

JoAnne Allen seeks more signatures in race for mayor

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If Winston-Salem native JoAnne Allen collects enough signatures, Mayor Allen Joines will have competition this fall when citizens across Forsyth County cast their ballots during the general election.

Allen, who is looking to run as an unaffiliated candidate, needs more than 6,000 signatures before Sept. 23 to be added to the ballot. Although the exact number of signatures is unknown, the rule is that she must obtain signatures from at least four percent of registered voters.

During a recent discussion with *The Chronicle*, Allen said she wants to ensure that every voice in Winston-Salem is heard. Allen mentioned she believes somewhere down the line, elected officials lost sight of what their purpose was. According to Allen, elected officials have started to

benefit personally from their titles and forgot about the residents.

"I have a problem with that. Winston-Salem is my home. I want to keep things moving forward and that has not happened," she said. "As mayor, I plan to bring pride back to the city."

During a meet and greet event earlier this month, Allen said she will address a number of issues including decreasing the poverty level.

Based on the population of the city, Winston-Salem ranks number two in the country for the number of residents living

at or below the poverty line. Allen argues that although Joines has made strides to decrease the poverty in the area, more should have been done sooner.

"This city did not get this way overnight. City officials have been sitting back and watching this happen and it's time for a change," Allen said.

Allen who often speaks during the public comment period at city council meetings and community meetings throughout the city, said, "The city council does not run Winston-Salem."

"Joines and business interests are who really run the city," she continued. "A number of these businesses have earned millions of dollars while the City of Winston-Salem continues to struggle."

Allen said she decided she wanted to run for mayor in 2010. According to Allen, she had grown tired of the lack of commu-

nication between members of the city council and the residents of the city.

"I'm all about transparency and we are not getting that," said Allen. "We must put the people first in every step of our decision making."

Although she is still working on obtaining signatures from registered voters, Allen remains confident that she will be on the ballot this fall. A number of young voters have said they agree with a number of points made by Allen.

On March 24, Allen plans to officially unveil her plan to turn around the city. For more information on this event, visit her official website www.joanneallenformayor.com.

"We are really gaining momentum among young voters," she said. "We plan to be on that ballot."



Preliminary N.C. Primary Results*

Democrats

President
Martin J. O'Malley
Bernie Sanders
Hillary Clinton
Roque Rocky De La Fuente

US Senate
Ernest T. Reeves
Chris Rey
Deborah T. Ross
Kevin D. Griffin

NC Governor
Ken Spaulding
Roy Cooper

NC Lieutenant Governor
Holly Jones
Ronald L. Newton
Robert Earl Wilson
Linda Coleman

NC Attorney General
Josh Stein
Marcus W. Williams

NC Commissioner of Labor
Charles Meeker
Mazie Ferguson

NC Superintendent of Public Instruction
Henry J. Pankey
June Atkinson

NC Treasurer
Dan Blue III
Ron Elmer

Forsyth County Register of Deeds
C. Norman Hollerman

Lynne Johnson
CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM
Council Member Northeast Ward
Vivian H. Burke
Keith King

CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM
Council Member South Ward
John Larson
Carolyn Highsmith

REFERENDUM
Connect NC Public Improvement Bond

The issuance of two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) State of North Carolina Public Improvement Bonds constituting general obligation bonds of the State secured by a pledge of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State for the purpose of providing funds, to capital improvements and new facilities and the renovation and rehabilitation of existing facilities for, without limitation, the University of North Carolina System, the North Carolina Community College System, water and sewer systems, the State's National Guard, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, attractions and parks, and the Department of Public Safety.

For
Against

Republicans

President
John R. Kasich
Marco Rubio
Donald J. Trump
Ted Cruz

US Senate
Larry Homlquist
Paul Wright
Greg Brannon
Richard Burr

NC Governor
Pat McCrory
Charles Kenneth Moss
C. Robert Brawley

NC Attorney General
Buck Newton
Jim O'Neill

NC Commissioner of Agriculture
Andy Stevens
Steve Troxier

NC Commissioner of Insurance
Joe McLaughlin
Ronald (Ron) Pierce
Mike Causey

NC Secretary of State
Michael LaPaglia
A.J. Daroud

NC Superintendent of Public Instruction
Mark Johnson
J. Wesley Sills
Rosemary Stein

*Winner names in bold.



Voters at the 14th Street Recreation Center wait in line to cast their ballot during the primary election on Tuesday, Mar. 15.



A resident of Winston-Salem fills out a ballot for the primary election just before the polls close at Carver High School on Tuesday, Mar. 15.

Wins
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Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton won North Carolina by double digits. She also won the states of Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and Florida on Tuesday. On the Republican side, Presidential Candidate Donald Trump took North Carolina, Missouri, Illinois and Florida, while John Kasich took Ohio.

N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper defeated former lawmaker Ken Spaulding for the Democratic nomination to

challenge Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, who also won his nomination.

For Senate, former lawmaker Deborah Ross easily won the Democratic nomination and current Sen. Richard Burr won the Republican nomination.

For attorney general, N.C. Senator Josh Stein clinched the Democratic nomination. Buck Newton defeated Forsyth County District Attorney Jim O'Neill for the office's Republican nomination.

Linda Coleman got the Democratic nomination to face incumbent Lt. Gov. Dan Forest — again. It will be a repeat of the race four

years ago.

I n c u m b e n t Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler won the Republican nomination and faces no Democratic challenger.

Mike Causey won the Republican nomination for N.C. insurance commissioner and will face Democratic incumbent Wayne Goodwin in the general election.

Former Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker won the Democratic nomination for commissioner of labor, beating Mazie Ferguson of Greensboro. He'll face longtime incumbent Republican Cherie Killian

Berry.

Dan Blue III won the Democratic nomination for N.C. treasurer and faces no Republican challenger, so he will succeed incumbent Janet Cowell, who didn't seek re-election.

Michael LaPaglia won the Republican nomination for N.C. secretary of state and will challenge Democratic incumbent Elaine Marshall, who has held the office since 1997.

N.C. Superintendent of Public Instruction June Atkinson won her nomination and will face Republican challenger Mark Johnson, who is a member of the Winston-

Salem/Forsyth County Schools board.

The NC Connect Bond was approved by more than two-thirds of voters.

Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Elwood L. Robinson, who supported the bond initiative, issued the following statement regarding the passage of the Connect NC Bond:

"Thank you to the residents of North Carolina who voted to approve the Connect NC Bond. At Winston-Salem State University, this investment will allow us to construct a 123,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art science building

that supports the university's commitment to meeting the region's demand for more STEM-H (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and health sciences) graduates. As a historically black university, WSSU is committed to providing under-served populations with cutting-edge learning spaces and laboratories that help prepare them for the rigors of the 'real world' application of science and research. We are grateful North Carolina residents voted to support this critical investment."