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Representative Cynthia Ball, D, District 49 – Wake

Representative Cynthia Ball is a first-term legislator representing District 49, covering Wake County. After training to become a mediator, she started her own mediation and consulting business. Over the course of her career, she has worked in marketing research, development, and external affairs. She is a graduate of UNC-Greensboro, earned an MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University, and pursued doctoral coursework in human resources and organizational development at NC State University.

Representative MaryAnn Black, D, District 29 – Durham

Representative Black is a first-term legislator representing District 29, covering Durham County. Since 2002, she has served as Associate Vice President for Community Relations for Duke University Health System. Representative Black previously worked as a clinical social worker at Duke for 10 years, and served as Durham County Commissioner from 1990 to 2002. She graduated from Benedict College and earned a master's degree in social work from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Senator Angela R. Bryant, D, District 4 - Halifax, Nash, Vance, Warren, Wilson

Senator Angela R. Bryant represents District 4, covering Halifax, Vance, Warren, and Wilson counties. She is serving her second term in the Senate, having previously served three terms in the House. She is an Inclusive Diversity and Organizational Development Consultant with Angela Bryant Consulting. Previously, Senator Bryant was the Director of The Wright's Center, Inc., an adult day health care project. She also has more than 30 years of legal experience, serving for 10 years as a North Carolina state administrative judge. Senator Bryant earned her J.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Representative Deb Butler, D, District 18 - Brunswick, New Hanover

Representative Deb Butler is a first-term legislator representing District 18, covering New Hanover and Brunswick counties. She has extensive experience as an attorney, working in both New York City and downtown Wilmington. Representative Butler graduated from the University of Tennessee, and earned her J.D. from Wake Forest University.

Representative Carla D. Cunningham, D, District 106-Mecklenburg

Representative Carla D. Cunningham is serving her third term in the House, representing district 106, covering Mecklenburg County. She has worked as a health care professional for more than 30 years, most recently working as a hospice nurse. Representative Cunningham has been actively involved in the community, working with organizations such as the Charlotte Health Care Coalition (CHCC). She received degrees in nursing from Central Piedmont Community College, Gaston College, and Winston Salem State University.

Representative Josh Dobson, R, District 85 - Avery, McDowell, Mitchell

Representative Josh Dobson is serving his third term in the House, representing District 85, covering Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties. Before serving in the House, he served a McDowell County Commissioner for two years. Representative Dobson graduated from Appalachian State University.

Senator Chuck Edwards, R, District 48, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania

Senator Chuck Edwards represents District 48, covering Buncombe, Henderson, and Transylvania counties. He owns and operates 7 McDonald's franchises in western North Carolina, acts as a Director of Entegra Financial Corporation, and started two real estate management and holding companies. Senator Edwards also engages with multiple community organizations, serving on the board of directors for Community Foundation of Henderson County (CFHC), as well as on the boards of Friends of the Ecusta Trail and Boy Scouts of America Daniel Boone.

Senator Rick Horner, R, District 11 - Johnston, Nash, Wilson

Senator Rick Horner represents District 11, covering Johnston, Nash, and Wilson counties. He has spent the last nine years working in commercial insurance. Previously, Senator Horner was a Financial Advisor in the securities industry for 20 years. He graduated from East Carolina University.

Representative Pat B. Hurley, R, District 70 – Randolph

Representative Pat B. Hurley is serving her sixth term in the House, representing District 70, which covers Randolph County. Before becoming a legislator, she worked as a deputy clerk with the Randolph County Clerk of Court and as a teacher.

Senator Joyce Krawiec, R, District 31 - Forsyth, Yadkin

Since 2014, Senator Joyce Krawiec has represented District 31, covering Forsyth and Yadkin counties. She previously served for a short period in the North Carolina House, representing District 73. Senator Krawiec owns a commercial real estate company in Kernersville that develops small strip stopping centers. In 2006, she founded NC Consumer Alliance for Energy Security to promote energy independence.

Senator Paul A. Lowe, Jr., D, District 42 – Forsyth

Since appointed to the state House in 2015, Representative Paul A. Lowe, Jr., has represented District 32, covering Forsyth County. Representative Lowe's professional experience includes serving as a pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church and an adjunct professor at Shaw University Divinity School. Lowe received the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas; the Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Union University (Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology) in Richmond, Virginia; and earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University School of Theology in Madison, New Jersey.

Representative Graig R. Meyer, D, District 50 - Durham, Orange

Since 2013, Representative Graig R. Meyer has represented District 50, covering Durham and Orange counties. He is a co-founder and principal consultant with The Equity Collaborative, LLC. Representative Meyer is a trained social worker, who spent 16 years working in North Carolina's public schools. He graduated from The College of Wooster, and earned a master's degree in Social Service Administration from The University of Chicago.

Representative Gregory F. Murphy, MD, FACS, R, District 9 – Pitt

Representative Gregory F. Murphy, MD, FACS, is serving his first full term representing District 9, covering Pitt County. He is the President of Eastern Urological Associates, in Greenville, NC, and

Affiliate Professor and Chief of the Division of Urology at the East Carolina University School of Medicine. Representative Murphy graduated from Davidson College before attending UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Medicine for medical school.

Senator Paul Newton, R, District 36 – Cabarrus, Union

Senator Paul Newton is a first-term legislator representing District 36, covering Cabarrus and Union counties. He worked for Duke Energy for 25 years, receiving recognition while serving as General Counsel of the company's utilities. Prior to working for Duke Energy, Senator Newton spent five years in private legal practice. He has served his community on the CEO Advisory Council of the NC Center for Non-Profits, the Board of Directors of Leadership NC, and on the Executive Committee of the NC Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Senator Newton earned his J.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Senator Louis Pate, R, District 7 - Lenoir, Pitt, Wayne

Senator Louis Pate represents District 7, covering Lenoir, Pitt, and Wayne counties. Before serving in the Senate, he served four terms in the House. Senator Pate was also the Mayor of Mount Olive prior to his terms in the House. After serving in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, he opened a building supply business. Senator Pate earned his M.B.A. from Golden Gate University.

Representative Larry W. Potts, R, District 81 – Davidson

Representative Larry W. Potts is a first-term legislator representing District 81, covering Davidson County. He is a building contractor who has also been a Davidson County commissioner for over 20 years. Representative Potts also has served on the executive board of Wake Forest Baptist Health Lexington medical center, and has been a member of the Davidson County Economic Development Commission and Gideons International. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. Representative Potts attended Davidson County Community College and Spokane Community College.

Senator Jeff Tarte, R, District 41 – Mecklenburg

Senator Jeff Tarte represents District 41, covering Mecklenburg County. He is Chairman Emeritus of the consulting firm Applied Revenue Analytics. Senator Tarte has served as interim CIO of New England Medical Center-Tufts University and Johns Hopkins Health System. He also held the office of Mayor of Cornelius for three terms. Senator Tarte graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Economics.

Representative Evelyn Terry, D, District 71 – Forsyth

Representative Evelyn Terry represents District 71, covering Forsyth County. She currently serves as Forsyth County Department of Social Services's board chair. Representative Terry has extensive professional and executive management experience in both public and private sectors. She also serves as the principal for The George Black House and Brickyard, a local landmark and historic site. Representative Terry graduated from Johnson C. Smith University and earned a master's degree from Appalachian State University.

Senator Terry Van Duyn, D, District 49 – Buncombe

Senator Terry Van Duyn represents District 49, covering Buncombe County. She has extensive experience serving Buncombe County. Senator Van Duyn has served on the Community Foundations of WNC Distribution Committee, chaired the board for Pisgah Legal Services, and volunteered as a

healthcare navigator under the Affordable Care Act. She previously worked as a systems analyst. Senator van Duyn graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Economics.

Representative Donna McDowell White, R, District 26 – Johnston

Representative Donna McDowell White is a first-term legislator representing District 26, Johnston County. Previously, she worked as an Aging and Health Specialist in the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, a medical consultant for the In-Home Services program of the North Carolina Department of Public Health, and as a public health nurse. Representative White also served three terms on the Johnston County Board of Education and was appointed to the Governor’s Task Force on Safer Schools. She graduated from Watts Hospital School of Nursing with a degree in nursing.

Representative Shelly Willingham, D, District 23 – Edgecombe, Martin

Representative Shelly Willingham was elected to the state House in 2014 and represents District 23 (Edgecombe and Martin Counties). Representative Willingham is a self-employed real estate broker, and served on the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners and Rocky Mount School Board. He received his degree in history from Elizabeth City State University.

Senator Mike Woodard, D, District 22 - Durham, Person, Caswell

Senator Mike Woodard represents District 22, covering Durham, Person, and Caswell counties. He works as an administrator at Duke University. For 20 years, Senator Woodard was a business analyst, managing the Duke’s administrative systems. He also served on the Durham City Council from 2005 to 2012. Senator Woodard graduated from Duke University.