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April 26, 2018

County and District Chairs:

In late 2017, the Republican-dominated General Assembly passed legislation to abolish the judicial primary elections for the statewide appellate races, specifically for the NC Supreme Court and NC Court of Appeals. This legislation also changed the general election from a non-partisan to a partisan election. This malicious legislation is designed to hurt the Democratic Party and allows the general election to be wide open, hence making it possible for the Republican Party to run a candidate as a Democrat to gain leverage in the general election.

As you know, the NC Democratic Party has challenged that law in court, but the case will not be heard until June. Appeals of any decision would likely extend beyond the time for early balloting in the Fall and the General Election itself.

Accordingly, on Wednesday April 25th, the NCDP State Executive Council met via conference call. By a vote of 36-0, the council approved the formation of a five-member panel which will make recommendations to the council regarding Democratic judicial candidates to endorse for the 2018 General Election. (With no primary election, this appears to be the only viable option to take in this unusual situation created by the NCGOP.) The executive council also approved the process and timeline (see below). Please share this with your county/district party committee members and any interested judicial candidates. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at waynegoodwin@ncdemocraticparty.org or Kimberly Reynolds at kimberlyreynolds@ncdemocraticparty.org

Thank you in advance for your understanding and assistance.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Goodwin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Wayne Goodwin, State Chair



Statewide Judicial Endorsement Timeline:

April 26th: Application Process Opens to Candidates

May 26th: Application Process Closes

June 2nd: Interviews Conducted by Nominating Committee

June 9th: State Executive Council Affirms Recommended Endorsements

Statewide Judicial Endorsement Questionnaire:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctQvC8gnQsGmBb7B-6cTQUTYDqy_0lqGpLUluNBVfYHK27XQ/viewform?usp=sf_link