



North Carolina House Democrats

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NC HOUSE DEMS RECEIVE POST FILING PRAISE ON THEIR SLATE OF CANDIDATES

Public Policy Polling applauds the efforts of NC House Democrats

Raleigh-With filing closed for the year it is clear that the House Democrats have done their part to start this campaign season out on the right foot.

According to Tom Jensen at Public Policy Polling, “Democrats, particularly on the House side, can boast that they minimized retirements, recruited good candidates where there were retirements, and will be able to play offense even in this tough political climate with credible challengers for a number of Republican seats.

Mr. Jensen continued, “The good news for House Democrats is that they only had two incumbents in really tough districts retire- Ray Warren and Bob England. Given the political climate, that's a small number of defections and much better than the party is seeing at the national level.”

Mr. Jensen concluded by saying, “House Democrats also did a good job on recruitment- Walter Church Jr. is running to reclaim the seat his dad lost to Hugh Blackwell, Ann Newman is running for the open seat created by Jim Gulley's retirement, and the party also drew serious challengers to Sarah Stevens, Nelson Dollar, David Lewis, Paul Stam, and Tim Moore who represent the top tier of vulnerable Republicans.”

Entering this election year with a slate of highly qualified candidates, Democrats in the House of Representatives are positioned to get North Carolina back on track and moving forward again.

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