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BRUNSWICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS OFFER CHOICES FOR 2024 CAMPAIGN

The Brunswick County Democratic Party (BCDP) is offering voters a group of diverse, community-oriented candidates intent on winning the 2024 election campaign.

“We are proud of this outstanding group of candidates who are running to bring accountability, trust, and the needs of our citizens to the forefront of our local and state governments,” said Shelley Allen, chair of the BCDP. “We plan to work hard to make sure their campaigns reach every precinct and every neighborhood in the county.”

Allen noted the uptick in political involvement by Democrats reflects the BCDP’s goals to expand the party’s base and unite behind a solid group of candidates. The effort in Brunswick County also reflects the statewide goal of Democrats to grow the number of candidates running for public office. “The fact that more Democrats will be running in the 2024 campaign is great news for members of the party, as well as unaffiliated voters who lean Democratic,” Allen said. “But most important, it’s great news for democracy, because voters will turn out in greater numbers to reject MAGA extremists whose goal is to reduce or eliminate the voting and personal rights of all North Carolinians.”

The following is a list of Democrats running for Brunswick County public office in 2024:

U.S. House of Representatives, District 7

Marlando D. Pridgen

Marlando’s vision is to create a more equitable and prosperous future for all citizens, guided by the principles of justice, fairness, and community collaboration.

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NC State Senate, District 8

Katherine Randall

Katie is an associate director at the Church Wo (CW Neighbor Network is a collective of community groups, churches, and other organizations

NC House of Representatives, District 17

Charles Jones

A former Wilmington police officer, Charles is running for the General Assembly to “take back what is rightfully everyone’s,” including the right to vote and the right to make our own health choices.

NC House of Representatives, District 19

Jill Brown

A Southport resident, Jill is entering the political arena to “stand up to the extreme right and its crusade to destroy our democracy and infringe upon our individual rights.”

Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, District 4

Tom Simmons

Currently serving as chair of the NCDP 7th Congressional District, Tom is active in the county, with service on various boards and two terms on the Boiling Springs Lake City Council. He is a retired public school administrator.

Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, District 5

Jonathan Damico

A Leland resident, Jonathan will be an advocate for good-paying jobs and affordable housing to attract a workforce that can live in the community where they work. He also supports public schools and initiatives to protect the environment.

Brunswick County Board of Education, District 4

Janis Simmons

A 50-year resident of Brunswick County, Janis is a retired classroom teacher with 33 years of experience North Carolina public schools. She is active in community service and education organizations.

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Acquinetta Rochelle Beatty

A Bolivia resident, Acquinetta is director of New Choices at YWCA Lower Cape Fear. She is also a director of Coastal Women’s Ventures at the Carolina Small Business Development Fund.

More information on the 2024 campaign is available at the [Brunswick County Board of Elections website](#).

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