

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

February 6, 2021

SPECIAL FEATURE – OUR NCDP CANDIDATES!



NCDP RURAL CAUCUS ORGANIZED!

On January 27th about 100 Democrats joined together by Zoom to organize the Rural Caucus of the NCDP. It took two Zoom calls which lasted more than three and a half hours, but they elected a strong group of Acting Officers.

The President is Brandon Combs of Person County who is in the picture above.

The full lineup of Acting Officers are:

- President – Brandon Combs, Person County (Above)**
- First Vice President – Jenifer Thompson, Montgomery County**
- Second Vice President – Rev. B. J. Gibson, Scotland County**
- Third Vice President – Chris Suggs, Lenoir County**
- Secretary – Emily Hogan, Watauga County**
- Treasurer – Colton Browder, Haywood County**





ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and in celebration of the Inauguration of Joe Biden & Kamala Harris, County Chair Roxanne Griffin and the Democrats of Rockingham County gathered contributions of non-perishable food items and delivered them to the Reidsville Outreach Center Food Pantry on January 18th.

They delivered enough food to feed 80 families!

Left to right, the picture above shows Jim Jackson (that's a Red For Ed cap), Sara Schneidmiller, Ophelia Wright, Lee Templeton, and Chair Roxanne Griffin.



Roxanne Griffin, Sara Schneidmiller, & Ophelia Wright unloading the Democratic donations.



Sara Schneidmiller, Lee Templeton, Ophelia Wright, & Chair Roxanne Griffin



On a different front, Rockingham County Democrats donated 100 designer cloth masks to Reidsville Hospice. Kelly Boyte Jones and Wally White are delivering them in the picture above.

These masks were provided by Meredith Bailey who is with Butler's Pantry. Butler's Pantry also made a separate private contribution of additional masks.

Plans are in the works for the Rockingham Dems to conduct a Blood drive in February and additional food drives in the near future.

Congratulations to the Rockingham County Democrats who are doing their part for the community as "DEMOCRATS – NEIGHBORS WHO CARE," their county party motto.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CHAIRS!

The foundation of the County Chairs Association was the brainchild of former Party Chair David Parker and then First Vice Chair Gwen Wilkins. They both approached Dr. Gracie Galloway who was then Chair of the Cabarrus County Democratic Party. Gracie says “They urged, poked, prodded, and cajoled me to organize the County Chairs.”

Dr. Galloway continued: “All three recognized that the County Chair were and are the work horses in the Party but did not have a voice in how the Party was run. In order to provide them with a voice and a seat at the table of the State Executive Council it was imperative that they become a separate association/caucus. That was ten years ago.”



Dr. Galloway traveled the length and breadth of North Carolina over a period of three months, personally contacting the various County Chairs to explain the benefits of such an association to get their buy in. She recalls: “There was some resistance but I persisted and prevailed.”

She authored the bylaws and with the great assistance of Gwen Wilkins, pushed the State Executive Committee to approve the association and thus provide the Chair of the CCA a seat at the table of the State Executive Council.

Dr. Galloway served as the first interim Chair of the CCA though her agreement with David and Gwen was that she would form the organization, but did not want to continue as the Chair as she had other projects on her plate (one of which was the formation of AAPI.)

It is the Tenth Birthday of the County Chairs Association. After decades, they finally have a seat at the table.



DISABILITY ISSUES CAUCUS!

On Saturday, January 30th a NCDP Disability Issues Caucus was formed at a Zoom Meeting.

The pictures above show Michael Evola of Union County who was elected President of this new caucus and Kara Hinkley of Buncombe County who was elect First Vice President.



**Second Vice President Kris Rixon
of Wake County**



Secretary Tia Cheek of Lee County

These new leaders and the other people in the caucus are excited about making improvements in the services that are provided to citizens who have disabilities.



MOORE COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Moore County Democratic Party Chair Maurice Holland, Jr. proudly congratulated Moore County Democrats for more than 900 pounds of food which they donated to celebrate the Day of Action for Dr. King's Birthday and for the Presidential Inauguration.



MANY 8TH & 9TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS ARE IN THIS ARTICLE!

Moore County Party Chair Maurice Holland, Jr. sent this article from WRAL.com which quotes many Democrats in the 8th and 9th Congressional Districts. Click here to find out what they said about Kamala Harris:

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NEW SEC MEMBERS!

As the February 27th virtual SEC meeting approaches, county parties all over the state are holding elections to fill some empty SEC member positions.

Four of the nine new SEC members elected by the Mecklenburg Democratic Party are shown above.

Top row: VICTORIA WATLINGTON and GREG SNYDER

Bottom row: JANICE ROBINSON and HENRY MARTINAT

ADDITIONAL NEW SEC MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR PICTURE AND THE NAME OF YOUR COUNTY TO: melvin535@gmail.com.



SALUTE TO A BRAVE DEMOCRATIC WARRIOR CYNTHIA WALLACE!

After three campaigns in three years in the Ninth Congressional District, Cynthia Wallace knows every highway and byway in entire district.

She was chair of the Ninth Congressional District during Dan McCready's 2018 and 2019 campaigns. Then she was our Democratic congressional candidate in 2020.



When asked how she feels as she looks back on her 2020 campaign, Cynthia graciously says:

“In the race for North Carolina’s 9th Congressional District, we accomplished a lot together.

“We focused on issues that were hurting folks: jobs with a living wage, affordable healthcare, quality education, and broadband access.

“We adapted to a global pandemic by transitioning to safe ways to communicate with our constituents. We provided them with PPE at a time when it was scarce.

“We offered hope in a time of darkness.

“We received overwhelming support from Democrats across the state, country, and even at the top of the ticket.

“In the light of 2020 and the start of 2021, we must continue our fight for rational and compassionate leadership that is needed to heal the partisan divide.



Democrats may communicate with Cynthia at cynthialwallace1@gmail.com

MEET THE ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES FOR NCDP OFFICER POSITIONS!

All announced candidates for NCDP Officer positions at the February 27, 2021 virtual SEC meeting were invited to send three pages to advertise their campaigns. Their messages can be found on the following pages. **THE CANDIDATES WORKED VERY HARD TO CREATE THEIR PAGES FOR YOUR ENLIGHTENMENT!**

Please look at them!

There is no deadline for candidates to decide to run for a NCDP Officer position.

Also: NOMINATIONS CAN BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR AT THE FEBRUARY 27TH MEETING.

HERE ARE THE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ANNOUNCED SO FAR:

STATE PARTY CHAIR

**Bobbie Richardson
Clayton Brooks
Eva F. Lee**

FIRST VICE CHAIR

**Floyd McKissick
Wendy Ella May**

SECOND VICE CHAIR

**Matt Hughes
Byron Gladden
Marilyn Carter**

THIRD VICE CHAIR

**Valencia Handy
Shannon Auer**

SECRETARY

**Melvin Williams
Angela Bridgman**

(For each officer position, a drawing was held to determine the order in which they are listed above and on the subsequent pages.)



BOBBIE RICHARDSON FOR NCDP CHAIR

Bobbie grew up on her family farm in rural Franklin County and attended Perry, the segregated public school, from kindergarten through 12th grade. Although her parents believed strongly in the value of a public education, Bobbie often missed school days in the spring and fall because she needed to help her family in the cotton and tobacco fields.

The first out of 18 children to attend and graduate from college, Bobbie is a proud graduate of one of North Carolina's preeminent HBCUs, earned her Doctorate in Education from UNC-CH, and is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Bobbie is a servant leader who works tirelessly for organizations in her community including the Board of Trustees for Louisburg College in Franklin County, the Board of Franklin County Safe Space, the Northeastern Revitalization Board and Committee, Gillfield Missionary Baptist Church, and the Board of Perry's Alumni Association.

Bobbie is a former member of our N.C. General Assembly, has been active in state and local politics for over 20 years, and currently serves as our NCDP 1st Vice Chair. She's asking for your support as Chair because she's ready to bring her experience and leadership to the fight, knowing first hand that a successful progressive political movement requires the combined efforts of every Democrat.

TAKING ACTION. GETTING RESULTS

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

(A note from Bobbie)

Hubert Humphrey once said that the “moral test of government is how it treats (its) people...” As your 1st Vice Chair, I’m proud of our Party and of what we believe good government can, and should, accomplish for all people.

While we didn’t sweep the state as we had hoped in our hearts, we made historic gains and I want to thank you for your tremendous work. Together, we provided \$2.6 million for candidate in-kinds, \$800K in digital and connected TV ads, \$174K to black PACs for GOTV, and directly invested over \$415K with county parties. In total, we increased our funding efforts by 146% and were able to invest in our county party efforts and candidates as never before.

These efforts meant that despite the pandemic, we made 21 million phone calls, sent 16 million texts, and knocked 236K doors. We provided 2.1 million slate cards, 1.6 million door hangers, and provided multiple installments of voter protection, down ballot, and sample ballot pieces that led to an increased presidential turnout of 17%. Just as importantly, we put HBCUs on the map and helped elect the first woman and second person of color to the White House.

What I know about NCDP is that no one person accomplished all of this by themselves. We did this together. County chairs stood up, precinct chairs stood up, and district leaders stood up to bear witness to the most diverse slate of statewide candidates we’ve ever had.

Although we may get weary between election cycles, now is the time for us to come together. We can mourn our losses and celebrate our wins, but we must recommit ourselves daily to the task before us- healthcare for all, public education for all, and justice and equal rights for all.

WHERE WE'RE GOING

(A note from Bobbie's Supporters)

You have the opportunity to elect a county chair, a grassroots activist, and a state legislator - with one vote. Bobbie knows what it’s like to stuff envelopes. She knows what it’s like to debate the state budget with Republicans until 3 am. And she knows that it’s only through a 100 county strategy involving every single precinct leader and volunteer that we will take back our state. More importantly, your vote for Bobbie means that we’ll elect a leader with a compassionate heart who has a proven track record of building diverse coalitions and bridging our historic gaps and partisan divides.

Much has been said about the historic opportunity we have in this election for NCDP Chair. Although we were organized in 1876, we’ve been slow to elect chairs who fully represent the beautiful diversity of our Democratic family - few women and no people of color. We need to live up to our progressive values and commit our hearts, and our votes, to the important work of electing leaders who reflect our most powerful and reliable voting blocks. If we’re going to call others to join us then it’s time we live up to our ideals. Vote for Dr. Bobbie Richardson!



BOBBIE RICHARDSON
FOR NCDP CHAIR

WHERE WE NEED TO GO

(Bobbie's Vision)

To build on the strength we have we must expand our Democratic electorate.
We need to:

- 1** Fund, gather input, develop, and implement a statewide strategic plan to set our direction and goals for the next 5 years;
- 2** Recognize that winning statewide will require engaging our volunteer leadership in each of our 100 counties, knowing that our diverse regions will require different approaches;
- 3** Launch a year-round organizational field campaign focused on:
 - Combatting voter suppression
 - Increasing voter registration, mobilization, education and protection
 - Fostering partnerships that support voting rights
 - Developing community with other progressive partners
- 4** Provide year-round training and curriculum development for party leaders, candidates, and elected officials in order to create election success for years to come.
 - Party Leadership:
 - Expand NCDP's Pipeline Project in order to ensure that county parties have the resources they need to recruit, train, and support qualified candidates for every office.
 - Implement a best-practices series to increase effectiveness and efficiency in voter outreach, technology, and volunteer recruitment.
 - Candidates:
 - Develop candidate curriculum with particular focus on requirements for successful campaigning and fundraising variabilities in diverse networks and communities.
 - Increasing elected official engagement in the recruitment of candidate pipelines.
- 5** Improve communication.
 - Ensure that leaders at all levels are aware of NCDP platform, statements, messaging and digital resources.
 - Strengthen communication channels between NCDP and district, county and precinct leaders





**LET'S
BUILD
THE PARTY
WE'VE ALL
HOPED
FOR!**

CLAYTON
BROOKS
FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR



"With our eyes towards the future and without forgetting our past, let's build a more communicative, collaborative, and coordinated Democratic Party in North Carolina."

Aim 1

I fundamentally believe that our most underutilized resource as a Party are our volunteer-run organizations: whether county parties, district parties, auxiliaries, or caucuses. I've seen the amazing innovation of volunteer leaders directly in Wake County while serving as First Vice Chair, but I've also seen it time and again on the campaign trail, whether the Triad on my first campaign or throughout the 9th Congressional District during the last two cycles. One constant limitation placed on our local activists is an overwhelming lack of funds. What if we could do things differently?

What if no ideas were off the table? What if you were empowered, wherever you sit within the North Carolina Democratic Party structure, to dream big and to shoot for the stars? What if you knew that the State Party would be a fiscal sponsor alongside you for your idea? What if cash-strapped county parties could rely on the State as an active fiscal sponsor where partnership could really move the needle in your work? How much more work could we do in our local parties?

What if our auxiliaries and caucus had engaged staff support and financial sponsorship from the state to actively diversify the bench of activists involved within our Party? Wouldn't we soon see a marked uptick in the diversity of our officers at every level and even of the SEC itself?

Aim 2

Our primary purpose as an institution is to ensure that Democrats are elected to public office in North Carolina. We are often very successful in this effort and many candidates receive incredible amounts of support from the State Party and legislative caucuses. However, I have met countless candidates on the campaign trail who feel they lack tangible support from their State Party. Usually these candidates are not running in races perceived to be viable or are running for municipal or county office. I believe it is the job of the North Carolina Democratic Party to support every registered Democrat who files for office in this state without playing favorites in partisan primaries. Here are my initial thoughts:

- **Recruitment:** I believe our local leadership should be actively consulted as the State Party attempts to recruit people in their area to run for office. I believe that recruitment should not be done in a way that limits other possible entrants to an electoral contest. How amazing would it be if we could actively support our county leadership to recruit at least one Democrat to run for every municipal office on the ballot this year? What if we could do the same next year?
- **Training:** We are very lucky in this state to have many well-established organizations conducting professional candidate training for progressive candidates. There is no need to duplicate this, but always room to better align our communication with candidates to direct them to existing resources. Additionally, though, I'd like to see the North Carolina Democratic Party develop a toolkit for all filed Democratic candidates before this year's municipal elections, which would be open-source content available to all. How many more Democrats will win in this state, even without direct financial or strategic support from the Goodwin House?
- **Ongoing Support:** As is sometimes available by our State Party, I'd like to see one or more staffers at the Goodwin House dedicated to offering technical assistance and connection to additional resources for all filed Democrats on the ballot who may request support. This will enable all Democratic candidates, regardless of budget size or ability to pay staff, to have a neutral resource in their State Party that can help in limited ways. How much more viable would something like this make for first-time candidates, particularly those in rural areas?

Aim 3

The Democratic Party has always been at its core a volunteer operation. Political parties began as vessels for like-minded engaged citizens to come together and make real change in this republic and in their community. That's why our Plan of Organization has always emphasized open meetings, transparency, and with leadership flowing from the bottom-up, rather than vice versa. With the hyper-professionalization of politics over the last half century, we've lost much of that focus as so much of the work of politics is now driven by hyper-specialized consultants and full-time professionals who staff the ranks of our Party and campaigns.

I have been one of them in many of my professional experiences. But because my involvement with the North Carolina Democratic Party began through an auxiliary I helped to found, I've always seen how much more powerful our volunteer assets as a Party can make us. I've also experienced how a lack of intention with how we recruit, cultivate, and retain our volunteers has often led to massive attrition from one cycle to the next. What if things didn't have to be this way?

What if the North Carolina Democratic Party created a task force to overhaul the way we engage and retain volunteers? What if we worked with all county parties, district parties, auxiliaries, and caucuses to help create a more standardized experience, supported by staff in the Goodwin House, to smooth the experience of new people getting involved and to help you build an operation that can bring new volunteers in and get them to work. How many of our precincts might we be able to organize then? What amazing leaders we can spend years cultivating to keep them engaged and to set them up to succeed as a more diverse, experienced bench of leaders for our Party five years from now?

CLAYTON BROOKS

FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR

WHY I'M RUNNING

I've been involved in the North Carolina Democratic Party since 2010, having seen the tenures of several Chairs and many different leadership styles. Despite such different administrations, I am running for Chair to work with you towards solving many of the lingering structural problems and coordination issues that many of us have complained about no matter who sat in the Goodwin House. Despite some of our losses in 2020, I think the North Carolina Democratic Party is in an amazing place to capitalize on our existing strengths and to Build Back Better in a way that moves us towards the fully inclusive and consistently effective Party we've all hoped for!

-Clayton Brooks

THE 3 AIMS:

- **Dramatic realignment** in the amount of technical assistance and financial support received by county parties, district parties, auxiliaries, and caucuses, as well as an active inclusion of all in statewide strategic planning.
- **Systematic overhaul** of the way the party recruits, trains, and supports candidates at all levels, both pre- and post-primary, in order to give all filed Democrats in our state the best possible chance to succeed.
- **Intentional shift** towards building a better volunteer experience for all who join our fight, whether for one volunteer shift or as an elected officer, in order to dramatically expand and retain our diverse bench of leaders statewide.

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Dear North Carolina Democrats:

My name is Eva Lee, and I am asking for your vote for State Party Chair, so that I can ensure for you starting 2/27/21, that no county is ever left behind again, that every local, state, and federal district is empowered fairly by our state party. Under my leadership, the North Carolina Democratic Party will have a consistent, coherent voice, using traditional communication channels as well as modern social media to convincingly tell our story. We can own the airwaves and present our case and win.

The current state party leadership allowed DSCC to engineer and dominate the 2020 coordinated campaign. The DCCC vetted the 9th Congressional District 2018/19 campaigns. I will empower thousands of Candidates throughout North Carolina to retake our State from the bottom to the top. I listen all the time, and I am able to reach out in ways our Party has never encouraged before to WOW activists back. Truly joyous activism.

Like many party officers, I had no voice in the decisions of the past two plus years, and I am the only person before you for State Chair who is not responsible for strategic errors that have left us with minorities in the State House, the State Senate, our delegation to Washington, the Council of State and our statewide judiciary. I hosted a State Fair booth in 2019 because I am passionate about building the footprint of our Party. Imagine a 2022 State Fair booth that was a full time press box where Candidates could stump and reach Voters and BE the News. We can be #BlueNewsMakers if you elect me.



Eva F. Lee (Eva Lee for NC)

For NCDP Chair 2021
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With leadership and determination, I will be immediately accountable, I will host weekly office hours 3x/week, and daily during early voting. I will not run for public office, I will not do political consulting, I will not dangle money as an empty promise, and I will make sure that data is used for electing Democrats in EVERY county. I will not raise myself up on the backs of others and I will not tolerate what Democrats know for a fact. White supremacy exists, implicit bias and inherent racism are real, and it is our job to eradicate bigotry as a political ideology for our posterity and for our children. I will ensure that the margin in 2022 won't be slim. It can be a WIN.

I am a single mom, a tax attorney, I teach entrepreneurship and financial literacy, I can reconcile bank accounts and explain bylaws at the same time, I am a multi-tasker. My passion to help people improve their lives, their futures, and my ability to attract GOP moderates disgusted with 45 because I engage all the time, I never rest, every meeting is a possible voter. I am an easy to talk to social justice activist. I have read and I support the PoO, bylaws of many affiliated organizations, and the NCDP State and DNC Platforms.

I am asking for your VOTE! at the Winter 2021 State Executive Committee Meeting for State Party Chair, because I believe that the Democratic Party of North Carolina can #BuildBackBetter. WE will build a more dynamic, proactive instead of reactive party, and the choice is yours to vote for EVA LEE.

I am asking that you embrace change welcome the noon of a new era under the Biden Administration, be a survivor like me, and see what WE, as a Party, can build moving forward. I am not competing with a Woman of Color or a Young Democrat based on their skill sets and their connections. I have different and unique skills. I bring to the table the ability to hear what other people are saying and respond kindly, to be assertive when necessary, formal when necessary, to be both passionate and diligent, all of the things you would expect from your Democratic leader.

If WE want change, I am your only choice. I bring to the table qualities we truly need right now. We need a strategic planner who can put all the pieces of the North Carolina Democratic party together immediately, without favoring any demographic group or any special interest group. We need a leader who will not automatically defer to big money campaigns, because every one of the 1500 Democrats that step up for elected office across this State every two years all matter. We need a donor magnet who can fundraise FOR the Party, be a welcoming leader who speaks true, and who has the courage and ability to speak truth to power. I empower Candidates to step up.



Electing Eva Lee means making our Party visibly present, on all platforms, and, with the help of a professional staff and an army of dedicated activists from every part of North Carolina and beyond, we can find and activate new vibrant volunteers throughout North Carolina with coherent, cohesive messaging. We have an ongoing obligation to eliminate misinformation and educate voters on all platforms. WE Elect Democrats. WE can, we must, WE will #BuildBackBetter.



Electing Eva Lee doesn't mean I would be drafting press releases personally, it means guiding the organization to respond appropriately and consistently, through many different communication channels and media channels, based on any given circumstance. The Party is an organization made up the Executive Committee, and (at a minimum) 2900 precincts' delegates, 100 County Executive Committees, 13 Congressional District Committees and every affiliated organizations' state and local chapter executive committees. We need a new way forward to get back to the basics of political organizing and real time advocacy--- regularly reaching out to our neighbors without annoying them, knocking on doors safely, finding and registering new and purged voters efficiently and showing up at the policy table. WE can get 100% organized in NC if you vote for me. We will make the Democratic Party news worthy and vote worthy.

For years, at the most basic level, activists have been inconsistently responded before the fact to by the Democratic Party, and because of the exclusion over the past four years, many formed their own groups. The bigger the group, the more of a drain on money and time that would have gone to cohesively, across gerrymandered lines, electing Democrats in North Carolina. Eventually, since 2016, nearly every non-party and many Democratic groups formed their own personal 501C PAC, got a tax ID number and took volunteers and resources away from our Party. WE can wow them back. WE can.

Having a strong precinct, a strong county a strong congressional district means we can solidify our base, and just like North Carolina adopted Georgia for the Rev. Warnock and Jon Ossoff special elections, we can adopt each other, Adopt a District, and we can align our most urban congressional districts with our most rural. We can Adopt A Sister District and WE can take ALL of North Carolina back. The GOP cannot overcome the Party if we are truly unified. WE Can!

Asking for money and time is easy, when your infrastructure is inclusive, your cause is just, and you respect inclusion and diversity. So many have felt left out and North Carolina deserves change. I know how to make sure the money stays here and comes here and I will make sure it doesn't disappear into thin air. We cannot expect billionaires to ride through in 2022 and cut checks, and clearly, the most powerful PACs are not producing seats at the table and gerrymandering is coming again. If you are a Republican or unaffiliated voter reading this, we welcome you to re-register back to the Democratic Party. We will give you a reason to #VoteBlue22.



I have steadfastly advocated that volunteering time and giving money to the Party directly and to our Candidates can be more efficient and effective for electing Democrats. WE have experienced the evolution of Democracy since 2016, from formation of tiny groups to ones formed in 2020 funded by billionaires. We need to encourage dedicated Democratic activists not to form more disparate unconnected groups, but to find their place, find their tribe, find satisfaction in our state Democratic party where their voices can be heard and their efforts recognized, and not as a data chart, but by seats at the table. WE Elect Democrats.

The difference between me and the other two choices for State Party Chair is more than just personality, likeability, leadership or accolades built just for this election. I stand for clear lines of communication, bottom to top, because having cogent, concise, cohesive messaging is where we are losing at the ballot box. I believe that gerrymandering is white supremacy, and when President Obama asked us all to "think different" he meant that we need innovators like me to help President Biden and Governor Cooper to #BuildBackBetter. Please vote for Eva F. Lee on February 27, 2021 if you want honesty, innovation and clear, concise, proactive messaging for the next two years.

If you don't know me already from SEC meetings over the past 4 years, come find me. I am easy to find, easy to get a hold of and I am an innovative leader. If you want to get to know me, just call me and I will answer any questions. I will invite you and empower you, I will include you in a way that suits your skill sets and determination, and I recognize that few can pay to play, the rest of us have to use elbow grease. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work building back better.



I have built the tools our party needs to reach hundreds of thousands of activists in real time. We can bring media to the Candidates. I am a real time media content creator. The concern of some that my wide media reach is a risk, does not allow for the simple truth that reaching many quickly and efficiently is what the *other team does every day* and we are not reaching people the way that we can. I can bring our Party to a more powerful level of efficiently using social media platforms, instead of always being on the receiving end of the rhetoric. I will empower every precinct officer to find purged voters immediately, and make sure every single poll in NC has poll greeting, and I will empower you to build the pipeline with Candidates that can Win. It takes a village and I am asking you to build that village for 2022. Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

VOTE Eva Lee engage with me on your favorite platform, @EvaLee4NC YES WE CAN find ALL the Purged Voters. YES WE CAN! I will be calling you to ask for your vote. I will be reaching out in ways that will change the face of Democracy. Please join me at the table. I look forward to seeing you at the 7th Congressional District Executive Candidate Forum 2/6 and the Senior Dems upcoming Candidate forum 2/14.

COMING UP:

CANDIDATES FOR

FIRST VICE CHAIR

SECOND VICE CHAIR

THIRD VICE CHAIR

SECRETARY



Floyd McKissick

FOR FIRST VICE CHAIR

NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Dear State Executive Committee Member,

As a Member of the State Executive Committee for the NC Democratic Party, you will soon have the opportunity to vote for a new leadership team that will devise a plan and assemble the resources required to help get Democrats elected all across the State of North Carolina. It's important that our leadership team reflects the diversity of our party and that we take full advantage of the skills, resources and experience of party activists. That is why I have decided to run for the position of First Vice chairperson of the party at this critical time.

I have been active and served our party for decades at the grassroots level. In addition, I have served as Chairperson of the party in both Durham County and in Warren County. I was also President of the Young Democrats in Warren County

In addition, I served as a Member of the City Council in Durham for 8 year as well as a Member of the NC Senate for approximately 13 years, where I represented Durham County as well as, on occasions, Granville County.

I have worked with state and local government officials across our state in serving the citizens of our state. I have helped citizens whenever called upon, regardless of where they lived. I understand and appreciate the challenges faced in our urban counties as well as those in our rural counties.

We must effectively organize and deploy our resources so that we can attain Democratic victories in all regions of our state. This will be one of my highest priorities. As a party, we must be effective in messaging our issues and policies so that we can attract urban as well as new rural voters.

We must also, this year, be prepared to address the complexities of redistricting since the NC General Assembly will be drawing new Legislative as well as Congressional districts. I have been intricately involved in redistricting and in litigation related to redistricting over the past decade.



“I have also worked with many of you over the decades, as a Member of the State Executive Committee and as a Member of the Executive Council for our party. I currently serve as a Trustee for our party. Outside of political activities, I have been an attorney for 35 years and I hold advanced degrees from Harvard, Duke, and UNC Chapel Hill.

“I believe that my background and experience can be a tremendous asset for our party and I would welcome the opportunity to be a part of our new, visionary leadership team. This is why I’m requesting your support of my candidacy to serve as First Vice Chairperson of the NC Democratic Party. Additional biographical information is provided below.

**With Warmest Regards,
Floyd**

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT FLOYD MCKISSICK!

Senator McKissick served in the NC General Assembly from 2007 to 2020 representing Durham and Granville counties. He was:

Senior Deputy Democratic Leader

The longest serving Democratic Member of the State Senate

4th in seniority among the Senate’s 50 Members

Chair of the NC Legislative Black Caucus from 2010 to 2012

Chair of Durham County Democratic Party, 2005 – 2007

Member Durham City Council, 1993 – 2001

Member of Durham’s Board of Adjustment

Member of Durham’s Joint City-County Planning Commission



FLOYD MCKISSICK

- Received his JD from Duke University School of Law.
 - Earned Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University where he specialized in Management of State and Local Government & Diplomacy
 - Earned a Master's in Regional Planning from UNC-CH
 - Received AB in Geography from Clark University, Worcester, MA
 - Has been an attorney for 39 years
 - Has represented Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, & individuals
- *Lectured on large scale, mixed-use developments, University of Virginia
- *Co-Instructor at NC Central University's School of Law where he taught courses in Civil Rights Litigation & Law Office Management with his father, the late Judge Floyd B. McKissick, Sr
- *Currently serves as an Accenture Visiting Professor at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University

Here Are Some Of The Awards Senator McKissick has received:

- 2009 NC Housing Coalition's Legislator of the Year
- 2009 NC Justice Center's Defender of Justice Award
- 2009 NAACP Trailblazer Award for Leadership relating to the NC Racial Justice Act
- 2014 Legislator of the Year Award from the NC Humane Society
- 2015 Stella J. Adams Fair Housing Advocate Award from Legal Aid of NC
- 2016 Bertha B. Holt Leadership & Courage Award from Planned Parenthood
- 2016 Green Tie Award as Senator of the Year from NC League of Conservation Voters
- 2016 Regional Legislator of the Year from National Black Conference of State Legislators
- 2017 Champion Award from ERA NC
- 2017 Chief's Legislative Leadership Award – NC Association of Chiefs of Police
- 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award from Christ Saves Hearts Foundation
- 2018 Economic Justice Award from the Southern Anti-Racism Network



**PROTECTOR
OF THE POOR**

**RURAL
VOTER**

UNIFIER

**Candidate
For
1st Vice
Chair
Of
The NCDP**



WENDY ELLA MAY



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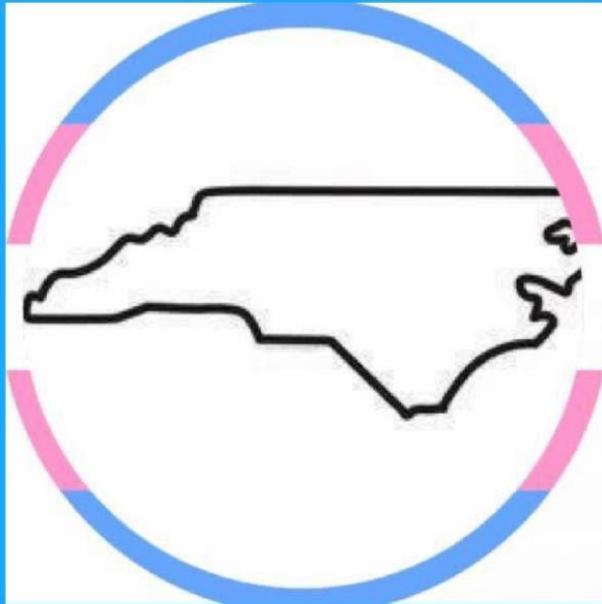
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WENDY ELLA MAY 1st Vice Chair NCDP



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MINIMUM WAGE RAISING,
PAY GAP ELIMINATING,
TEACHER SUPPORTING,
IMMIGRANT, REFUGEE &
LGBT EMBRACING**

PROGRESSIVE

**I SUPPORT PLANNED PARENTHOOD,
MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION,
CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM,
#BLACKLIVESMATTER**

AND I VOTE

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WENDY ELLA MAY DAY ONE READY



LEADERSHIP, EMPATHY, TRUTH, AND TRANSPARENCY

TRUSTED. EXPERIENCED. PROGRESSIVE. GRASSROOTS LEADER.

Fellow Democrats,

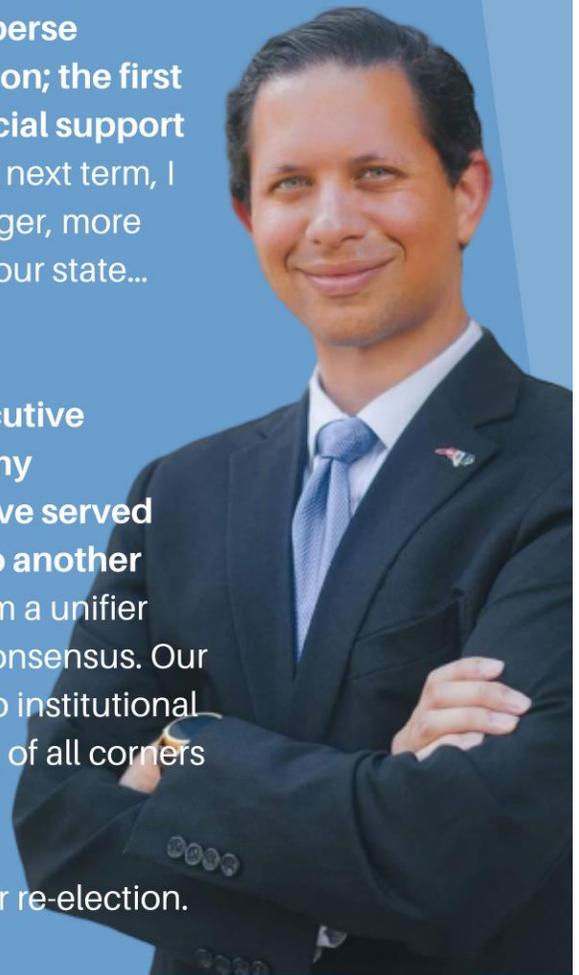
I am asking you for your support in my re-election bid as your Second Vice Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party. **As our state's first our out LGBTQ+ officer and one of three people of color currently serving NCDP, I am proud to be running again. If re-elected, I will be our youngest officer.**

Over the last few years, I have crisscrossed our state having traveled to 56 counties. I have been focused on GOTV, fundraising, training, party building, and candidate recruitment. I organized several party trainings, a complete redo of our county chair manual for the first time since 2005, and recruited candidates for our successful Break the Majority effort. This past year I was a member of the Biden for President Leadership Team, Co-Chair of the NCDP Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and co-chaired our DNC Delegate Selection process with Dr. Bobbie Richardson.

In 2020, my focus on grassroots helped disperse \$400,000 to local parties for the 2020 Election; the first time we've ever provided that level of financial support to our local parties in nearly a decade. In the next term, I will continue the push to make our party stronger, more robust, and ready to compete in all corners of our state...
AND WIN!

More than 200 Democrats on the State Executive Committee trust my judgment, appreciate my responsive leadership, and believe that I have served with distinction and should be re-election to another term. North Carolina Democrats know that I am a unifier capable of bringing people together through consensus. Our Democrats also know that I have possess deep institutional knowledge of our party and an understanding of all corners of our state.

I humbly ask for your vote and your support for re-election.



MATT HUGHES

2ND VICE CHAIR

**THE EXPERIENCE WE
NEED IN NCDP**



**SUPPORT MATT
ON FEBRUARY 27TH**



MATT'S PLAN FOR NCDP

Over the next two years, I will be laser-focused on the following initiatives:

- Performing a full autopsy for last year's election
- Developing a ten-year strategic plan
- Committing the NCDP to increased diversity within our ranks and greater outreach to communities of color
- Hiring regional field organizers to help our county parties
- Implementing a county party grant program
- Supporting the County to County (aka C2C) program statewide for under resourced counties
- Providing greater support to our affiliated organizations
- Forming a statewide Rural Caucus and supporting rural counties
- Re-establishing the NCDP's Pipeline Project to recruit candidates
- Launching the NCDP Leadership Academy and training party leaders



2020 was a test of the resolve of our democracy, but 2021 will most certainly be the trial of our party. Many voters made a conscious decision to return Roy Cooper as our Governor and declare absolutely that they reject Trumpism. We owe it to ourselves and to the voters to champion an agenda that includes all people, but more than anything we need a champion who has a record of being the voice of the tired and bruised.

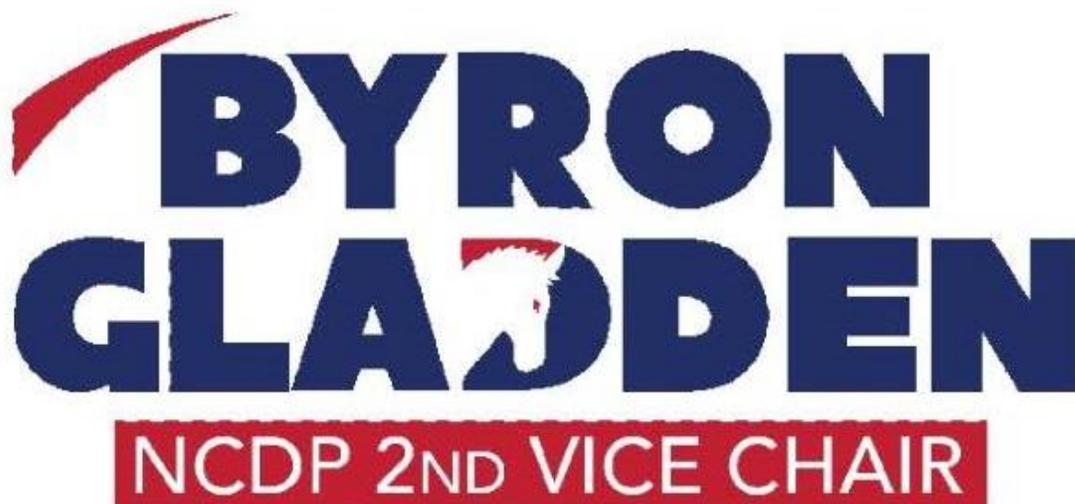
Some of you I have not had the privilege of meeting, but it is my goal that my record as a public servant would speak for itself. My service to my community, people, and our party includes:

- Former Board Member of the Guilford County School Board
- Board of Directors of the NC Black School Board Caucus
- Regional Director of the NC Democratic Party African American Caucus
- Minority Affairs Chairman of the 6th Congressional District
- First Black President of the Guilford County LGBTQ+ Democrats
- At Large Board Member Guilford County PTA
- Board Member Triad Health Project
- Former 1st Vice Chair of Guilford Young Democrats
- National Board of Directors for the Council of Greater City Schools
- SEC Member
- Board Member Sheree Denese Jackson Foundation Against Domestic Violence
- Ordained Minister
- Uncle to a perfect 6-year-old girl (Cherysh)
- Rural bred and raised

My roots are grass and country, I was in Randolph County and although Guilford County is where I reside—my home will always be Randolph County. My record on the Guilford County Board of Education has been acknowledged and hailed by educators, parents, and our children as a tireless advocate who will hold even my closest colleagues accountable.

I am a firm believer that service is the rent we pay for being on earth. I believe that we need many voices at the table. There are many elements to diversity, each of which offers its own benefits. Oftentimes post elections we are captivated by the reports of our active performance, but seldom focus on the absence of things that were not even attempted. For example, organizing and electing Democrats is year-round.

I am prepared to do what must be done on day one since it is has never been an option for me to be complacent and rest on past achievements. The task before us is difficult, but I remain committed to this job and only this job. I am the only candidate that has committed not to seek public office during my tenure as 2nd Vice Chair, steadfast in my resolve to be present in the work that must happen now. I am not perfect, but nor is our party—and that is why I strive to prioritize resources and fair representation of our rural red counties, enhance the agenda of our diverse communities, and remove barriers that negatively impact our party. It will be my honor to be an active participant in restoring grassroots organizing, dignity and equitable treatment for all. True leaders are in the business of helping people realize their full potential and in doing so they inspire excellence. I am open and ready for business when it comes to preparing our party for a major comeback in all statewide and local elections. I look forward to hearing from all of you in the coming days and humbly ask for your support.





**BYRON
GLADDEN**



NCDP 2ND VICE CHAIR

Marilyn Carter for Second Vice Chair



My Vision

- Take the Senate seat. Win our judicial races.
- Play offense *and fight* for the NCGA.
- Build a **united team**.

My Platform

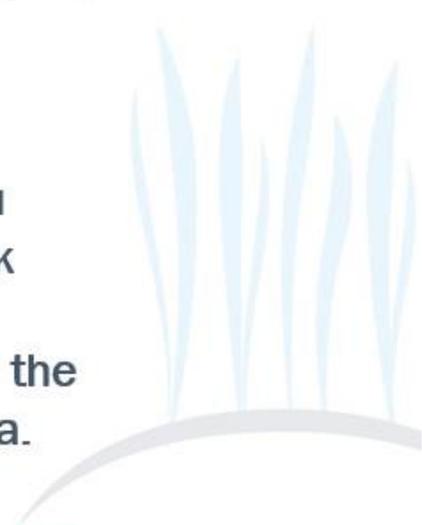
- Foster an **open, transparent** NCDP that feels warm, safe, inclusive, efficient and well-run.
- Enable **all** our counties to achieve their maximum potential.
- Build our brand and **expand our base**.
- Boost **collaboration** across counties, affiliated organizations and grassroots allies.
- Be bold—set measurable goals, test new ideas, refine our approaches, continuously improve **and win!**



Let's talk!

I want to hear from you about how we can work together to shape the future of our Party and the future of North Carolina.

Call me at **(919) 391-6417** or
Email **MarilynCarterforNC@gmail.com**.



Marilyn Carter for Second Vice Chair



Who I am...

Daughter of a union man and a registered nurse.
First in family to go to college.
Spouse of an immigrant.
Mom of twin girls.

and what I've done:

Earned MS in Engineering.
Rose to become a corporate leader.
28 Years of operations experience in large companies.

Fresh off the 2020 field as Orange County Chair
And VP, NCDP County Chairs Association

Served on the board of a national non-profit working on pro-peace initiatives. Grew into politics from the grassroots. Knocked on a LOT of doors and talked to a LOT of voters.

As Chair, implemented a 4th Vice Chair role, increased participation, delivered record turnout and supported an expanded County to County program which helped 4 NCGA candidates win.

What colleagues say about me:

"...willing to **step outside the echo chamber** in our effort to get Democrats elected."
– a County Chair

"...a woman who meets a challenge with **energy, enthusiasm and effectiveness.**"
– Democratic Women County Officer

"Marilyn Carter is who you want in charge when you need everyone in the organization **to believe they can work miracles.**"
– Precinct Chair



Marilyn Carter for Second Vice Chair



**As VP, NCDP County Chairs Association,
I serve my colleagues and get results:**



Delivered 30,000 yard signs and stickers to 55 counties.



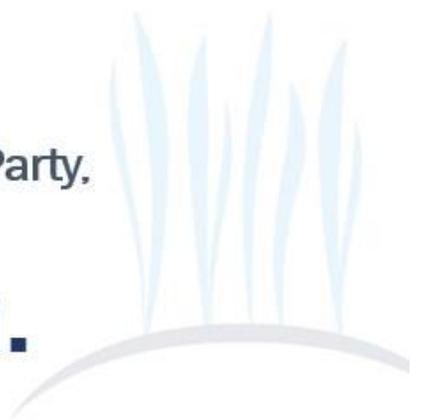
Supported Vance County Dems & AAPI's Inauguration Flag program.

Call me.

I'm at [\(919\) 391-6417](tel:9193916417) or MarilynCarterforNC@gmail.com.

Let's discuss how together, we can serve our Party, get results, and move North Carolina forward.

Then vote for Marilyn.



VALENCIA HANDY – THIRD VICE CHAIR!



Valencia Handy is the BEST candidate for 3rd Vice-Chair of the NCDP! Valencia, a lifelong Democrat grew up in Wilson, NC and graduated from James Baxter Hunt Jr. High School. She currently resides in Fayetteville, NC. Wilson, NC is also the home of our former Governor Jim Hunt , the longest serving governor in our state's history. "We truly consider him and Mother Carolyn our Pioneers, " said Valencia. Many say Gov. Hunt redefined the office of North Carolina Governor in the 20th century. Gov. Hunt was very fond of my dad and my uncles. I have worked with him closely and have learned so much from him and other elected officials in my hometown. I am honored to have known him all my life."



Valencia has always wanted to help people! At age 9, she began volunteering at Dew's Rest Home, one of her neighborhood's rest homes entertaining the patients with BINGO and games as the activity aide until obtaining a workers permit at age 14. Until high school graduation and going away to college the patients knew they could count on her daily. Freshman year she was "grandfathered" into the Division of Health Services system as a Certified Med Tech which encouraged her more to return to her hometown to work at the facility on the weekends.

While attending Hunt High School Valencia was selected out of all the High school students in the County to attend NC Legislator's School. This was her first real introduction to politics. Hunt High school SGA and other clubs taught Valencia the significance of democracy. She became an advocate for Students Against Drunk Driving and remained vocal during her high school and college years while obtaining her B.S. in Bio/Chem. She became active in NAACP in which she is a lifetime member and still active in order to help bring about change. At 27 years of age she opened her first Assisted Living Facility as a Practicing Nurse because of her passion to actually help others. There she began advocating for her patients, their families, and her family as well. She serves on several boards and committees in her community focused on directing those in the community with needs to resources.

"Through my parents' guided wisdom I am the person I am today," she stated. Valencia's father Gospel renown artist Bishop F.C Barnes, former Pastor and founder of Redd Budd Holiness Church in Rocky Mount, NC for over 52 years taught his family the importance of helping others. She was taught to serve and do for others as a child and throughout her life and has started to instill community service into her own children. Because her family was in the political realm she started volunteering on campaigns around age 14 by knocking doors, standing at polls, and placing signs helping those candidates get in office and remain in office even until this day. It's been over twenty years since Valencia started and as recent as this past year she was still on the ground organizing and strategizing. Her love has been working directly with the voters. Valencia has definitely served the people in her community and state and has a proven track record of getting the work done. Valencia wants nothing more than to see change in the state," I want the work I've done and that I continue to do to speak for me," stated Valencia. Valencia is used to being the person in the background making things happen and she says she's willing to work with any Democrat carrying the business of the NCDP to the next level.



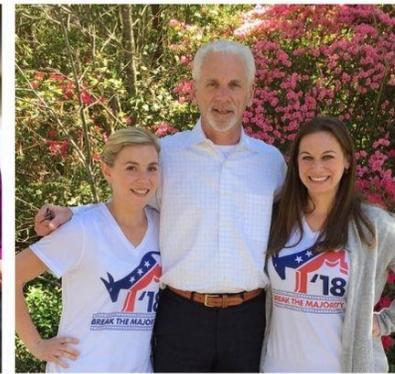
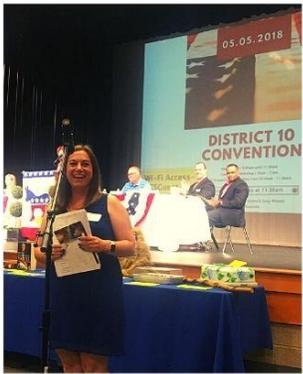
During this past election cycle Valencia was tasked with establishing a campaign working with a newly appointed elected official and candidate simultaneously just months prior to the election while establishing a county-wide Field Operation to win down ballot in conjunction with working in some capacity with over 80 campaigns assisting the Political Director. Fortunately, Valencia was able to raise over 100k in less than 3 months and secure a win for the newly appointed candidate. The county-wide field operation was also a success claiming all seats in the county sought. In 2018-2019 Valencia was an integral part in the NC9 special election working as Regional Organizing Director from which she went on to become a Regional Organizing Director for Elizabeth Warren. Valencia has organized several successful competitive races from municipal, judicial, senate, congressional, and presidential.



Valencia is the mother of two boys: Addisher, the oldest who is a five year old kindergartner. He loves to play sports! Addisher also plays the drums, guitar and keyboard. Kischner, the youngest of the two is four years old and is in Pre-K. Kischner likes to sing. This is something he's taken onto over the last year. When he was younger he was sick quite a bit. "I'm looking forward to their bright futures. My boys are a reason I have continued to dedicate my commitment to making sure NC is organized correctly," said Valencia. Having children with disabilities I know firsthand how important it is making sure we are electing people into office who actually care about the people they represent.



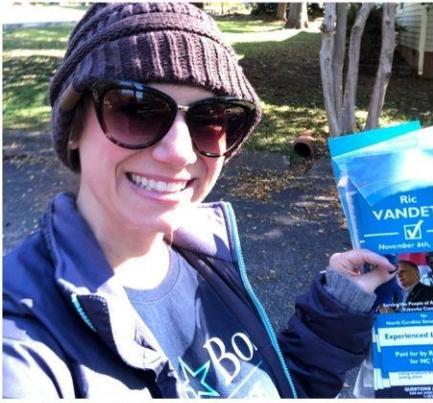
"Our fight is not over and there's much work to be done in preparation for 2022 and beyond. We must strengthen our community relationships." Valencia is willing to go from Murphy to Manteo to provide the support and training needed for all county parties to succeed. I ask for your support on Saturday, February 2 at our Winter SEC meeting for NCDP's next 3rd Vice-Chair. " Please don't hesitate to call me at (910)302-559 or email me at MissValencia122@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns for me!



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NC DEMOCRATS,

How great does it feel to say President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris? We did it! Every challenge we faced, every obstacle we overcame, and every single thing we sacrificed--it was worth it in the end. With every ending, a new beginning.



In a build year like 2021, Democrats should not take for granted our wins nor dwell on the near misses. Instead, we need to keep the momentum alive and moving forward. We need to capitalize on our strengths and take a deep dive into opportunities. In other words, we must agree to strategies that worked and what did not.

Now that Inauguration Day has passed and we've officially flipped the Senate, it is time for us to reflect, fellow members of the North Carolina Democratic Party. This February, you will elect an Executive Board representing North Carolina from the mountains to the coast. In that cause, I am thrilled to be a candidate for Third Vice Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party.



I like to say that I am a Democrat by birth and by choice. My passion started as a young child when I lived in Seneca Falls, New York--the home of the first Women's Rights Convention. So naturally, politics, equal rights and protections, social justice, these are ingrained in me.





Over the years, my passion has continued as I have served the Democratic Party in various capacities. Currently, I serve statewide as Corresponding Secretary of the Democratic Women of North Carolina while I also serve locally as Precinct Chair. In the past, I have served as Secretary of the Young Democrats of North Carolina during three terms. My time as a leader in these various local and statewide Democratic organizations has taught me many lessons. Of these, the most important lesson I've learned is that government works best when the community is educated and engaged.

If elected as your Third Vice Chair, I will focus on structuring intraparty communications across the state. To accomplish this goal, I will work to bridge the divide between rural and urban North Carolina and make sure that all voices are heard. Being that I live in Catawba County--a western, rural, and very red part of our state--I know the struggles of being progressive in the land of conservatives. I will also not only help Democrats up and down the ballot, but also engage in advocacy and mobilization to form a well-rounded dynamic family that serves all North Carolinians.

I am here to help and listen. Never hesitate to reach out to me with your thoughts or suggestions. I look forward to speaking with you all soon, and I hope to have your support at the Winter SEC meeting.





LET'S RE-ELECT MR. GOOD NEWS!

**Through ten years of enthusiastic service as
NCDP STATE PARTY SECRETARY,
Melvin Williams has given statewide recognition
to hundreds of
NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS**

in his GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS publication!

**For many of these folks, this is the first time
they have ever been praised for their work for the party.**

LET'S RE-ELECT MELVIN WILLIAMS!

**Melvin has also provided lots of INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY
to our State Democratic Party.**

**His wisdom has helped prevent the Party from making
the same mistakes over and over again.**

LET'S RE-ELECT MELVIN WILLIAMS!

**When Melvin's Re-Election Campaign
was announced on Facebook,
these are some of the messages
that were posted by NC Democrats:**

A Guilford County Democrat:

**"Greatest State Democratic Secretary in
our lifetime. Let's re-elect him!"**

A Watauga County Democrat:

"The Very Best Secretary I know!"

A Wake County Democrat:

**"You have my vote. I don't care if Joe Biden
is running against you."**

A Currituck County Democrat:

**"Melvin Williams is the very backbone of the
North Carolina Democratic Party!"**

A Wake County Democrat:

"Inarguably, his big heart is what the Party runs on."

A Durham County Democrat:

**"If it was not for Melvin and his newsletter, many NC
Democrats would have no contact with the NCDP."**

A Forsyth County Democrat:

"By all means let's re-elect Melvin Williams!"

A Pender County Democrat:

"Simply the best! He always has my vote."

A Stokes County Democrat:

"He is the best. Great man!"

A Cleveland County Democrat:

"Totally behind Melvin"

A New Hanover County Democrat:

“Go Melvin! Best Party Secretary in the country.”

A Randolph County Democrat:

“A 1000 X Yes! He is the Good News!”

A Brunswick County Democrat:

**“Folks, when you have the best, stick with it.
Melvin is the best!”**

A Wake County Democrat:

**“I certainly appreciate the amount of effort it
takes for him to do that newsletter.”**

“A Onslow County Democrat:

‘Melvin Williams is the best!’

A Brunswick County Democrat:

“You have my vote. Love you, Melvin.”

A Wake County Democrat:

**“The North Carolina Democratic Party would be incomplete
without Melvin Williams. His Good News About Democrats
publication helps keep NC Democrats in the loop about the
amazing work that members of our Party are doing.”**

A New Hanover County Democrat:

“He does an excellent job and should be re-elected.”

A Harnett County Democrat:

“Melvin is the best!”

A Wake County Democrat:

**“Melvin has shown incredible dedication.
We need him in office.”**

On February 27th,

LET’S RE-ELECT MELVIN WILLIAMS!



My goals for The NCDP

A - Accessibility
N - Nurturing
G - Growth
E - Engagement
L - Leadership
A - Action

How we get there

B - Building:
R - Responsibility
I - Integrity
D - Diligence
G - Guidelines
M - Messaging
A - Accountability
N - Networking



Angela Bridgman

For

NCDP Secretary

I believe that my experience as Secretary of East Wake Dems, in addition to subbing as Secretary for CD-2 Executive Committee in taking accurate and detailed Minutes, and rendering them timely shows that I have the skills required.

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