

## A MESSAGE FOR PRECINCT CHAIRS FROM NCDP CHAIR, WAYNE GOODWIN

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Precinct Chairs:

First, *thank you* from the bottom of my heart for your continued support and steadfast work! Second, as always, thank you for your dedication as Democratic leaders on the front lines.

Working together over the last four years, we have broken the Republican legislative super-majority and elected Democrats statewide and locally, pushing back against and often halting radical conservative agendas. And although we faced tremendous organizing, field, and political challenges like most States during both the 2020 pandemic and the Trump phenomenon, we still outperformed other swing states in 2020 (and 2016): Re-electing our Democratic Governor and three other statewide Dems (Secretary of State, Attorney General, and State Auditor), and electing two additional Members of Congress. Further, we heralded *both* a record turnout of new or first-time attendees to precinct meetings statewide and continued our record of more organized precincts across North Carolina than before 2016.

In 2018 and again in 2020 we purposely presented the most diverse slate of Democrats in our state's history: We elected more women, African-Americans, and other persons of color; elected the first LGBT candidate to statewide judicial office in the South; and elected Democratic Sheriffs and other local offices, building on our municipal successes in 2017 and 2019. In 2020 we stopped the GOP from regaining its super-majority, and did our part to elect the historic Biden-Harris team to the White House.

Although we're heartbroken at our close statewide elections -- including the 400-vote margin of Chief Justice Beasley -- we are resilient and will continue building on the overall progress we've made the last four years.

Now in 2021 we are off to a great start but have much work to do -- including election of new Party officers at all levels. We are launching great, new initiatives in the coming weeks and months that will prepare us for success in local 2021 races and around the State in 2022.

As a former precinct chair myself, I understand the importance of your position. Our precincts are the cornerstone of our party. Without organized precincts, we simply cannot win elections.

My challenge to you: Continue organizing as many new precincts as possible this year and keep your precincts active and engaged. Meeting that challenge is the difference between victory and defeat. I am confident that with *the strength of our Party's organization and the incredible energy* we have witnessed over the last 4 years, we will be more successful. Like Presidents Obama and Biden say: "Fired up, and ready to go!" and "Build Back Better!"

All the best,



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