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WHO WE ARE

The North Carolina Black Alliance addresses policy and economic issues to enhance black communities by developing and promoting systemic policy change as well as youth and leadership development.

We also seek to collaborate with strategic partners to advance the work of those organizations and to enhance intentional collaboration with black constituencies.

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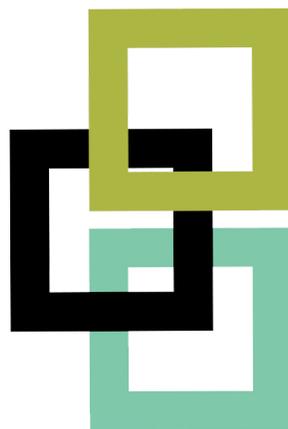
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NORTH CAROLINA BLACK Alliance

Advocacy Organization Elects New Leadership, Updates Its Name

The NC Black Alliance, formerly known as the Alliance of NC Black Elected Officials, has selected a new Chair. State Senator Valerie P. Foushee was recently installed to lead the organization for a two-year term. "I appreciate the confidence of my Alliance colleagues," said Foushee. "More than anything I look forward to the collective impact we will have as we actively organize to address important policy matters facing communities of color across our state."



Keith Sutton, member of the Wake County Board of Education and Edgecombe County Commissioner Viola Harris were elected Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer respectively. Rounding out the NCBA Board of Directors includes: Orange County Commissioner Renee Price, Mayor Pro-Tempore of the Town Sedalia Valerie Jones, Richard Hooker of the Cleveland County Board of Education and Fred Yates, Mayor of Winfall.

Founded nearly twenty years ago, the Alliance of North Carolina Black Elected Officials (ANCBEEO) will be known as the North Carolina Black Alliance (NCBA). While the name is more community-inclusive, the purpose and values of the organization remain. The NCBA will continue to bring elected officials, strategic partners and community leaders together to focus on policy and advocacy that improves the African American community. "The Alliance is poised to increase its impact", said Foushee. "We will engage and organize our communities with a renewed energy in the coming years while raising our voices on the issues of the day with even more energy."

NC Senator Valerie Foushee
Board Chair



All Star Women in Leadership Reception: A Success

In the midst of Charlotte's NBA All-Star Weekend, the North Carolina Black Alliance and the Collective Education Fund held a reception and fundraiser dedicated to celebrating the outstanding leadership of Black women who serve on local, state, and national stages in various municipal and federal capacities. This event was held on Saturday, February 16 on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University.

Black women have always been the bedrock of our democracy and ever since given the right to vote, Black women have been consciously steering our communities (and country) in the right direction. Exponentially over the past few years, Black women have taken the mantle in many leadership capacities by breaking glass ceilings all over the country. North Carolina, has blazed the trail as Black Women transition into positions of power across the state, leading our municipalities, county management offices, criminal justice departments, and civic organizations.

Thank you to all of our attendees and honored guests, Charlotte Mayor, Vi Lyles, Durham District Attorney Satana Deberry, Pitt County Sheriff Paula Dance and Salisbury Mayor, Al Heggins. This event also featured special guests Valeisha Butterfield-Jones, Co-Founder/CEO of WEEN and Bakari Sellars, CNN Political Contributor.

This event would not have been a success without our host committee members and supportive sponsors.

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Reclaiming our Votes, Reclaiming our Power

Immediately after allegations of voting fraud began at the end of the 2018 midterm election, the North Carolina Black Alliance assembled a taskforce of organizations including the North Carolina NAACP, Southern Coalition for Social Justice, Democracy North Carolina, and Progress NC to develop a plan of action to support of over 3,000 absentee voters, many of whom were black residents of Bladen and Robeson County. Our efforts amplified the impact of the actions of McCrae Dowless, a consultant to the Mark Harris campaign. Dowless engaged in the largest voter theft on record by targeting absentee voters and developing a 3-phase scheme to request, steal, and illegally submit their ballots to benefit the Harris Campaign.

On February 21, after the NC Board of Elections unanimously decided to call for a new race in the 9th district, the North Carolina Black Alliance, in the historic First Baptist Church of Lumberton, hosted the second part of a Town Hall series entitled "**Silent Votes, Not Silenced Voices.**" The Town Hall series is designed to inform and provide assistance to voters impacted by the ballot theft, as well as the devastation of Hurricanes Matthew and Florence.

We celebrate the residents of Robeson and Bladen counties for sharing their stories, showing up to demonstrations and hearings, and for beginning to build a plan for a potentially historic 4 elections in 2019 where

Voter ID laws will be a top issue of concern. Without the proactivity of ours and other like-minded organizations, these crimes would have gone largely unchecked and without reprimand.

The Voter ID constitutional amendment has unearthed not just the manipulation of a process and the precious right we have fought for, but a real lack of knowledge among voters. This has proven how corrupt politics can be and more importantly how, like an abscess, it infects counties outside of congressional district nine.

We Need Your Support

The North Carolina Black Alliance needs your support as we continue to build networks of local power in communities that need true representation, up-to-date information, and relevant training on the new tools and tactics necessary to continue the success of the historic wins in 2018. Join us in this fight with your financial contribution.

Visit www.paypal.me/ncblackalliance to support the North Carolina Black Alliance DBA Alliance of North Carolina Black Elected Officials.

COLLECTIVE ACTION COLLECTIVE POWER



NC BLACK Summit
April 25-26, 2019

Raleigh Marriott City Center
500 Fayetteville St. | Raleigh

Black elected officials, public policy advocates and grassroots organizations from around the state will convene for the **14th Annual NC Black Summit on Thursday, April 25th to Friday, April 26th, 2019** at the Raleigh Marriott City Center located at 500 Fayetteville St, Raleigh, NC 27601. The 2019 conference will provide valuable information to elected officials, advocates, and community leaders.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

\$169 Early Bird (Through Mar. 31)	\$199 Standard	\$219 Same Day	\$99 Student/Spouse
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RESERVATIONS

Raleigh Marriott City Center
500 Fayetteville St. ■ Raleigh, NC 27601
888.236.2427 ■ Group Code: **NCB**

Discounted Room Rate: **\$140 per night**
by April 1, 2019

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For more information,
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