

# GOOD NEWS

## ABOUT DEMOCRATS

### Melvin Williams Special Edition

An ode to the King of the Good News, brightening our inboxes for years!

MAY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024



# *A word from Melvin*

Thirteen years of happy editions of GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS have brought inspiration and encouragement to NC Democrats in all 100 counties. Many Democrats have said that being honored in the GOOD NEWS is the only recognition they have ever had for all the work they have done for the party.

Every time people have read an edition of the GOOD NEWS it has created positivity in their hearts and has motivated them to do even more for the cause of good government.

As many readers and I have communicated back and forth about developing articles, we have become good friends. I expect those friendships to grow stronger and stronger through the future. I will continue to serve as State Party Secretary.

Most of all, I congratulate every NC Democrat who has made GOOD NEWS over the last 13 years. You are the stars. You are the champions. You are the heroes and heroines!

Thank you for providing so much GOOD NEWS and I hope you will call and stay in touch with me at (910) 590-4542 or email me at [melvin535@gmail.com](mailto:melvin535@gmail.com). I love every Democrat in North Carolina!

Melvin Williams, State Secretary  
North Carolina Democratic Party

# *Moving Forward*

For 13 years, Melvin has diligently shared stories that uplift and inspire, providing a much-needed counterbalance to the often overwhelming negative news cycle. His work has reminded us all of the goodness and potential that exists within our state, fostering a sense of pride and unity among North Carolinians. Thank you for your enduring service and for continually championing the good news. We hope we make you proud.

The digital department at the North Carolina Democratic Party will now be responsible for compiling the Good News about Democrats.

To submit your good news, visit [ncdp.org/good-news](https://ncdp.org/good-news).

Sincerely,  
NCDP Digital



# *UNITY IN* **ACTION**



We had a wonderful joint fundraiser in Asheville on April 13th! NCDP and Buncombe Democrats highlighted the statewide judicial candidates Allison Riggs, Ed Eldred and Martin Moore. The state and county party officers in this photo worked together to make this a very fun evening.

# Empowering Democratic Victory:

## *Inside the Inaugural Affiliated Organization Summit*



The first-ever Affiliated Organization (A/O) Summit training meeting took place at the Goodwin House in Raleigh on Saturday, May 11th, and it was a huge success!

The meeting was organized to empower our Affiliated Organization caucuses, recognizing their pivotal role in ensuring a Democratic victory in 2024. The summit's ultimate aim is to inspire all A/O members to step up and take an active role in securing Democratic victories in 2024.

The discussions during the meeting were informative and essential as we continue to promote the 2024 election for the Democratic Party. We laid the groundwork for winning in 2024 by addressing topics such as increasing caucus membership, increasing chapters, fundraising, registering voters, and developing GOTV plans with clear messaging.

Our primary mission as A/Os is to champion the Democratic Party, its nominees for elective office, and its elected officials. The goal of a caucus is to help elect Democrats. With the tools discussed, we are well-equipped to fulfill this number one mission of the A/Os.

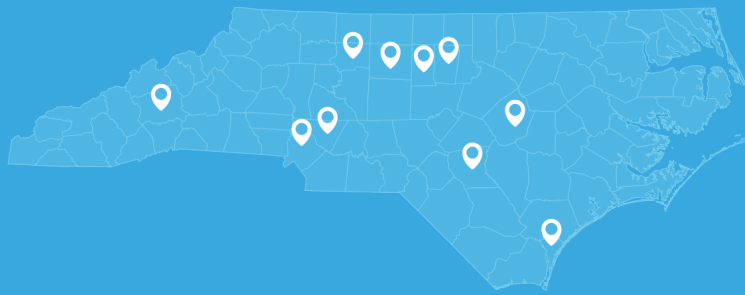
Let's keep the momentum going!

Together, we will make a difference in 2024.



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## BIDEN-HARRIS CAMPAIGN OFFICES OPENING IN NORTH CAROLINA



ALAMANCE  
BUNCOMBE

CABARRUS  
CUMBERLAND

FORSYTH  
GUILFORD

JOHNSTON  
MECKLENBURG

NEW HANOVER  
ORANGE

# Office Openings

North Carolina Democrats are making sure we've got bases of operations set up across the state to connect with local voters! Find the office opening closest to you and save your spot today!

CONCORD

Join Cabarrus County Democrats & the NC Coordinated Campaign for an

**OFFICE OPENING**

MAY 18 | 10AM | CABARRUS CO.

RSVP

with **Anderson Clayton**  
NCDP Chair

## Concord

The Cabarrus Dems and the NC Coordinated Campaign came together on May 18th and celebrated the opening of our Concord Coordinated Office. Rep. Diamond Staton-Williams and NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton were in attendance!

ASHEVILLE

Join Buncombe County Democrats & the North Carolina Coordinated Campaign for an

**OFFICE OPENING**

MAY 18 | 11:30AM | ASHEVILLE, NC

RSVP

with **Mo Green**  
Candidate for Superintendent of Public Schools

## Asheville

Buncombe Democrats opened an office and heard from Mo Green, our candidate for Superintendent of Public Schools.

WILMINGTON

Join New Hanover County Democrats & the North Carolina Coordinated Campaign for an

**OFFICE OPENING**

MAY 20 | 6:30PM | WILMINGTON, NC

RSVP

## Wilmington

The New Hanover Dems and the NC Coordinated Campaign celebrated the opening of our Wilmington Coordinated Office.

WINSTON SALEM

Join Forsyth County Democrats & the NC Coordinated Campaign for an

**OFFICE OPENING**

MAY 18 | 1:30PM | WINSTON SALEM

RSVP

with **Anderson Clayton**  
Chair

## Winston Salem

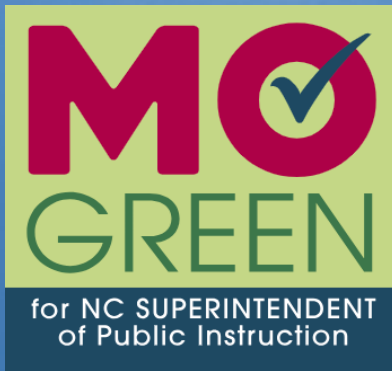
Chair Clayton and celebrated our office opening in Forsyth County on May 18th!



# *Josh Stein & Steve Luking at Guilford & Rockingham Democrats fundraiser.*

Steve Luking is running for NC Senate District 26 challenging incumbent Senator Phil Berger.





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**THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024**

5:30 PM 7:30 PM

**JOHN AND LESLIE MACKOWIAK**

Exact address will be  
emailed 2 days before the event

### **Suggested Contributions:**

Host: \$3,000 | Co-Host: \$1,600

Sponsor: \$1,000 | Supporter: \$500

Ally: \$250 | Friend: \$125 | Guest: \$50

If contributing via check, please make  
payable and send to:

Mo Green for NC  
1001 Wade Ave Suite 323  
Raleigh, NC 27605

**Hors d'oeuvres  
White Wine and Beer  
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**With Special Invited Guests; Local Carteret/Onslow Candidates**

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## Senator Rachel Hunt Speaks at Liberian Ball in Charlotte



# Project 100:

## *The Name Says It All*

Project 100 is the NCDP's commitment to robust voter contact in every county in North Carolina. From Murphy to Manteo, the project is focused on educating and empowering voters across the state, working alongside county parties on door-to-door canvassing, phone banking, and text banking.

At the forefront of this initiative is the NCDP's Organizing Department, led by Organizing Director Sarah O'Brien and Regional Organizing Directors Daniel Franch, Michael Careccia and Brittany Lowder. These dedicated Regional Organizing Directors (RODs) are committed to ensuring that every vote counts in every county. Each of the RODs is building on their history and experience with grassroots organizing, having worked with the Democratic Party in 2022 on the "Building Blue" initiative.

To win North Carolina for Democrats in 2024, NCDP knew it needed to ensure no county went without resources and representation; thus Project 100 was born. "I think it says it all in the name...we want to reach all 100 counties," said Brittany Lowder.

Indeed, County Parties are at the heart of the P100 project. The Regional Organizers work alongside county party leadership to develop a localized canvass plan and to provide boots-on-the-ground support to mobilize voters in the 30+ counties of their regions. For Michael Careccia, one of the three RODs spearheading Project 100, the initiative was born out of a deep-rooted commitment to grassroots organizing. «The group that we have now with Project 100, and we got more folks coming aboard, but the three of us, we became very passionate about needing to make sure that our county parties, all 100 of the county parties, were doing everything they could,» he explains.

Careccia is Regional Organizing Director for Western North Carolina. «We started putting together...what we left off with Building Blue. [We] wanted to make it so much more laser-focused on getting people out to vote in these counties, but also building the volunteer capacity for the county parties,» said Careccia.

He emphasized that «with the crucial election coming up, we really can't afford to leave any county behind, even if they are an unorganized county party. We want to knock doors and make phone calls there.

While Careccia works with points west of Forsyth County, Brittany Lowder is the Regional Organizing Director for Eastern NC. "I'm proud, really proud of all of my counties...it's great to see the growth in so many counties," said Lowder.



# Project 100:

## *The Name Says It All*

Lowder has been volunteering since Obama's campaign is overwhelmed by the growth she has witnessed over time. "In the past, maybe there haven't been the resources to reach all of those counties. And maybe folks felt like they weren't included but now that we have the resources I think it's great that we're able to reach everyone."

Every Tuesday and Thursday, the RODs are leading phone banking efforts, and on Saturdays, they are canvassing and visiting voters rain or shine. «When I worked with NCDP in 2022, I actually was canvassing pregnant,» Lowder shares. «If a pregnant lady can get out there and do all that, there's no reason why you can't join us.»

Project 100 is not just reaching out to voters but inspiring them to volunteer. Working with voters on door-to-door canvassing and phone banking is one of the most rewarding ways to connect with communities. «I've met so many incredible people, and they have been so welcoming to me and want this project to succeed. They're glad that we're there,» says Lowder.

Direct voter contact works, and the proof is in the pudding, or rather in the data, as Daniel Franch reminds us.

"The data doesn't lie...the studies are clear that for every packet of 30 to 40 doors that we take out between now and November, we confirm the vote of one additional Democratic candidate or one additional vote for our Democratic candidates...this direct voter contact work is the most important work that we can do as a state party," said Franch.

Daniel Franch is a ROD for the Piedmont region and a former history high school teacher. He finds joy in using his teaching skills to educate voters of all ages. «I'm grateful to be able to do this every day and at the same time, still use a lot of my teaching skills that I learned... I'm teaching everyday people of all ages, especially adults,» he says. «I really enjoy that opportunity and feel like I'm making a tremendous difference every day, which matters a lot.»

The Organizing Department truly is making a tremendous difference by leading grassroots efforts in all 100 counties. These directors are committed to ensuring no county is left behind. Every week, they are fostering direct connections with voters, volunteers and community members. Ahead of the 2024 elections, Project 100 is paving the way for a brighter and bluer future for North Carolina.

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## *The Name Says It All*



CANVASS LAUNCH

## Anson County

NCDP 2nd Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy joins candidate for County Commission, Lorri Burns Bennett for a canvass in Anson county.

[VOLUNTEER>](#)



CANVASS LAUNCH

## Lenoir County

Lots of Democrats gathered in Lenoir county to canvass for Democrats up and down the ballot!

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CANVASS LAUNCH

## Scotland County

Democrats of all ages gathered to canvass in Scotland county.

[VOLUNTEER>](#)



# TU PODER ESTA EN TU VOTO!

*Empowering the Hispanic Community*



Our Hispanic Outreach Committee members are reaching out to friends in the Hispanic community to encourage voter registration and to offer Spanish-language materials about the ways Democrats are fighting for them.

Dana Coza, Lynne Meacham, and Liz Harris Lamkin are holding our banner that reads: Your power is in your vote! (when attending non-profit events, such as the Manna Food Bank event in this photo, we tape over our branding - but we offer voter registration forms and positive conversations!). Finally, we've just added this Spanish-language page to our website: <https://www.buncombedems.org/en-expaño/>

Democrats in Buncombe County are working to clean up our streets! North Buncombe Cluster had 28 volunteers work over two days to pick up and haul 5 truck-loads of trash, and 26 Democrats in the Leicester Cluster picked up 18 bags of trash, a door, a large piece of sheetrock and part of the front grill of an old Ford!



*Buncombe County Takes*  
**ACTION**





## Newly Elected Delegates

The newly elected CD 13 delegates to the DNC: (from left to right) Doris Wallace, Damien Gu, Terry Mahaffey, Jennifer Job, Brian Glenn Holland, Kiani Gardner. Photo taken by Donna Friend.



## Asian American Advocacy Day

On May 8, Mario Benavente and I attended 2024 Asian American Advocacy Day hosted by NC Asian Americans Together (NCAAT). We got to advocate with NC legislators for issues that affect our Asian American community!

# Thank you!

**We are grateful that you receive and enjoy the good news. Here are a few other opportunities to spread the word and get more involved this year.**

- **TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS**

Democrats can sign up for the good news [here](#).

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- **WEEKLY CONTENT PACKAGE**

The NCDP sends a weekly content package with messaging guidance, graphics and captions based on current events for you to share online! Sign up to receive the content package at [ncdp.org/content-package](https://ncdp.org/content-package).

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- **VOLUNTEER WITH US!**

Check out all of our volunteer opportunities at [mobilize.us/ncdems](https://mobilize.us/ncdems).

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- **UNITY DINNER**

Join Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Governor Roy Cooper, Attorney General Josh Stein, and Chair Anderson Clayton for our main event! Let's unite, celebrate, and move forward together. Grab your tickets at [ncdp.org/unity](https://ncdp.org/unity).

