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**Greetings!**

We truly appreciate everyone's involvement.  
This War on Oppression will only be won as one mass  
movement.

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## Our Mission Statement

The continual unification of as many organizations as possible, starting at the local level and branching out to both the state of North Carolina and then the entire nation.

# Spotlight

## “President Biden is Boss!”



## “Time to Change the Narrative”

By  
DonnaMarie Woodson

Every time I hear that Biden's too old to run again I want to pull my hair out! Are you serious?!! This man has accomplished more in one term than any recent President I know.

**Take a look at these!!**



Unfortunately, these accomplishments aren't touted nearly enough by the Democratic Party and the mainstream media can't stop reporting on how corrupt, morally and otherwise that "thing" – Trump is!

I had the honor of speaking on Capitol Hill last year to tell my story of how the **"Inflation Reduction Act"** benefits my husband, Kevan and myself. Kevan's a type 1 diabetic and capping Insulin at \$35/month will save us thousands of dollars a year!



The **IRA** coupled with the **Affordable Care Act** is what the American people deserve. Improving the health and well-being of seniors, strengthening families and saving lives by leveling the playing field for working families and making health care more affordable, accessible, and equitable.

The **“Medicare Price Negotiation”** is a critical provision under the Inflation Reduction Act. Now, Medicare will finally be able to negotiate lower prescription drug costs. Medications can’t work if people can’t afford to take them, and high drug prices are keeping far too many Americans from the health care they need.

The first 10 drugs that are being released under the **“Medicare Price Negotiation”** will help millions of North Carolina families save thousands of dollars a year on health care and we will no longer have to choose between the care we need and the care we can afford.

As a Survivor of both Colon and Breast Cancer, I understand the importance of price negotiating for millions of cancer patients and survivors who will directly benefit from lower premium and prescription drug costs. Cancer medications are among the most expensive prescriptions drugs available, and no one should have to worry about affording lifesaving medications and paying their bills while they're fighting cancer.

I am supporting President Biden for re-election in 2024  
based on his accomplishments!

**NOT ON HIS AGE!**

**Yes, there are those in Congress who need to leave based on age and health issues. And without a doubt Mitch McConnell is definitely one of them. The man who single-handedly corrupted the Senate on a devastating level.**

**Full story on Mitch McConnell:**

**<https://newrepublic.com/article/166326/mitch-mcconnell-wrecked-senate>**



*“The story of the Senate’s rot is first and foremost the story of Mitch McConnell. He was an unyielding obstructionist during the Obama presidency, culminating in his refusal to hold a vote on Obama’s Supreme*

*Court nominee Merrick Garland following the death of Justice Antonin Scalia in February 2016.*

*In contrast, McConnell became a relentless battering ram with Trump in the White House. He rode roughshod over one Senate custom, norm, and tradition after another. After Trump shocked the world by winning the presidency, America urgently needed a strong Senate, with a leader in the mold of Democrat Mike Mansfield or Republican Howard Baker, politicians who are rightly remembered as great statesmen and patriots.*

*Instead, America got McConnell, a superb political strategist and tactician who was extraordinarily effective in achieving his partisan objectives, at great cost to the Senate and the country that depended on it.” – (The New Republic)*





**Watching Biden speak on strengthening Democracy demonstrated just how sharp, focused, concise and agile the President is. Invoking history to underscore MAGA extremism while delivering the message with the**

**heightened level of concern we should all have going into 2024. At 80 years old, we should be so blessed. Unlike the rambling, nonsensical babbling that “thing” and the GOP Candidates spout.**

**Link to President’s Accomplishments:  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/therecord/>**

**So, the next time you hear someone bring up Biden’s age as a disqualifying factor in his re-election, please share the facts and remind them that the issue isn’t Biden.**



**It’s the psychopaths that are bound and determined to burn our Democracy to the ground!!**

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## Editorial

# Of the People: Tiawana Brown Runs for Charlotte City Council District 3

By  
Tarik Kiley  
9/29/2023



Tiawana Brown is running for City Council District 3 in Charlotte, NC. She is originally from Charlotte, and is running on the platform of workforce development, economic opportunity and investment,

and the provision of affordable, mixed-income housing. As someone native to the city, she comes to the table, with an extensive knowledge of life in City Council District 3. She was, in fact, raised in the South Side Homes housing project.

Ms. Brown has been sent to federal prison, also. Still, she has also been on an incredible path of rehabilitation in founding the nonprofit, [“Beauty After the Bars”](#), which works to keep women and girls out of the prison system. She has drawn many accolades with working to keep women and girls out of the prison system, it should be noted.



It can be rightly argued that Ms. Brown is a candidate of the people. Her story is incredibly compelling, and it is full of not only her achievements but also of her setbacks as well. Because, she is of the people, she has been endorsed by the Charlotte Observer and the Black Political Caucus, but also by the Charlotte-Metrolina Labor Council, and the SEIU. It is no surprise that she has been endorsed by labor unions, given her platform of workforce development, and the

many benefits she will continue to advocate for working class people, including affordable mixed-income housing.

If nothing else, her stance on improving the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS), is one that we can all support. It can be deduced from her stance on helping working class people, that it gels rightly with improving CATS, because public transit is often the transportation choice of working-class people.

Of course, Ms. Brown's road to leadership will not necessarily be a smooth one. One of her opponents, Warren Turner, has called her, "a habitual felon," in a recent email to voters. Of course, Ms. Brown responded to this label by saying in so many words that it was a low blow. And it should be noted that she has always been open about serving time in prison for a felony fraud charge.



Now, serving time in prison is a serious issue. While obviously not a “habitual felon”, serving time in prison can point to issues of

Beauty After the Bars provides SAFE Homes for Women & Girls. (Click here)



character. Some also argue that there is a balance between retributive justice and the need for rehabilitation. If Ms. Brown continued the path towards crime, then, it would be

concerning. But the evidence seems to suggest that she is doing the best to rehabilitate herself, and to prevent others from going down the same path as she has when it comes to incarceration. It takes a lot of effort to open a non-profit organization, and even more courage to run for City Council.

It really is up to the people to decide Ms. Brown’s qualifications for running for the City Council seat in District 3. While Warren Turner has questioned her integrity, this is not really something that he has power over. After all he did lose the primary to her. Since she is from the bedrock of our community, she will ultimately be judged on that. She has won her primary, and we will see where it goes in this fall’s election cycle.

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# **Announcements**



## **Democrats of North Mecklenburg:**

### **Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 6:30 pm**

**"The Box" at Lake Forest Church**

**8519 Gilead Rd., Huntersville**

**Please RSVP via the button below or email us at  
[democrats@demsofnorthmeck.org](mailto:democrats@demsofnorthmeck.org).**

## **Democratic Women of North Mecklenburg County**

### **Monthly Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

**Caldwell Presbyterian Church**

**Hope Community Center**

**1609 E. Fifth St. Charlotte 28204**

**Meet & Greet – 6:30 pm**

**Program - 7:00 pm**

# Announcements



**N. Meck Progressives  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 pm  
Davidson Town Hall, 251 South  
Street Davidson, NC  
Zoom alternative: starting at  
around 6:45 pm.**

**Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84244908490>**

**Alliance of Moral Progressives  
October 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm  
“Learn How to Vote For Your Life  
in 15 Minutes or Less”  
“The Importance of Local Elections”  
Host, Former Mayor Jennifer Roberts  
(Livestreamed on YouTube)**



**Please submit your group events to [donnamarie93@gmail.com](mailto:donnamarie93@gmail.com) by  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the Announcements.**

# In Memorial



## Funeral arrangements for Sarah Stevenson:

Ellore Erwin, Sarah's sister, writes that a service will be held on **Thursday, Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3400 Beatties Ford Rd.**

Sarah Stevenson, a co-founder of the Forum bearing her name, **died Tuesday, Sept. 26. More information is [here](#).**

**A celebration of the life of Sarah Stevenson will be held at the Forum's next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 8:30 a.m. at Belmont Center, 700 Parkwood Ave.**



**Speakers will be anyone who wishes to remember the co-founder of the Forum, former CMS Board of Education member and longtime resident of the Beatties Ford Road corridor. Normal order will be observed.**

**(For those unfamiliar with Mrs. Stevenson's Forum, that likely means that facilitators will enforce a time limit on speakers to ensure that all have time to speak.)**

**Parking is available in a lot off Parkwood near the intersection of Davidson Street and Parkwood Avenue, and on the uphill side of the Belmont Center on McDowell Street.**



**The Executive Corner:**

**Rev Rodney Sadler, Joel Segal, DonnaMarie Woodson  
Rev Glencie Rhedrick**

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