NCDEMOCRATS

DISTRICT FOUR

National Convention Delegates

DELEGATES PLEDGED TO VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN



DOUGLAS BERGER

I have served as both a Clinton and as an Obama delegate. I can help unify the party behind Biden's candidacy because of this prior convention experience I also have the grassroots and electoral experience that will enable me to help Biden leave Milwaukee with a unified party. I have served as a precinct chair, a vice-chair of the county party, a county representative on the SEC, a congressional district chair and currently serve as a county chair for the Senior Democrats. I also served 8 years as a state senator representing both Granville and Franklin Counties. I have strong ties to both the rural and urban areas of the district. I earned undergraduate and law degrees from UNC. I currently serve as a workers' compensation attorney with the largest plaintiff's firm in Durham County. As a workers' compensation judge, I held court in Wake, Chatham, Vance, Orange, and Durham Counties.



ALICIA BIEL

Joe Biden is the candidate that can unite the nation and defeat Donald Trump. Joe Biden has the background and intelligence to lead this nation with dignity and compassion and make decisions, we as a nation can be proud of. As a current college student and future educator I trust that Joe Biden will put money into our schools and be a President my future students can look up to. I am not happy with how our country looks right now and I am scared of the future if we have four more years of the current administration. I truly believe that Joe Biden is the most qualified and the best person to represent the Democratic party and it would be an honor to represent Joe Biden at the Democratic National Convention.



SHARON BROWN

We are in an environment that we've never found ourselves in before in our lifetimes. The current pandemic has exponentially brought home to us needs that are reflective of the key issues that should be important for every American: an environment that is clean in which to live and transfer to the next generation; an environment where all can have access to good health care; and a safe environment free of fear from tragic deaths due to unlawful gun sales and ownership. These needs will be recognized and sought for by our presumptive presidential candidate candidate, Joe Biden. He's principled and a man of integrity with a rich history of leading both nationally and internationally. I would appreciate the honor of representing my home state in the selection of our next president of the US, a man whose actions will make us proud Americans again!





BETSY BURKE

I seek to be a delegate because I'm committed to putting Biden in the WH, along with gaining more Democratic seats for N.C. To date, I've spent months engaged with door-to-door canvassing, voter registration, phone banks, early Primary voting, as well as County-to-County and Orange County meetings. I'm a vice-chair for my local precinct. Presently, I'm particularly interested in absentee voting preparation for November. I support Biden because I believe, as his popularity in primaries shows: he's a unifying force who has a proven record as a leader and a collaborator. Biden's values and empathy epitomize the Party. I'm a strong proponent of transparency, justice, and opportunity for all. For 30 years-plus, I was privileged to be an attorney in the U.S. Justice Department but limited by the most restrictive portions of the Hatch Act. I understand government workings. Now I'm retired and want to contribute fully in the campaign process.



NERVAHNA CREW

My name is Nervahna Crew and I am seeking your vote to the DNC as a pledged Biden Delegate. I was raised in Wilmington, Delaware and I have followed Biden's career for over 20+ years from being my US Senator to becoming our Vice President of the United States. I have been a prominent volunteer on his Presidential Campaign having phone banked for the Iowa Caucus and assisted with his October Durham Rally and February Raleigh Rally. I was afforded the opportunity to be an Elected Official Endorser and Biden Campaign Surrogate. I have represented his campaign thus far with great pride and dignity. I will work tirelessly to ensure we elect Joe Biden to become our next President! It would be an honor to represent the 4th Congressional District as a Biden delegate to the DNC as this is would mean the world to me and my family.



DEIDRE CROSBY-STEVENSON

I want to be able to witness a tremendous opportunity for the future of our country. I want to help make a positive impact on the future of our country.



MARSHA DAVENPORT

I moved to this district in NC with my partner in 1982 to train in pediatrics and have lived here ever since, spending my career as a pediatric endocrinologist caring for children, teaching and researching at UNC. In the early 2000s, as a white same-sex couple, we adopted two infants from Guatemala. These life choices together with my long-standing interest in equality and preservation of earth's grandeur, dictate my support for the democratic party in general, and Joe Biden specifically. I want to represent Joe Biden because my hope for America firmly rests on his election. With Joe Biden, we have our best chance to revive our State Department and regain our respect and leadership role in the world. With him, we also know that the presidential branch will be run with decency and that policy will be informed by science and concern for preserving the world.



SENATIOR VALERIE FOUSHEE

I support Vice President Biden because I believe that he has the vision, experience, compassion and leadership qualities to lead our country at this difficult time. I further believe that as a pragmatist, he will guide with a steady hand and unite our party and our country. Access to affordable healthcare for all of America's citizens is one of our most pressing issues today - even before the COVID-19 crisis; VP Biden has a plan to strengthen the Affordable Care Act while supporting a public option. His education plan includes universal pre-K and free community college. Additionally, he has extensive experience in foreign policy. He recognizes that climate change is real and will be guided by the experts and SCIENCE. I believe a Biden administration will restore respect and credibility, strengthen our democracy and restore our position on the world stage.





MEGH FREELAND



MATT HUGHES

As your NCDP Second Vice Chair and a member of Joe's NC Leadership Council, I would be honored to represent North Carolina and Joe Biden at the Democratic National Convention. Joe Biden represents the very best America has to offer when we commit ourselves to a lifetime of public service. Like Joe I've experienced my own adversity, including a speech impediment. He's someone that when he gets knocked down he gets back up more determined than ever to make a difference. That's the type of person I want to lead this country and to heal the partisan divide. I've committed myself to a lifetime of public service to help those have faced adversity and great challenge, but unlike me didn't get as lucky. I believe Joe will be a president for everyone, especially those who are struggling and striving for a better and fairer shake in our country.



RICHARD KOHN

I want to champion Joe Biden because he represents classic American values: honesty, integrity, fairness, freedom, diversity, inclusiveness, and excellence; because he will unite our party, win the presidency, win a Senate majority and Democratic successes all down the ballot; and because he can unite us, making bigotry and divisiveness unacceptable. He will increase jobs, raise wages, improve education, address climate change, assure voting rights, make taxes fairer, and reform criminal justice. He will recruit the best people to government, and base policy on facts and science. He will restore respect for our country internationally, and pursue international peace, health, justice, and democracy while promoting our national interests. Above all, he will restore civility and effectiveness to our government. He is a decent person who will inspire us to be and do our best, make us proud again of being Americans, and give us hope for the future.



THOMAS LINK

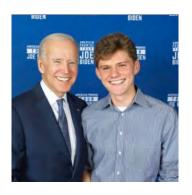
My grandfather, father and I have all served as the Eno Precinct Democratic Chair of Orange County NC going back to the 1940s. Our family has lived continuously in Eno Precinct since 1754 farming with family and neighbors, black and white, and knows the importance of "helping each other" through all kinds of circumstances. Not since FDR and the Great Depression have Americans faced a future as uncertain as ours is now. Obama and Biden inherited the greatest financial disaster since FDR when they went into the White House together, and they brought the economy back from the brink. They gave Americans Affordable Health Care for the first time in history. They strengthened rights for those discriminated against because of color, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation and poverty. Biden was there then in that fight, and he knows how to win the fight we're in now, hitting the ground running.



MATTHEW MARTIN

It is my belief that we need people that will bring each other back into the fold of what America really is. A country that is not only tolerant of our own different cultures but about giving acceptance and welcome towards new cultures as well. I myself work within a local government, though I will be the first to admit that I am not high in the chain of command. I have learned what people want from their governments, what they are given, and what they need. As a democrat I want my fellow neighbors to be secure in their wants and needs. If I can give that, then at the end of the day I can say I did my job. And this is why I will vote and support Joe Biden. For he represents my wants and needs.





JACK MORNINGSTAR

Hi everyone! My name is Jack Morningstar. I'm a current sophomore at UNC and serve as treasurer of Young Dems. My main imperative in choosing a nominee is to identify someone who is capable of beating Trump and restoring the dignity that we've lost over the four years of his reign. I believe Joe Biden has the decency and experience to do that. The former vice president has spent his entire career bringing people together and getting things done—and most importantly he has the type of healing energy we need to address a deeply divided country. To be blunt, I'm tired of going to bed wondering if the president is going to tweet our way to war in the middle of the night; I'm tired of watching our international reputation disintegrate in real time; and I'm tired of seeing Trump's disastrous policies wreak havoc across America. It's time for change.



JANET (JAN) NICHOLS

I am a proud, progressive Democrat. I've worked at many levels in the Democratic Party, starting as a precinct volunteer and doing what was needed to elect Democrats. From there I became a precinct chair and then served four terms as County Chair. I've strived to build a more inclusive Party; employ technology efficiently; and educate and empower voters. These efforts have helped our county achieve one of the highest voter turnout rates in North Carolina. Attending the convention where we make Joe Biden's candidacy official will provide me with resources and strategies to help us elect every Democrat on the ballot in November. We must do everything possible to reclaim our state and country from the reactionary forces that have co-opted our Democracy. After the decade of fighting for our values and our candidates, I ask you to let me represent North Carolina as a delegate for Joe Biden.



LEE PATTERSON

I am an "early adopter" of Joe Biden who supported him from the day he announced. I don't just think that President Trump is wrong for America (though of course he is), I think that Joe Biden is RIGHT for America, especially in this moment. He is a levelheaded, experienced, empathetic and deeply compassionate leader and it would be the honor of a lifetime to cast my vote for him at the Convention.



JEREMIAH PIERCE



BRENDA POLLARD

I'm asking for your vote to represent CD 4 at the 2020 National Convention. I'm a lifelong Democrat who has worked at the County, State, and National levels of the Democratic Party. Your vote will help me elect our Democratic nominee for President of the United States - Joe Biden. Joe Biden is a man who has the values and experience to restore trust, honor, and integrity to the office of President. We share core values, taught to me by my parents: trust in God, work hard, and love my neighbors. Joe Biden comes from a working class background, and he has never forgotten his roots. In the US Senate, he championed many pieces of legislation directly helping working Americans. He and I will not flinch from helping Americans face and defeat any crisis. Thank you for considering me as your delegate to the DNC. God bless America! -- Brenda Pollard





JIRNS REDMOND



REBECCA ROSENBAUM

Voting for Joe Biden in the 2020 Election is not enough. We need to inspire citizens in North Carolina and across the country to stand up for what is right. This election comes down to putting people first – our civil, social, economic, healthcare, and environmental rights all depend on it. We need to elect Democrats up and down the ballot to create a more just and equitable society. We need to build the country we always hoped America could be. I am hopeful for our future, and that is why I want to become your Delegate for NC-4 and send Joe Biden to the White House. I want to engage our community to participate in shaping the country and making it a better place for everyone. The United States can reclaim its place as a beacon of hope for the world, and alongside Joe Biden, we can make it happen.



LAURA SCHANBERG

I have been politically active canvassing, registering folks to vote, preventing voter suppression and raising money for candidates since before I was old enough to vote, but have never before run as a delegate. As a graduate of the local public schools and a pediatric arthritis doctor at Duke, I am interested in bringing my local community commitment to bear on national politics. Too many children go without medical care because of no insurance and rely on public school provided nutrition. I believe that Vice President Biden can take back the White House and lead a democratic sweep in NC. I pledge to use the national convention to become better educated on how to best influence the general election campaign here in NC and I am fully committed to following through until November.



KATRINA SCHWARTZ



JAMES TAPEREK





MIKE WOODARD



KENNETH WOODS

I, Kenneth Woods a life long Democrat residing in the fourth district (David Price) in Orange County, NC. For many years i have wanted to attend a Democratic National Convention. I was a supporter of Vice President Joe Biden before he entered the Democratic presidential race. My heart tells me he can and will defeat Donald John Trump. I want to be part of this great victory. Vice President Biden is everything Donald Trump is not. The Vice President is a man with character, a man with morality, a decent and caring man. Vice President Biden will put country ahead of his personal gain, his cabinet will be a reflection of America. Under the Trump Administration America has lost respect around the world, the Biden Administration will gain the lost respect. I have and will continue to support, campaign and do everything in my power to make sure Vice President Biden becomes PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN.





DELEGATES PLEDGED TO SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS



HEATHER AHN-REDDING

I believe that Bernie Sanders stands for the progressive policies needed for sustained reform in our nation. Injustices, inequities, and institutionalized racism are widespread, and meaningful change won't occur without grassroots movements and progressive policies. The Sanders platform is about empowering communities, about lifting up the voices and agency of the most vulnerable, and about putting equity ahead of political pursuit. Centrism and mainstream liberal policies fall short of the restructuring we need if we truly want an equitable nation. Healthcare for all, living wages, affordable housing, corporate accountability, public education, LGBTQ+ rights, racial justice, immigrant/migrant rights, and criminal justice reform are just a few of the critical policy areas that Sanders is working towards. He has consistently advocated for the changes fundamental to establishing a truly equitable and just county, and for those reasons, I would be honored to represent him at the DNC.



NIDA ALLAM

As your NCDP Third Vice-Chair and a former Bernie 2016 Staffer, I would be honored to represent North Carolina and Bernie Sanders at the Democratic National Convention. I was drawn his message of fighting for a future to believe in, and when he wasn't the nominee, I continued to support grassroots efforts that led to me to be elected your Third Vice-Chair. I continue to believe in fighting for others and am proud of what we have accomplished through the Bernie campaign. His campaign has inspired people across the country to become politically involved, and because of people I met and experiences I gained, I was elected to the Durham County Board of County Commissioners and became the first Muslim woman elected in North Carolina. The Bernie Campaign is truly representative of what the future of America will look like. I am dedicated to representing Bernie supporters across North Carolina at the national convention so we can come together in unity and defeat Trump come November.



BETH BRONSON



REBECCA CERESE

I supported Senator Sanders in 2016, and I volunteered for his campaign in 2019/2020 because the progressive policies he has championed his whole life are at the core of my activism and advocacy work. While serving as president of the Progressives Democrats of Orange County, we have focused on building support for the policies we believe will improve the lives of all people, like Medicare For All, Green New Deal, Criminal Justice reform, and more. I am also the co-lead of Healthcare For All, Y'all a group dedicated to educating and activating people to support Medicare For All. I will go to the convention ready to fight for these progressive policies and make sure our voices are heard loud and clear at the convention.





ERIC CHEN

I would be honored to be a delegate for Senator Bernie Sanders because our movement is both long overdue and yet right on time in this critical moment in human civilization. I am just one of the many millions of people who were inspired to get politically engaged in ways I never imagined because Bernie connected us and empowered us to fight for people we don't even know. Bernie's platform is not only a winning one politically, but it is also a moral imperative to provide health care, adequate housing, and social, economic, and climate justice to every person as basic human rights. I will fight tirelessly for our movement's progressive platform because this is how we finally build an unstoppable and truly diverse coalition that energizes and engages the working class to transform the Democratic Party and the entire political system. We are the Political Revolution. Not Me. Us.



ZACHARY FEDER



DAMIEN GU

As one of Bernie Sanders's most dedicated supporters, I will faithfully represent Bernie and passionately fight for his progressive platform at the Democratic National Convention. Some of my achievements over the past six months volunteering include creating the North Carolina For Bernie Facebook Page (4,000+ followers) and its corresponding group (1,800+ members), and sending over 2.6 million textbanking texts which was 1% of the campaign's total texts. As a Bernie Victory Captain, I hosted 40+ events, volunteered at 3 rallies and Bernie Journeyed to SC twice. Also, not only did I donate the maximum \$2,800, but I raised over an additional \$60,000 through my own ActBlue fundraising pages for Bernie Sanders and AOC. As a token of appreciation, the Bernie campaign mailed me a one-of-a-kind Bernie lapel pin for being a loyal supporter. More information about me is available at https://www.facebook.com/DamienGuNC/



LAUREN HILL

I've been supporting Bernie's presidential campaign since 2015, and I've made deeper commitments since 2019. I want to represent Bernie's values and the platform he ran on at the Democratic National Convention. The COVID-19 pandemic crisis has demonstrated to the public that healthcare is a human right, and essential workers deserve the right to unionize and make workplace demands. Leading up to Super Tuesday my partner Eric and I launched canvassing shifts from our home during which dozens of Bernie volunteers shared their personal stories about why this campaign mattered to them. I will take the urgency of our moment and those stories of my neighbors with me to the convention to represent Bernie.



NARISSA JIMENEZ-PETCHUMRUS

I would like to represent not just Bernie Sanders, but young progressives all across this nation who are beginning to ascend to political involvement. My hope is that my presence as a young, queer person of color in the political process can inspire others that look like me to participate and have their voices heard. I'm currently a dual-degree Master of Public Policy and Master of Environmental Management candidate at Duke University, specializing in Energy and Environment. Especially given the crisis Covid-19 is reaping globally, now more than ever is the time to promote a bold climate plan as climate change will only accelerate the frequency of future pandemics. We need a just transition to green energy that concurrently respects indigenous sovereignty and minimizes resource extraction in order to accomplish it. We need a federal jobs guarantee, we need Medicare For All, we need a Green New Deal.





HANNAH KAYS



JOSHUA LEVENSON



SANDRA LYNCH

After over 40 years campaigning for Democrats at every level of government, I feel Bernie best represents the needs of the moment with integrity, urgency, and leadership! I trust Bernie to help lead a movement that pulls from all parts of our democracy; young and old, privileged and marginalized, black and white (and all races.) Bernie brings a lifetime of devotion to justice and a true vision for a more equitable and humane America. As a mother, I trust my children's future as American and as global citizens to Senator Sanders.



ELLIOT MAMET

I want to be a delegate for Sen. Sanders because I am so excited by his vision—not me, us—and want that spirit to be carried forward in the general election campaign in the fall.



ITALO MEDELIUS

As a first-generation immigrant, I've witnessed my dad's deportation, dealt with fervent racism and homophobia, and surpassed the economic hardships that family separations cause working families. Our President was elected off the demonization of Latino people: enough is enough. We need a people-powered party to defeat the most negative aspects of our failing political system: racism, classism, and the idolatry of money. We need to be a Democratic Party that acknowledges the immorality of allowing the health insurance industry to make billions off of disease; mobilizes about Trans Americans' alarming rates in which they are murdered, live in poverty, and are arrested for nonviolent "morality crimes"; closes off its pockets to big money and democratically funds operations; and commits to radically shifting our economy from benefitting the corporation to benefitting Us. As a delegate to the 2020 DNC Convention, I will unequivocally push an agenda of the People, not Wall Street.





CASSANDRA SAROZA



WHITNEY SKILLEN



SAMMY SLADE

I want to be a delegate for Bernie Sanders because, as in 2016, Trump's awfulness alone is not sufficient to guarantee his defeat. It is clear that 4 more years of Trump would compound the existential threat that his presidency already is. For Biden to beat Trump he will need the backing and energy of the Sanders/Warren wing of the party who reflect what a majority in our country want; and for that to happen there needs to be credible concessions on crucial platform issues, such as healthcare as a human right, student debt, immigration reform, institutional racism, the climate emergency, economic justice and much more. As a bi-cultural (Colombian) and seasoned town council member for Carrboro, I will bring some diversity in perspective and experience in representation to the national convention if elected. I hope that I can count on your vote!!



LATARNDRA STRONG



JANE TIGAR

Bernie Sanders has generated so many great ideas, many of which once seemed impossible and now are accepted as basic norms for a decent society -- for example, the \$15 dollar living minimum wage. I would like to keep Bernie's ideas alive -- Medicare for All, Taxing the 1 percent, for example -- as our party creates and refines its platform. So many of the ideas and principles Bernie has promoted and that inspired this grass roots movement in his name are essential to ousting Trump in November. I am fully committed to supporting our presidential nominee, Joe Biden. We must get Trump and his entourage out of the White House. I have been a Democrat for more than 40 years. As a person inspired by Bernie, I believe we must motivate all the people Bernie inspired -- many of whom are new and younger voters -- and assure them that the Democratic Party is their home.





ALEKSANDAR TRIVANOVIC

My name is Aleksandar Trivanovic, I'm a 19 year old student at UNC-Chapel Hill, and I'm running to be one of District 4's Delegates for Bernie Sanders at the Democratic Convention. I am running because I know that Senator Sanders upholds the mission statement of the NC Democratic Party to the fullest: fighting to ensure that all have a fair shot at a good life, regardless of their background, where they came from, what they're worth, or who they love. Bernie has fought for the little man his entire career. He has proven that he can connect and build trust across race, class, and party lines. Bernie has also garnered the most youth support of any candidate in years and his movement will usher in the next generation of leaders, of which I am a part of, seeking to be a member of the first class of Gen-Z Delegates.



RANDOLPH VOLLER

I have no doubt that all of the candidates to be a delegate for Senator Sanders would represent him well in Milwaukee. We are blessed in that regard. I was a delegate for him in 2016 and I have knowledge of how the Democratic Party works that can effectively communicate his platform and achieve results. I have served as the Mayor of Pittsboro, a county chair, a congressional district chair, the state party chair and a member of the platform and resolutions committee. In addition, I am currently the President of the Labor Caucus and serve on the Executive Council for the NCDP. I originally worked with Senator Sanders to host him in 2014 in Raleigh with the College Democrats at NC State and later at Pullen Baptist when he was touring the South and speaking to issues that impact young people, the working class, the working poor and the middle class. I respectfully ask for your support to be a delegate for Sen. Sanders in Milwaukee.





DELEGATES PLEDGED TO SENATOR ELIZABETH WARREN



ALLISON AKERS

My name is Allison Akers, I'm 18 years old, and a high school senior; this fall, I'm attending Appalachian State. I am proud to have cast my first vote for my hero and inspiration, Elizabeth Warren. Warren has been a fighter for the people, and her plans to combat the climate crisis, raise the minimum wage, make healthcare and education obtainable, ensure rights for the disabled community, strengthen gun control, and so much more, will transform America. I am the best candidate because, like Senator Warren, I am passionate about my community, work tirelessly, am always seeking a solution, and because I listen. I represent the youth voice in North Carolina. My qualifications include: president of the North Carolina Association of Teen Democrats, NCDP Intern, volunteer for Elizabeth Warren campaign, member of high school Gay-Straight Alliance, over 1000+ hours of community service, and more. Ensure the progressive voice is heard at the DNC!



BRIAN FITZSIMMONS



CARL NEWMAN

Durham is a progressive beacon for North Carolina and the nation. I want to represent Senator Elizabeth Warren's campaign at the convention on behalf of the 4th Congressional District to bring a progressive voice, energy, and ideas to the national convention just as Senator Warren has to our party.



JULIE POMERANTZ





DOV ROSENBERG



GREGORY SWAN

As a millennial in the LGBTQ community, I want to show my support for Elizabeth Warren because I am a Warren Democrat. I believe that as we take control of the white house and senate, which we must, the path forward will be Warren's progressive model. Though not the leader in pledged delegates, I am proud of the opportunity to acknowledge the effort of her volunteers, her plans, and her fight by pledging a vote for team Warren. I do not regret my volunteering, my donations, and my belief for/in her campaign.



EBONY WEST

Why Warren: Our nation has long been overdue for a bold, progressive platform that acknowledges past race and class injustice and how they manifest in present disparities while also offering well-thought out and community-informed solutions. Elizabeth Warren has long been that candidate for me. She has been a steady voice of reason that has offered plans that would set us on a path toward equity, justice, and restoration. As a young, black queer woman, I was ecstatic to support Warren in the primary - and I hope to continue to support her progressive vision at the Democratic National Convention and beyond. About Me: Originally from Charlotte, Ebony currently resides in Durham where she serves at 1st Vice-Chair for the Durham County Democratic Party. She previously served as President of Young Democrats of North Carolina, the first black woman to do so in its 90-year history, while an undergraduate student at East Carolina University and master student at UNC-Chapel Hill. She also represented NC as a DNC delegate in 2016.





DISTRICT FOUR

Presidential Electors



FATIMAH HICKMAN

I have a genuine faith in our democratic process and it's arc towards Inclusivity, Justice and Service to All the citizens and neighbors that make up our community. I want to represent my district to give some voice to my fellow North Carolinians who feel unseen, unheard and discounted even in times prior to the Covid-19 Crisis. This is my first step to making certain we exercise our democratic agency here in NC's 1st and demonstrate our community's commitment to select a strong leader invested in serving The People in our district. I would be honored to represent my community as Presidential Elector for North Carolina's 1st Congressional District and would appreciate the opportunity to serve.



TANYA WELLS

The possibility of being an elector for the state of North Carolina enlivens me. The mere opportunity of being a candidate demonstrates the desire for equity in our politics. As a multi-racial woman who strives to secure a better life for my family, I'm able to identify with many of the constituents who rarely have a voice in politics. It is important to have a true representation of our states' racial and economically diverse constituents during a time when the decisions made by the Electoral College have played such a vital role in deciding who will represent and lead our Nation. Our nation is at a pivotal moment in time in which we can push further for equity by electing more diversity into politics or we can maintain the status quo.

