

Wilson County Democratic Party

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Notes from the Chair

Democrats hold a five-seat majority in the US House of Representatives. Historically, the party in power loses about 25 seats in a midterm election. **We cannot let that happen this time!**

That is why it is so incredibly important for us Democrats to come together and get out the vote. In our recent primary in May, only **17.8 percent of our Wilson County registered voters actually went to the polls and cast their votes**. That means that fewer than one person out of five voted. Another way of looking at that number is that one person decided the political future and election outcome for five people. With 54,814 registered voters, Wilson County cast only 9,772 votes.

We can—and must—do better in the November election.

Information Available

For detailed information on issues important in North Carolina, such as Medicaid Expansion, the Opioid Crisis, Abortion, Broadband, The Democrats American Rescue Plan, the Leandro Decision (public school funding), Making NC Safer From Gun Violence, and What Makes NC a Good Place to Do Business, go to: <https://countytocountync.org/issues-articles>

These articles can be printed out and used to help more people understand the issues. Each month there will be two more articles, so check back in August and other months.



Upcoming Events

July 18

MiniVAN Training, 7:00 PM, at 2305 Wellington Drive, Suite G

July 23

Day of Action Canvassing for Team Linda Cooper-Suggs

August 22

DWVC Meeting, 6:45 PM, at 2305 Wellington Drive, Suite G

October 20

Early Voting Begins

November 5

Early Voting Ends

November 8

Election Day

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DWWC NOTES

The DWWC will resume their regular meetings on Monday, August 22, at 6:45 PM in the meeting room at 2305 Wellington Drive, Suite G.

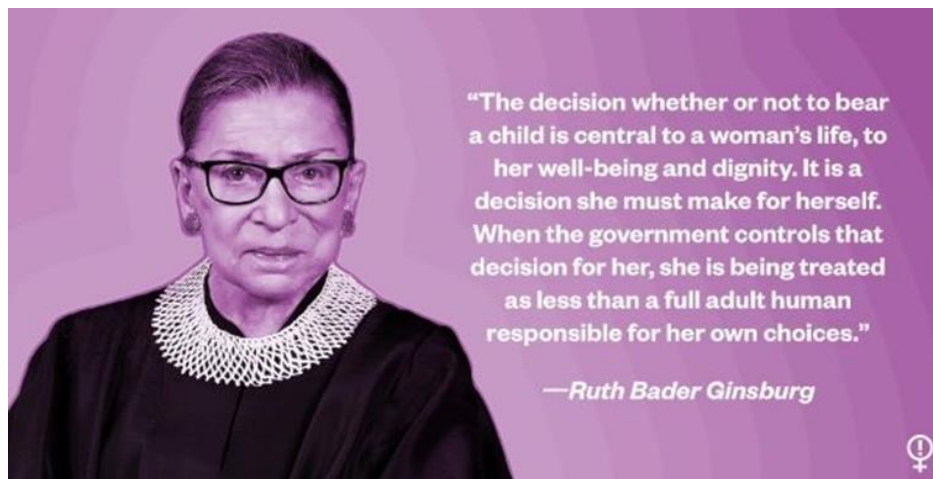
Democratic women, join us as we kick off our election season with food, fun, and a look into the future, if DEMS are elected—**OR NOT!**

Why Should I Vote in Local Elections?

Here are six reasons to vote in local elections:

1. Local politics have the most effect on your daily life – your everyday life is mostly governed by local rules and funding
(libraries, sidewalks, parks and recreation, schools, public transportation, rent costs, fire, police, EMS, sewers, trash collection)
2. You Can Have A Vote in the Issues That Are Most Important to You – every law starts with an idea
3. Federal Policies Start At the Local Level – criminal justice reform in your area looks different than in another
4. Representatives Are Only Representative of the People That Vote
5. Most Local Elections are Decided By A Few Votes – you vote does matter
6. You Have a Right to Vote – you give up your voice when you don't vote

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“The decision whether or not to bear a child is central to a woman’s life, to her well-being and dignity. It is a decision she must make for herself. When the government controls that decision for her, she is being treated as less than a full adult human responsible for her own choices.”

—Ruth Bader Ginsburg

“Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America.”

John Lewis

If Interested in learning how to phone bank by computer or cell phone, sign up for a training session at

[Be Loud, Be Blue in North Carolina: Phonebank with Purpose! · North Carolina Democrats \(mobilize.us\)](#)

To do this through the computer your computer needs a microphone.

If is easy to do with a cell phone, too. If you want to protect your privacy and not have your number show up to everyone you call, on an Android phone press *67 and then the number you are dialing. That blocks your number from showing up. You need to do this before each call you make. On an iPhone check in settings where it says Show My Caller ID and if blue, tap once to turn off.



MESSAGE from a School Board Candidate (District 5)

I am a retired teacher and principal with 34+ years of education experience. I also worked as a part of NCDPI in the federal "Race to the Top" initiative leading professional development for principals and teachers statewide. I am a member of the DWWC and have been since it reorganized several years ago.

My greatest desire and concern revolves around the importance of and reaffirming the value of public education in NC and nationwide. Public schools that are diverse and offer established curriculum, including the rights of all people, are essential to our democratic republic. Funds diverted to vouchers and non-public schools are hurting public education and our ability to recruit and retain qualified teachers.

A vote for Beverly Page Boyette is a vote for high quality public education! I would greatly appreciate your support.

Beverly Boyette

If you are a candidate, even if running unopposed, please send us some comments to include in an upcoming edition of the newsletter. Send to WilsonDems@Gmail.com

Democracy demands that the religiously motivated translate their concerns into universal, rather than religion-specific, values.

Barack Obama



From Credo Mobile

Re: Patriotism

"For us progressives, patriotism means working to fix our imperfect democratic system of government and fighting for liberty and justice for all people, no matter their gender identity, immigration status, race, age or physical ability. It means protesting and speaking out when our government abuses power. It means exercising our right to vote.

It means fighting to protect our rights and the rights of our country's most vulnerable."



MESSAGE from a School Board Candidate (District 1)

I am Debora Powell and I am seeking re-election to the Wilson County Board of Education for District 1. I am a retired educator of 30 years with the Exceptional Children's Program. In 2000 I accepted the calling of God into the ministry and was ordained in 2002. I am also a Guardian Ad Litem trained to be the voice and advocate for abused or neglected children.

I have always tried to live by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." In my decision making, I have tried to put myself in the shoes of others. From this experience I have gained more insight on how to keep our students first in decision making and making a difference in their lives.

I feel that it is imperative to our schools to build positive relationships in the community that will support public schools and raise the quality of education that will attract qualified staff. My desire is to build and continue to support our students, teachers, staff, parents, and the community.

In October or November please vote for Debora Powell to continue to support our students, our staff, and our community. Thank you Wilson County Democratic Party for this opportunity.

[Democracy Explainers - Rock the Vote](#)

Good information on a variety of topics



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Thanks for taking the time to read. Until next time....