

# DISTRICT TWELVE

## National Convention Delegates

DELEGATES PLEDGED TO VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN



### MARTHA ALEXANDER

The 2020 Presidential Election will be one of the most important of our lifetime. In fact, the ballot including other local and state elections has the potential to change the course of history and Joe Biden is poised to be a leader whose intellect, compassion, wisdom and experience is needed at this time. I am committed to making this happen. It would be a privilege and a pleasure to represent Congressional District 12 as a Biden delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. I served as a Delegate in 2012, 2008, 2004, 2000, 1996, 1992. I have had the opportunity to serve as a State Executive Committee Member, am an active precinct member, and a member of Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County. I served in the North Carolina House of Representatives for 20 years, as one of the representatives from Mecklenburg County. I would appreciate your consideration and your vote!



### ANDRE BLANC

To protect our democracy and way of life, we need experienced, compassionate and trusted leadership. Joe Biden has proven through his years of service and self-sacrifice that he will build a leadership team, to create and execute the policies to meet these challenges. Joe Biden priorities align with our family's values. The "must do's" include overturning Citizens United, Protect our Plant, Invest in Education and provide a Fair Immigration System. Our family has been blessed with living in Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand for over a decade. We understand the importance of well-educated, diverse country with systems to protect all of our citizens. This will require that we take progressive structural changes in our country. This will require us to take bold action, which would include things like statehood for DC, expanding the justices on the Supreme Court and removing the Electoral College.



### MICHAEL DERBY

Winning this election is the moral imperative of our time. I would offer the same level of support and commitment to any Democratic nominee, as I did for Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton. I am enthusiastic about Joe Biden. He is a very decent man who stands in stark contrast to the current occupant. He can and will work with everyone, progressives and moderates alike. I want to help him in every way I can. I have been a Democrat my entire adult life and have never knowingly voted for a non-Democrat. I have been a campaign volunteer and contributor since the 80's and would now like to contribute at the convention level. I am able to cover my own expenses. I appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there.



## LARKEN EGLESTON

As a second term member of the Charlotte City Council, I see first hand the local impact of decisions made by our state and federal governments. Too often recently those decision makers have put forward hateful and hurtful policies that negatively impact many of the people I represent. No elected official in our country has epitomized the harm bad people and bad policy can cause more than Donald Trump. I would be proud to represent Vice President Joe Biden as one of his delegates at the National Convention as we send him forward to November to take back our country from those who seek to divide us rather than unite us. Thank you for your consideration.



## STEPHANIE COLLINS FREMPONG

I would like to represent Vice President Joe Biden because of his stands on Public Education. Mr. Biden: Support our educators by giving them the pay and dignity they deserve. Invest in resources for our schools so students grow into physically and emotionally healthy adults, and educators can focus on teaching. Ensure that no child's future is determined by their zip code, parents' income, race, or disability. Provide every middle and high school student a path to a successful career. Start investing in our children at birth. This will help grow the Middle Class Community.



## SHEILA HAMDEN

I am honored to be chosen by the Biden campaign to have the opportunity to represent his Presidential bid at the DNC. To be honest, Vice-President Biden was not my first, my second or even my third choice in the primary race. Why? Because after my 2016 dream of seeing the first female President was crushed, I was hoping to finally see that dream come true in 2020. But as Senator Harris, then Senator Klobuchar and, finally, Senator Warren all ended their campaigns, I knew that dream was, once again, crushed for another 4 years. So, why Biden? I believe in my heart that Joe Biden is a good, decent man with the right experience to get our country back on track. I will work relentlessly to support him as he works to defeat the worst-ever president. I look forward to also supporting our first female Vice-President. I'm with Joe!



## RYAN MCGILL

Character, Experience, Empathy, Compassion, Thoughtfulness, and Courage are traits we most desperately need in a leader. Our Country has a choice between two very different leaders who will lead us down two extremely divergent paths. My entire adult life, through my military and civic service, I've been a stand for Democratic values that treasure people over profit and the environment over corporate wealth. Vice President Joe Biden embodies all of the traits that are important to me and is the right person to reverse our Nation's current course towards authoritarianism. I see an extraordinary possibility for our Country in Joe Biden, and I would love to represent our diverse district in nominating and electing Joe Biden as the next President of the United States of America for ALL of America.



## SAM SPENCER

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## ALISTA (COZZIE) WATKINS

I am honored to be chosen as Biden Delegate Candidate. I am serving my third term as 12th Congressional District Chair where we introduced a bold plan for finding and connecting with voters to build sustainable urban communities. We launched an interactive website and other multimedia platforms to offer better connectivity - the District has been holding Zoom meetings for more than two years. There is an aggressive approach in the District to increase diversity by identifying voters and giving them a voice. Voter education programs and social activities in 2019 brought voters together from more than 13 different countries. I worked with the African American Caucus on voter education within the Faith Community. I continue to support Congresswoman Adams as a volunteer, and twice won Most Unique at her Mad Hatter Fundraiser! I actively collaborate with the State Party and other statewide campaigns, including Gov. Roy Cooper and judicial candidates. I ask for your vote to be your Delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.



## REBEKAH WHILDEN

I'm a lifelong democrat who volunteered on their first campaign at age 8 and hasn't stopped since, and Donald Trump is the worst president of my lifetime. However, while his record on climate change and the environment doesn't receive as much attention as his gaffes, cruelty, and stupidity, it may be the most harmful thing about his administration. I am ready to vote for a candidate who believes in the scientific consensus around climate change, who will make it a focus of their administration, and who knows that unless we solve the climate crisis, we are leaving a bleak future to coming generations. After 22 years of volunteering and working for Democrats, I've never had the chance to be a delegate to the DNC and I would be honored to go on behalf of Joe Biden.



## DONNAMARIE WOODSON

Representing Vice President Joe Biden as a delegate from North Carolina at the Democratic National Convention would be an amazing honor and learning opportunity. As Chair of Precinct 135 in North Charlotte, I represent 4,673 fellow Democrats and work continuously to help educate my neighbors and to elect Democratic candidates that can uplift our community and country. On the Executive Board of the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County, my mission is to champion the election of Democrats, especially women, to public office and to advocate for policies consistent with the platform of the Democratic Party. As a colon and breast cancer survivor, I also Advocate for cancer patients and their families with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; working to improve the lives of those most vulnerable.

## DELEGATES PLEDGED TO SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS



### JANICE COVINGTON ALLISON

I have been a registered Democrat since 1965 because I believed that our party has always represented the working man. I have served in the United States Army during Vietnam and am disabled as a result of that war. I became a progressive because I learned that there is more to society than the statuesque and as an active member of the North Carolina Democratic Party since 1971 I learned that I can affect change by supporting a candidate like Bernie Sanders. Also it is my opinion Bernie Sanders is the stronger candidate that it will take to beat President Donald Trump. I also believe that Bernie Sanders has the progressive ideas that America needs to move forward into the future of not only our country but the world. This is why I want to represent Bernie Sanders for North Carolina to the Democratic National Convention.



### KEVIN GOBUTY

I want to represent Bernie at the national convention because I, like the senator, am a progressive committed to the #NotMeUs vision. Over the course of the last year, I have participated in phone banks, rallies, and on the ground door knocking and canvassing for the Sanders campaign. I am a public school teacher and member of the NC Association of Educators and the NCAE Organize 2020, the Racial and Social Justice caucus. I have participated in the #RedForEd rally to improve classroom conditions for public school students, families, and teachers while also demanding the state expand Medicaid. If elected as a delegate I will strive to push the DNC to put in place a progressive platform for the 2020 Election. This means acknowledging health care as a human right, the embrace of Medicare for All, a federal ban on right to work legislation, and many other progressive priorities.



### EMANUELA GOLDENBERG



### ERIC GUTIERREZ

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## ALAN OLIVA



## ADAM PEAL

Having knocked on hundreds of doors, made hundreds of phone calls, and donated hundreds of dollars for Senator Bernie Sanders, it would be my honor to represent him at the Democratic National Convention. As a volunteer and Victory Captain, an incredible kind of love of civic duty emerged. Born from a fierce defense of the liberty of all people, my commitment to the Senator was forged from nights stomping the pavement, gaveling the earth at every injustice. It grew stronger still on a friend's couch while calling strangers half a country away, sharing stories and tears that still crowd on the corners of our eyelids. With fingers that hug each other into a fist, I would be humbled and proud to represent our great Organizer in Chief at the Democratic National Convention. Not me. Us.



## CUTLER RENARD

Like many other young people, I was inspired by Bernie Sanders's unwavering belief in the human dignity inherent to us all. Bernie has lifted the voice of a generation, and that voice calls out that these times require real change to preserve our democracy and our planet. Like Senator Sanders, I'm committed to uniting our party to defeat Donald Trump in November. In Davidson, where I've served as a leader in both the College Democrats and Precinct 206 Democrats, people of different ages, backgrounds, and beliefs have united to organize for fairer housing, defend voting rights, and elect better representatives to office. To me, Bernie's message of "Not Me, Us" asks that we take on the hard work of bringing people together while still never giving up the fight for a more just world, and it is those values that I would bring to the convention as a delegate.



## REBECCA RONESI-GUTIERREZ



## KALEEL STURM

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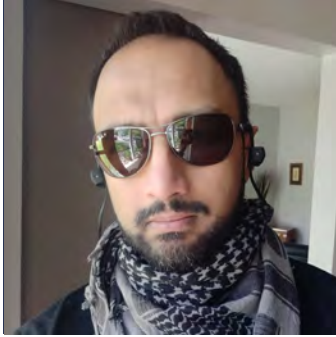


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## VINOD THOMAS

I am currently serving as 1st Vice Chair of the MCDP and as statewide advisor for the NC Association of Teen Democrats. I also did extensive volunteer work for Sen. Sanders' campaign. While there are many good candidates in this race, I believe that I am uniquely qualified to serve as a delegate to the DNC Convention because of my expertise in parliamentary procedure. I have been a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians since 2011 and have served as parliamentarian for numerous meetings. This experience is particularly important this year because delegates may be faced with numerous rules changes due to social distancing requirements. My experience will help me navigate these rule changes and work to ensure that a fair process is implemented which results in the adoption of progressive provisions to the Party platform. I would appreciate your vote. Please contact me if you have any questions.



## NAZIM UDDIN

I supported Sen. Sanders since 2015 and held 47 events for the campaign this year. I'm a strong believer in Bernie's vision of universal healthcare through Medicare for All, the Green New Deal, student debt cancellation, a just immigration policy and a foreign policy based on solidarity with the working class globally. I ask for your vote to represent Bernie at the convention and fight for the policies that have inspired us and to make the Democratic Party represent the interests of the people, not just the powerfully well connected and corporation.



## MAYA WELLS

I want to represent my chosen presidential candidate at the Democratic National Convention because I believe our country can catch up with the rest of the develop world. I believe the data surrounding the issues going on within our communities should and can be fixed. Lastly, but never least is that I believe in fighting for someone I do not know.

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## Presidential Electors



### ANTIONETTE MINGO

Sharing why I want to be a Presidential Elector is not a difficult task. The reason being is to have the opportunity to:

- Cast a vote to bring sanity back to America;
- Cast a vote to bring dignity and respect back to the White House;
- Cast a vote to bring back some sense of morality to the White House;
- Cast a vote to remove a pathological liar from the White House;
- Cast a vote to bring stability in leadership in federal government;
- Cast a vote to restore transparency in federal governing body;
- Restore trust in the country's leadership during a crisis;
- Avoid having to ingest or be injected with disinfectant to be cured of a virus, and
- Elect a Democratic President of the United States of America.

Who wouldn't want to be a Presidential Elector to cast such a vote?



### JANE WHITLEY

After serving two successful terms as President of the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County, I became only the 5th woman elected as Chair of the Mecklenburg County Democratic Party and the first woman to be re-elected to a second term. I am proud of the work that our county has done under my leadership to break the Republican majority in our state government in 2018, secure a new home for the county party, create a sustainable financial model, increase Democratic participation in our precincts and elect more Democrats to office. On the 100th anniversary of women securing the right to vote, it will be a historic moment when the Electoral College votes for a Democratic ticket that includes the first woman. I want to stand up in Raleigh on December 14 to represent Mecklenburg County and Congressional District 12, as well as the Democratic Party and all the women who have worked for over 100 years to make this happen.

