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DD Adams Enters Congressional Race to Flip NC's Fifth District in 2018

Three-term Winston-Salem City Council Member DD Adams has announced her run for the Fifth Congressional District in 2018. Winning will unseat Republican Virginia Fox, 73, who has held the office since 2009.

"North Carolina is ready for a new, strong voice. It's time for progress, " says Adams, whose campaign focuses on economy, equality, environment and health care.

Endorsed by five-time elected Mayor Allen Joines of Winston-Salem, Adams understands the race will be a challenge, but one whose time has come.

"Many North Carolinians know their beliefs are not being represented. We need better jobs, and a better quality of life for all. I've already met with folks in almost every district. They are speaking up and that's what it takes—meaningful conversations supported by action. Their voices energize me, and I am honored to serve."

As a city council member, Adams was instrumental in creating new and better jobs, increasing the minimum city wage, completing many economic development projects, including ones involving hydroponics and green spaces, implementing safety protections for both police officers and neighborhoods and securing urban housing reform.

DD Adams is from Winston-Salem located in NC's Forsyth country, the largest of 11 in the Fifth District, accounting for about half of the district's population. Adams attended Morgan State University in Baltimore then returned to work in manufacturing and management before retiring from Johnson Controls in 2013.

"I am a public servant, and representing people from the Appalachian Mountains to the Piedmont Triad is the next logical way to serve. Voters recognize that it's time to step up and turn out to move our district forward. Where some may be discouraged, I see opportunity. Where some may fear to go, I say we can do this. I'm about representing my district and it's time to flip it."

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