the state to organize, turn out the vote and build the party
- Continue to be a microphone on local and statewide media
- Continue to work on behalf of North Carolina at the national level
- Organize more summits for Women of Color Summit and Seat at the Table

A History of Service

Here is a snapshot of my experience including over a decade of experience in political organizing.

- First Vice Chair North Carolina Democratic Party
- Democratic National Committee Member
- Vice Chair for the Southern Region for the Association Democratic Party Chairs.
- Board Member Arts and Science Council
- North Carolina State Director for Bernie Sanders
- Chair of the Mecklenburg County Democratic Party
- Third Vice Chair for the Mecklenburg County Party
- Campaign Manager for numerous campaigns
- Chair of the Mecklenburg County Commission Redistricting Board

Education

Here is a snapshot of my education and political training.

- Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina – Bachelor of Arts: Arts Administration (2000)
- Democracy for America, Charlotte, NC – Campaign Academy (2009)
- Camp Wellstone, New York, NY – Electoral Campaigns: Tools and Tactics for Success (2010)
- Truman National Security Project, Atlanta, GA – Political Partner Training (2012)
- Congressional Black Caucus Institute, Washington, DC – Campaign Boot Camp – Congressman Melvin L. Watt (2013)
- Lead NC, Charlotte NC – Political Leadership Training (2013)
- EMILY's List, Charlotte, NC – Political Opportunity Program Candidate Training (2013)





AN EXPERIENCED PROGRESSIVE

"We need to build on our 2018 success moving into 2020. We'll need a greater effort to harness our grassroots energy to take back the majority, re-elect Roy Cooper, and defeat Donald Trump. I'm committed to serving for another term as your Second Vice Chair and look forward for standing for election in January. I hope to have your support as we continue to build our party into the best in the country and catch a second wave!"

- **Former County Party Chair, Congressional District Vice Chair, Precinct Chair, and Auxiliary Officer**
- **Helped recruit a historic number of House and Senate candidates for our Break the Majority effort**
- **Extensively traveled out state to help county parties, candidates, and local activists and visited over half of our state's counties**
- **Organized grassroots party trainings and a grassroots effort called County to County to help county parties with flippable NCGA seats**
- **Helped enact one of the most progressive NCDP platforms in state history based on resolutions received from the grassroots**
- **Worked with our statewide auxiliaries to build greater rapport and coordination with the NCDP**
- **Appointed by Governor Roy Cooper to the NC Human Relations Commission and serves as Hillsborough Town Commissioner**

VOTE NIDA ALLAM FOR NCDP THIRD VICE CHAIR



RE-ELECT NIDA ALLAM
3RD VICE CHAIR | NC DEMOCRATIC PARTY

"IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, I HAVE SEEN WOMEN RECLAIM THEIR TIME, CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL STAND WITH THEM. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONNECT OUR DEMOCRATIC PARTY WITH NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CAUSES, SUCH AS MYMUSLIMVOTE AND THE WOMEN'S MARCH TO CREATE POWERFUL GRASSROOTS MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT OUR STATE. THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS OF BUILDING INTERSECTIONAL ALLIANCES AND UNITING MOVEMENTS, I HAVE SEEN THAT, TRULY, LOVE TRUMPS HATE."

**LET'S RE-ELECT
MELVIN WILLIAMS
STATE PARTY SECRETARY!**

Melvin Williams is an enthusiastic, hard working Democrat! In addition to producing minutes of all State Party meetings – and delivering them on time - he created the GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS newsletter. This popular publication gives statewide recognition to individual Democrats and Democratic organizations.

Melvin enjoys promoting positive news about our Party! Although he works full time, he spends 15 – 18 hours on researching and producing every edition of the GOOD NEWS.



READY FOR 2020!

**ON JANUARY 26TH
LET'S RE-ELECT MELVIN WILLIAMS!**



CAL CUNNINGHAM KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN FOR LT. GOVERNOR!

Cal Cunningham has announced his statewide campaign for Lt. Governor of North Carolina. Groups and organizations who would like to invite him to their events may write to him at: Cal@CalForNC.com

After making his announcement at Wake Community College, Cal and his family made a four-day Listening Tour through 12 counties.



The first stop on the tour was a community service project with his campaign team at the Eastern NC Foodbank in Durham. Cal toured the facility and sorted sweet potatoes for distribution to families across Eastern NC.

Cal and his family stopped in his hometown of Lexington for a reception and speech on the steps of the old Lexington Courthouse. (Right above)



Cal visited with the Senior Dems in Mecklenburg including this retired educator. (Left) He toured Valdese Weavers, a company which is employee owned and has been a success story despite foreign competition. (Right)





Cal is an attorney, an executive at an environmental company, and a former State Senator. His wife, Elizabeth, is an attorney who works with public educators to make schools better. Their teenagers, William and Caroline, support Cal's determination to help fix some of the serious problems of our time such as climate change, poverty, gun violence, and rising college costs.

Here is Cal's announcement video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NE2_zLHbVE8

Readers will enjoy this video about Cal:

<https://www.facebook.com/calfornc/videos/367066230748788/?t=41>

**Democrats across the state can invite Cal to their events
by writing to him at:**

Cal@CalForNC.com

**All statewide Democratic candidates are invited to send
articles, pictures, and video links
to this publication.**



CRAVEN DEMOCRATIC WOMEN ELECT NEW OFFICERS!

The Democratic Women of Craven County met in New Bern recently and elected a strong lineup of new Officers.

From the left the new Officers are: Treasurer Jean Friend, Secretary Diane Tyndall, Clerk of Court Terri Sharp who administered their oaths, Vice President Jodie Lones, and President Barbara Harrison.

Barbara Harrison has previously held many positions in the Democratic Women including Regional Director.



NEW DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATIVE STARS!

This dramatic picture shows new female Democratic legislators as they arrived at the General Assembly.

From the top left they are:

Rep. Kandie Smith

Rep. Sydney Batch

Rep. Allison Dahle

Rep. Julie von Haefen

Rep. Carolyn Logan

Rep. Ashton Clemmons

Rep. Rachel Hunt

Senator Natasha Marcus



SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS!

On January 13th State Party Secretary Melvin Williams visited with a great group of South Carolina Democrats who make up PEOPLE FOR FREEDOM, a political action committee whose goal is to raise money for State Representative Robert Williams. Rep. Williams received more than 100,000 votes when he ran for Congress in 2018.

PEOPLE FOR FREEDOM is starting their fundraising early so they can amass a large campaign treasury for Rep. Williams' 2020 campaign for Congress.

Representative Williams is the gentleman near the right side of this picture.

His wife is beside him.



JEFF AND HADEN IN RALEIGH!

Haden Jackson proudly accompanied Senator Jeff Jackson for the Opening Day of the General Assembly. Jeff is one of our Democratic stars!



CELEBRATING DEMOCRATIC VICTORY IN NORTHWEST NC!

A large crowd attended the Swearing In Ceremony for new State Representative Ray Russell at the Ashe Arts Council Building in West Jefferson.

In November Ray defeated a GOP incumbent to win.

Mrs. Russell held the Bible as Ray received his Oath of Office.

In the picture on the right, Ray is with one of his strongest supporters, former Ashe County Democratic Party Chair Melba Jones.

Last Fall Ray's campaign received a big boost when Governor and Mrs. Jim Hunt drove all the way from Wilson to Blowing Rock to headline a rally for him!



Part of the crowd which gathered to celebrate Ray's inauguration!

Thanks to Vicki Randolph for these pictures.



RACHEL HUNTS' FIRST DAY IN THE LEGISLATURE!

After winning a dramatic 68-vote victory over an incumbent GOP legislator in a Republican district, Rachel Hunt and her family happily gathered in Raleigh for her Oath of Office Ceremony. Rachel joined First Lady Carolyn Hunt, Governor Jim Hunt, and Rebecca Hunt-Hawley on the stairway of the Legislative Building.



A joyous family: First Lady Carolyn Hunt, Rachel's son, Jonas Nilender, Rep. Rachel Hunt, Governor Jim Hunt, Rachel's husband, Dr. Olav Nilender, and her nephew, James B. Hunt IV.



NATASHA MARCUS BECOMES A STATE SENATOR!

Natasha Marcus received her Oath of Office from Judge John Arrowood at a highly meaningful ceremony in the Davidson Town Hall on January 2nd. She defeated a GOP incumbent in the November General Election.



Natasha addressed the crowd of supporters after receiving the Oath from Judge Arrowood.



On the first day of the General Assembly session, Natasha was joined by her daughters, Madison and Ellie – and by her Legislative Assistant, Melanie Zimmerman.



BIG DEMOCRATIC CELEBRATION IN DURHAM!

On January 6th hundreds of Democrats gathered at The Tower at NC Mutual Plaza for the Oath of Office ceremony for all of Durham's legislative delegation. In the picture above longtime State Representative Michey Michaux is addressing the crowd. Rep. Michaux served in the legislature for 45 years - amazing!

Each legislator's Oath of Office was administered by NC Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls.



Zack Hawkins, his family and Rep. Michaux.



Senator Floyd McKissick and family



Senator Mike Woodard and his wife, Rev. Sarah Woodard



Representative Maryann Black and her husband



Representative Marcia Morey



**Durham County's new Democratic Sheriff
Clarence Birkhead with Angelique Stallings**

**At the Oath of Office
celebration:
Judge Toby Hampson,
Justice Anita Earls,
Executive Council Member
Brenda Pollard**

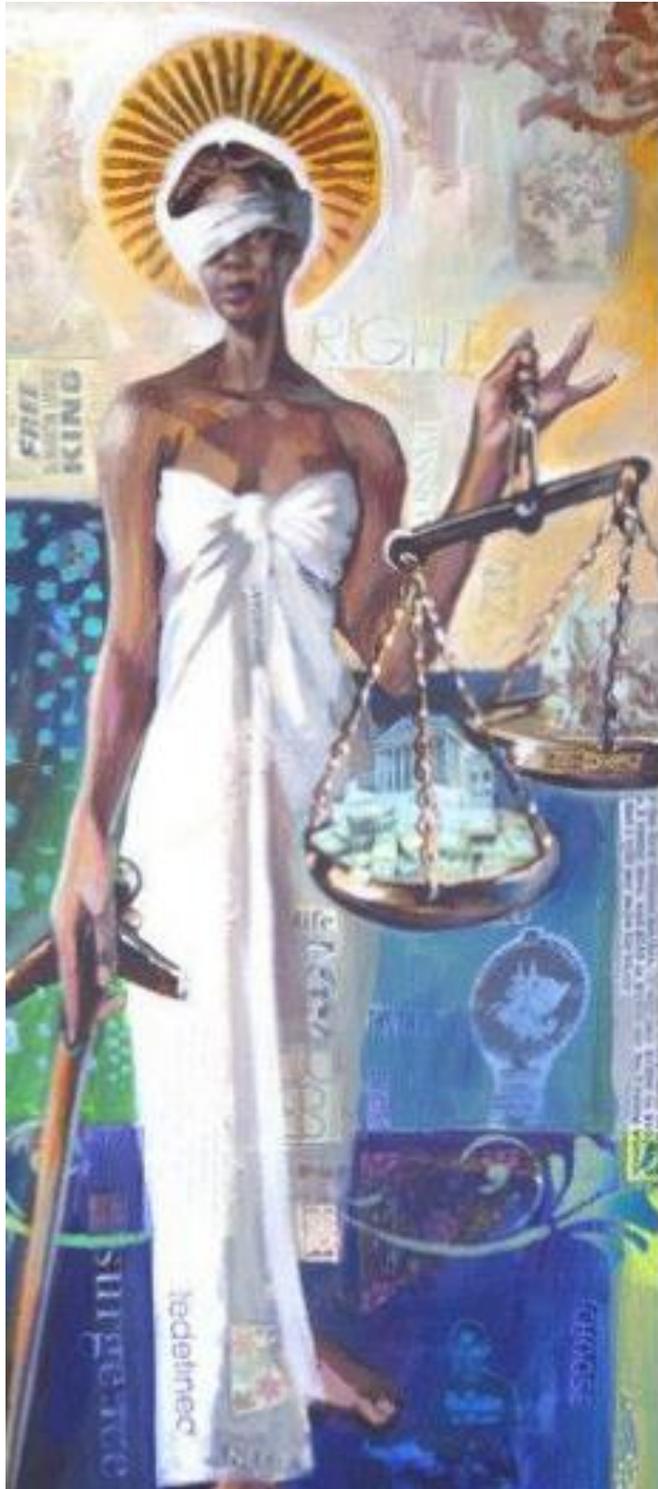




After receiving his Oath of Office, State Representative Robert Reives addressed the Durham crowd. His district includes parts of Lee, Chatham, and Durham counties.



Brianna and TJ Reives happily joined their parents, Cynthia and Rep. Robert Reives.



AFRICAN AMERICAN CAUCUS
OF THE NC DEMOCRATIC PARTY

YOU ARE INVITED

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE
REFORM FORUM**

JAN 19 | 12 PM - 5 PM

Prezell R. Robinson Library
St Augustine University
1315 Oakland Avenue, Raleigh, NC

**RSVP to phyllis@peridigm.net
by January 17, 2019**

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NORTH CAROLINIANS LOVE BASKETBALL!

During a time out in the recent UNC – Louisville basketball game, these four Democrats gathered for a quick picture:

Governor Roy Cooper, Executive Council Member Brenda Pollard, Lorenzo Pedro from the NCDP Senate Caucus office, and State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin.

Guess who was the photographer of this picture?

UNC President Margaret Spellings!

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**Your Democratic Friend,
Melvin Williams, Secretary
North Carolina Democratic Party**