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- THE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY -
3rd Congressional District
2021 Convention Packet

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Suggested Agenda

1. Welcome / Call to Order
2. NCDP Inclusion Statement
 - “All public meetings at all levels of the North Carolina Democratic Party shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, or disability. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party, which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action has been adopted by the North Carolina Democratic Party. Discrimination on the basis of ‘status’ in the conduct of North Carolina Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.”
3. Pledge
4. Invocation or Moment of Silence
5. Roll Call Establishment of Quorum
6. Approval of Meeting Agenda
7. Adoption of Meeting Rules
8. Approval of 2020 Meeting Minutes
9. Finance Report
10. District Officer Reports
10. Resolutions
11. Guest Speaker
 - Guest Speakers have been invited and will interrupt business upon their arrival
12. Elections
 - The elections for the District Executive Committee, pursuant to the NCDP’s Plan of Organization (Section 6.01]. Also, to fill any vacancies.
13. Announcements
14. Adjournment



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Letter from NCDP Chair

Hello NC Democrats,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Dr. Bobbie Richardson. I'm a native of Franklin County, an educator, a mom, a proud Democrat and the newly elected chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

I want to welcome you to your 2021 Congressional District Convention. Thank you so much for being here and joining Democrats across your congressional district in this important work.

Your efforts today are critical to the party as we gear up for another election cycle. From your neighborhood team, to your precinct, to your county, to your district, we are all working toward the goal of building a grassroots organizing powerhouse that will fuel democratic wins in 2021, 2022, and beyond.

Our power is in our people -- people like you who are stepping up to make change in your community. And the place we start is right here.

Together, we will get to work in all 13 districts, all 100 counties, and every zip code across North Carolina to push our message out and get as many Democrats elected, up and down the ballot. But we've got to work harder than ever and organize, organize, organize.

On behalf of the North Carolina Democratic Party, for all that you have done, for all that you are doing, and for all that you will do -- thank you!

Dr. Bobbie Richardson
Chair, North Carolina Democratic Party

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Special Rules

RULE 1. *Chair.* The District Party Chair (Chair) shall have general direction of the meeting and shall be authorized to take such action as necessary to maintain order. The Chair, with the guidance of the appointed Parliamentarian, shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any delegate. Order of priority of Rules shall be (1) the North Carolina Democratic Party Plan of Organization, (2) the Rules adopted by the delegates of the Convention, (3) guidelines contained in "Resolution on North Carolina Democratic Party County and District Conventions in Response to COVID-19 State of Emergency" as adopted by the State Executive Council on March 18 (SEC Resolution) , and (4) Robert's Rules of Order. Courteous respect for one another will be the standing order of the day.

RULE 2. *Obtaining Recognition.* When any delegate wants to speak in debate, the delegate shall indicate so electronically via the "raise hand" feature on Zoom, either through Zoom software or by pressing *9 on the phone, and await recognition by the Chair. The Chair shall inquire of the delegate the purpose for which the delegate seeks recognition. If the delegate's purpose in seeking recognition is in order, the Chair will recognize the delegate, and the delegate shall state their name and county.

RULE 3. *Credentialed Voting.* Credentialed delegates are those whose names appear on the official delegates' list submitted by the counties and who have registered prior to the Convention call to order. The Chair may take voice votes, standing votes, or ballots for any and all votes. If a voice vote is used, any call for Division must be sanctioned by delegates from thirty-three (33) percent of the counties present.

RULE 4. *Quorum.* A quorum shall exist any time there is at least one credentialed delegate present from fifty (50) percent plus one of the counties in the District. If the presence of a quorum is questioned, the District Secretary, and/or assistants shall call the roll of precincts to determine if a quorum exists. Once a quorum has been established, no further quorum call needs to be recognized for one (1) hour. If a quorum exists when the body begins debate on a subject, it is presumed to exist until that item is completed.

RULE 5. *Limitations on Speaking & Debate.* All members will be muted until recognized by the Chair. No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same motion. Debate on a motion is limited to two (2) minutes per person. The Chair will attempt to alternate between members in favor or opposed to a motion. A "Point of Order" should be made only if the Party Plan of Organization, Rules of the Day, or Robert's Rules of Order are being violated by the Chair or another member. A "Question or Point of Personal Privilege" should be made only if it concerns the rights of the assembly or the individual's ability to hear, participate, etc. and is urgent in nature. Neither "Point of Order" or "Question or Point of Personal Privilege" shall be used to debate a matter that is before the body.



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Special Rules (cont.)

RULE 6. *Nominations.* Nominations for office shall be taken from the body with nominating speeches limited to two (2) minutes. Nominations do not require a second. In response to the nomination, each candidate may have up to two (2) minutes to respond to the nomination. Only nominations for Chair, Vice-Chairs, Secretary, and Treasurer made in accordance with section 3.06 of the Plan of Organization shall be in order. If only one nomination is made, a motion to elect by acclamation will be in order. If there are no nominations from the floor, a motion to approve and elect the proposed slate shall be in order.

RULE 7. *Elections.* If two or more nominations are made for an office, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the State Executive Council Resolution and with weighted vote requirements in Section 5.02 of the Plan of Organization.

RULE 8. *Resolutions.* Resolutions submitted by counties will be considered for approval as a package. A resolution may be pulled from the package and considered for debate if requested by delegates from at least 3 counties.

Resolutions

Resolution in Support of Equity Training in the Carteret County School System and all NC School Systems

WHEREAS, we recognize that public education can both enhance individuals and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, one of America's greatest strengths is its dedication to protecting people's differences through a commitment to freedom, equality, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, we believe all school systems should seek to advance these principles and commit to treating all people with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, we emphasize the need to have school leaders trained in equity and inclusion for all persons; and

WHEREAS, training in equity is available to train all school leaders locally and across the state;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we ask that this funding for training be paid by their respective school systems and/or Districts and added to their yearly budget instead of each school individually funding; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that we ask that this equity training be made available to all school system employees; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that we ask for equity training to be added into the required NC School Curriculum as a required student class; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage local and state leaders to not only provide and fund equity training for all schools, but also participate in the equity training themselves.

Submitted by the Carteret County Democratic Party



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Resolution In Support Of A Statewide Plastic Bag Ban Or Plastic Bag Fee

WHEREAS, approximately 8 million metric tons of plastic are estimated to end up in the world's oceans each year according to Oceana; and

WHEREAS, according to reports by the Ocean Conservancy, plastic single use bags are among the top ten items collected during Coastal cleanups; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags entangle and are consumed by marine life, including sea turtles, and have been identified among the top 5 most impactful types of plastic pollution to the marine environments; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 North Carolina was among the first in the country to ban single use plastic bags in the Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County, CA passed a plastic bag ban and paper bag fee that led to an 80% decline in the use of single use paper and plastic bags, according to Oceana; and

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C. passed a 5-cent plastic and paper bag fee that resulted in more than a 60% reduction in single use plastic bag consumption, according to Oceana; and

RESOLVED, local plastic bag bans, and fees have shown to be effective at reducing plastic bag pollution, such that implementing a statewide ban or fee is the next logical step towards reducing marine plastic pollution; and

RESOLVED, that given the existing evidence, a statewide plastic bag ban or fee is likely to reduce impacts that would otherwise compromise the health of the Ocean and prevent pollution of the North Carolina waterways; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carteret County Democratic Party supports reinstating the single use plastic bag ban or implementing a plastic bag fee in North Carolina.

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A Resolution To Ensure All Nc Citizens The Right To Vote

WHEREAS, the right to vote is an inherent principle in a democracy; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of North Carolina have the right to be heard by virtue of their vote; and

WHEREAS, Georgia has recently implemented laws that suppress voters through various changes, such as Voter ID, closing ballot boxes, vote by mail changes, and making handing water to voters waiting in line a misdemeanor in the court of law; and

WHEREAS, Across the country, over 250 pieces of voter suppression legislation have been introduced in 43 state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, Republican legislators want to require absentee ballots to be received by Election Day to count; and

WHEREAS, Current North Carolina law allows for absentee ballots to be counted if they arrive three days after Election Day, so long as they were postmarked on or before that day; and

WHEREAS, the GOP and NC Legislature are determined to stifle the vote of all eligible North Carolinians by requiring specific forms of Voter ID; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that to ensure all citizens of North Carolina may exercise this right under the voting laws of North Carolina, we must assist all North Carolinians to obtain a photo ID in keeping with the voting law in North Carolina,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party will assist in helping those without proper ID, by reaching out to those without proper identification, assisting them in finding how to get the proper voter identification, and by providing rides to obtain this Identification when necessary.

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Resolution In Support Of Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment

WHEREAS, Women are more than half the population of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Equality of women under the law has not been protected by the Constitution of the United States since it was adopted by this country, which has always proclaimed itself as a great democracy; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party of North Carolina has stated and shown its support for and belief in gender equality; and

WHEREAS, Rights of women continue to not be enforced due to lack of protection by the Constitution and are being attacked, ignored and challenged; and

WHEREAS, Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment by the General Assembly of North Carolina will assist in the Amendment becoming a part of the United States Constitution; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Currituck County Democratic Party that it petition the Democratic Party of North Carolina to affirm its dedication to the passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in order that the women of this country will at last be guaranteed equality of rights under the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Currituck County Democratic Party also petition the Democratic Party of North Carolina to continue its active participation in advocating that the General Assembly of North Carolina ratify the Equal Rights Amendment during its current session to further the national ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

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A Resolution Calling For Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment (2021)

WHEREAS, women, who constitute over 51% of the population of North Carolina (NC), play an essential and irreplaceable role in society, contributing to our economy and advancing our nation in both public and private realms; and

WHEREAS, women continue to confront workplace discrimination, wage inequities, health care inequities, higher rates of poverty, rape and domestic violence assaults, a lack of political parity, and other forms of sex-based discrimination; and

WHEREAS, state and federal anti-discrimination laws are not uniform or comprehensive, and can be repealed, amended, or ineffectively applied by the courts; and

WHEREAS, the federal Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was proposed in 1923 and passed by Congress in 1972; has met the constitutional requirement for ratification by 38 states with the approval of Nevada (2017), Illinois (2018), and Virginia (2020); and is awaiting certification by the U.S. Archivist pending resolution of issues regarding a time limit in its preamble rather than its text, which can be removed by bipartisan bills now in Congress, and five state rescissions, which by precedent have never been recognized as valid; and

WHEREAS, the ERA is essential for correcting systemic sex discrimination, since it would guarantee that "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex"; and

WHEREAS, ERA ratification bills were introduced in the NC General Assembly in the 2015, 2017, 2018, and 2019 and 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we call on the NC General Assembly to pass the bills ratifying the ERA in order to join the growing list of states supporting a guarantee of equal constitutional rights to all citizens without regard to their sex; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on the Archivist of the United States to immediately certify and publish the ERA as part of the Constitution, 38 states having approved its ratification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on Congress to support the validity of certification by the Archivist by passing the bipartisan bills removing the time limit on the states for ratification; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to advocate at federal and state levels to ensure that the ERA is added to the US Constitution in order to guarantee equal rights under the law to all citizens without regard to their sex.

Submitted by the Craven County Democratic Party



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