



BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A Message from Director Kerry Wiggins:

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Power boards for democracy boards and commission fellowship program is a leadership training program committed to preparing community residents dedicated to using their voices for change. Given our current environmental justice, social justice and our democracy issues that impact us all, once you complete the program you can seek an appointment on a public state or local board or commissions. More importantly it seeks to impact the most vulnerable members of our community, i.e., Black, Brown, and elderly.

Boards and commissions are the key element in creating equity for north Carolinians. We are committed to creating equity for all regardless of your zip code. If you want to become a part of creating change in your community and if this sounds like now is the time to use your voice.

There is no greater time to become involved in creating change in your community now, Now is the time. If you would like more information about power boards for democracy boards and commissions, please visit our website at nclcv.org to learn more about our organization and to learn more about our organization to find out what we are doing for north Carolinians. You can also reach me at my office 919-839-0006 Ext 139 or email me at Kerry@nclcv.org.

A Message from NCLCV:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CARRIE CLARK

NCLCV statement on the Ruling by the NC Supreme Court Harper v. Hill

April 28, 2023

Raleigh, N.C. – The North Carolina Supreme Court today released its decision, voting 5-2 to overrule its prior decision in Harper v. Hall. The dissenting opinion, written by Justice Anita Earls and joined by Justice Michael Morgan, begins on page 147 of the ruling. Carrie Clark, executive director of North Carolina League of Conservation Voters, a plaintiff in the case, made the following statement:

We're deeply disappointed by the ruling and agree wholeheartedly with the dissent by Justice Earls that characterizes the majority opinion as a "shameful manipulation of fundamental principles of our democracy and the rule of law." We appreciate her optimism in concluding, "I look forward to the day when commitment to the constitutional principles of free elections and equal protection of the laws are upheld and the abuses committed by the majority are recognized for what they are, permanently relegating them to the annals of this Court's darkest moments."

The North Carolina League of Conservation Voters (NCLCV) is a pragmatic, results-oriented, nonpartisan advocacy organization whose mission is to protect the health and quality of life for all North Carolinians, with an intentional focus on systematically excluded communities of color. We elect environmental champions, advocate for environmental policies that protect our communities, and hold elected leaders accountable for their decisions. We have worked for over 50 years to create the political environment that will protect our natural environment.

Please refer to our website for more details to come at www.nclcv.org

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

“North Carolina is cementing its place as a leader in the global clean energy economy — no longer the industry of the future, but the flourishing business of today. North Carolina is a clean energy destination, bringing good manufacturing jobs to parts of our state that years ago knew more factory closures than ribbon cuttings,” said Cooper.

“Consider electric vehicles, now projected to grow into a four hundred billion dollar global market in just five years. And it’s cranking up right here. From the battery manufacturing in Randolph County to the semiconductor production and the electric vehicle manufacturing in Chatham County, to the charging station production in Durham County. North Carolina has a claim to every link and every job in this fast-growing, lucrative supply chain.

Please refer to our website for the full article www.nclcv.org

Green Tie Awards

Join us to show your support for these efforts and these people by becoming a 2023 Sponsor of the Green Tie Awards Ceremony. Invite your family. Invite your friends. Let's show our support for a healthier environment, a stronger economy, and a more inclusive democracy. (copy and paste the below link in your browser press enter to purchase tickets) <https://greentie.swell.gives/>

Wednesday, May 24th, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 8:00pm we will host the 2023 Green Tie Awards Ceremony at the Merrimon-Wynne House at 500 N. Blount St. in Raleigh . This event honors North Carolina’s Green Champions: legislators and others, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that all North Carolinians have access to clean water, clean air, clean energy, and a sustainably healthy environment.

REGISTRATION 2024

Registration for Boards and Commissions Program
2024 will begin October 2023



North Carolina League of
CONSERVATION VOTERS
FOUNDATION

Boards and Commissions Leadership Program
Applications available October 2023 at NCLCVF.org
Boards and Commissions are seeking fellows in
Winston-Salem, Fayetteville,
and Raleigh/Durham.

Creating Equity in Community Leadership

★ Elevate Community Advocates into Community Leaders



★ Fellows are Trained to Serve on Local or State Boards and Commissions

**Virtual Trainings
6 Months
April-September**

Elevating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in our Communities

For more information contact Kerry Wiggins at kerry@nclcv.org or 336-934-1794

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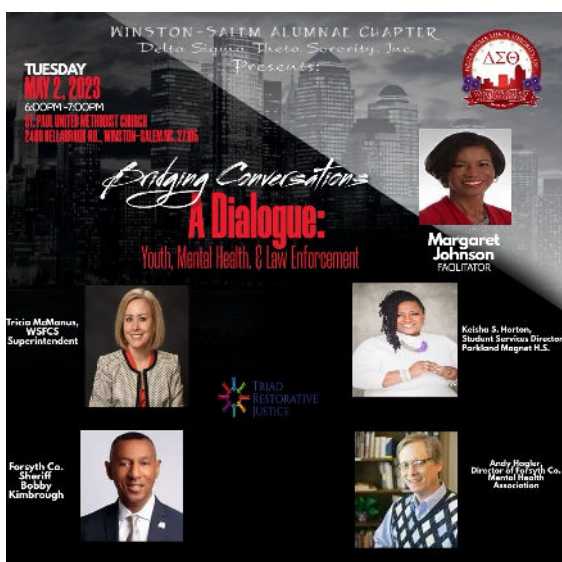


Fellows on the move



Tremona Purvis is one of our fellows for the 2023 Boards and Commissions Program. She was part of a panel on Stop the Violence, bringing suicide awareness to our community

Doris Wallace was in our first Boards and Commissions Fellowship Class of 2022. She currently joined town officials for a stroll along the new walkway that runs from Smith-Collins Park around the town's large pond across from Johnston Community College. Doris will also be taking a trip to Melbourne Australia for The International Rotary Conference. We wish her well in her future



Keisha Horton is one of our fellows for the 2023 Boards and Commissions Program. She was part of a panel on Youth, Mental Health, and Law enforcement. See the flyer pictured below.

Martina Ackridge

Congratulations !!

On being elected for the State EXC. Board.



Key Connections

THE RACE INEQUALITY AND POLICY INITIATIVE PRESENTS
Unearthing the Effects of NC Environmental Injustices
 April 18, 4:00 PM
 ZSR Auditorium (Room 404)

Crystal Dixon, WFU Assistant Professor of the Practice, Department of Health & Exercise Science

Edgar Miller, Executive Director, Yadkin Riverkeeper

Stephen Sills, Senior Vice President, The Research Policy & Impact Center

Kerry Wiggins, Boards and Commission Program Director, NC League of Conservation Voters Foundation

Co-sponsored by the Office of Civic & Community Engagement, The Environmental Program, The Center for Energy, Environment & Sustainability, American Ethnic Studies, and the Department of Politics & International Affairs

Our Director, Kerry Wiggins was part of a round table discussion at Wake Forrest University, Unearthing the effects of NC Environmental Injustices. She shared with them the work we are doing in boards and commissions to help shape our environment as we prepare leaders to go forth and help make a difference in representing the underserved and marginalized communities.

Let's Power UP

April 22, 2023 Power Up Winston Salem North Carolina participated in an Earth Day Event sponsored by Piedmont Environmental Alliance at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Power Up North Carolina provided weatherization supplies to help community members make their homes more energy efficient.



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DID YOU KNOW?

North Carolina is the 9th most populous and the 28th most extensive of the 50 states of the United States. It is in the southeastern region of the United States. The state attained statehood on November 21, 1789, becoming the 12th state to join the union. Its four bordering states are Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. North Carolina (nicknamed: Old North State, Tar Heel State, Turpentine State) has 100 counties. The abbreviation for North Carolina is NC. The state's capital is Raleigh. Let us learn more about its history, geography, economy, people, and more.

Iyeona Braxton

Saying Goodbye

Iyeona Braxton was our first intern. She set the bar high for those that will follow. She was instrumental in the design of our new logo for boards and commissions. She also kept track of all the incoming and outgoing packets for program participants. She is a Senior at Winston Salem State University, Winston Salem, North Carolina. May 12, 2023 she is graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Justice Studies and a concentration in Forensic Science with a minor in Psychology. We wish her the best in her future endeavors. You will be greatly missed .

