



## **Hal Weatherman, Candidate for NC Lt. Governor**

As a husband, father of three, and a native of North Carolina, I served as Chief of Staff to former North Carolina Lt. Governor Dan Forest and former US Representative Sue Myrick. I am the founder and President of the Electoral Education Foundation, a 501-c3 non profit organization dedicated to advancing election integrity efforts in North Carolina. I am a published author and have advised many Conservative candidates and campaigns over the last three decades. I am open about my Christian faith, my love for my family and my call to serve others.

**Why I am Running** - I am tired of money driven campaigns and candidates who only appeal to the fears and anxieties of our people, rather than their hopes and aspirations.

I am a principled limited government Conservative - fiscal and social. I believe in our country's founding principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I believe all mankind was created in God's image and that our individual rights derive not from man or man-made governments, but are inherently bestowed upon us by our Creator and are worth preserving.

**My Vision for the State** - Man is meant to work and be self-sufficient. There is dignity in earning an honest day's wage for an honest day's work. Too many people are on the sidelines today, either unemployed, underemployed or frustrated in jobs that have no future of growth and advancement.

Whole generations have been denied access to the American Dream by an education system more concerned with advancing cultural agendas than by teaching the building blocks of a successful life. Our schools denigrate the ideals of hard work, individualism, faith, thrift, self-sufficiency, entrepreneurship, capitalism, home ownership, living within your means, and the Golden Rule. As a consequence, generations of students are left with degrees hardly worth their exorbitant cost and without the skills needed to compete in the global economy.

My primary goal in seeking the office of Lt. Governor is to use the authority of the office to fundamentally remove the stigma our society has placed on working in the trades. The Lt. Governor serves on the State Board of Education and the State Community College Board of Directors, providing a unique opportunity of influence to advance a new culture in our state that values entrepreneurship, trade work and small business ownership as well as apprenticeship programs.

North Carolina is a right to work state and I support all efforts to continue this operating philosophy. Low taxes (individual and corporate), a streamlined regulatory system that values customer service, and access to cheap and dependable energy are all crucial to our NC long term economic success.

Our emergency management system needs an overhaul. It takes North Carolina too long to rebuild after times of emergency . . . I will launch our own Critical Needs Strategic Stockpile before emergencies happen so North Carolina is no longer dependent on any outside source for recovery.

I favor law and order and support our men and women in uniform . . . I favor increased access to mental health services for our returning veterans who are contemplating suicide.

I support the Second Amendment and will accept no restrictions on a right that is expressly spelled out in the US Constitution.

I favor armed school resource officers in each and every North Carolina elementary, middle and high school.

I am pro-life and will advocate for a "Heart Beat" bill before the General Assembly ending abortion when the heart of the unborn is first detected.

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## **Brad Knott, Candidate for US Congress, Dist. 13**

I grew up in Raleigh. My parents grew up in small towns, Wilson and Knightdale. My grandfather, now 97 years old, fought in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. My parents taught Bible Study, and now, so do I. My wife, Joanna, and I have been blessed with two daughters.

During law school – at Wake Forest University – I worked as a clerk for Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby. After graduating, I became a prosecutor in the U.S.

Attorney’s Office for Eastern North Carolina. For seven and a half years, I worked with numerous sheriffs and police departments to prosecute and convict drug kingpins, members of drug cartels, gangs, human traffickers, and criminal illegal immigrants.

As I traveled eastern North Carolina, working on investigations and preparing for trials, I saw firsthand the devastating harm serious crime does to our communities. The open border policies now in place allow a catastrophic flow of crime that wreaks havoc across our state and country. In the last three years alone, it is estimated that nearly ten million illegal immigrants have crossed our Southern Border. The laws need to be stronger and more rigid to protect law-abiding Americans. I believe when an illegal immigrant commits a felony, they should be sent to prison for a minimum of five years and then deported.

**Secure our Border** – Our border must be secured. The wall must be finished.

**Back the Blue** - The Democrats’ defunding of the police and soft-on-crime policies have brought us deadly violence, along with rampant addiction and death from illegal drugs. As a prosecutor, after working with sheriffs and police departments investigating and convicting drug dealers, I ‘Back the Blue’ 100%. I will fight for common-sense, tough-on-crime policies.

**First Amendment** - Freedom of speech and the free exercise of religious faith form the bedrock of American liberty. Today, both of those freedoms are under assault from the Left. I will fight the cancel culture, protect freedom of speech, and work to stop the Biden Administration’s targeting of Christian conservatives.

**Our Second Amendment** - I will work to protect our right to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment. I was introduced to hunting by my grandfather, who taught me about responsible gun ownership and safety. As a prosecutor, I repeatedly saw the need of every citizen to protect themselves and their families. We already have numerous laws regulating firearms, including a background check system and prohibitions on the possession of guns by felons and drug addicts. We need to enforce the gun laws we have, not pass new ones that target the law-abiding rather than criminals.

**Public schools** are failing our children; students are not educated in the basics needed to succeed in life. Instead, public schools push woke ideologies like critical race theory and even transgenderism. Parents must have a voice in school curriculums and policies. I support school choice so parents can get their children out of failing schools and into schools that will provide the education their children need.

**Protect the Unborn** - I oppose the Democrats’ efforts to legalize abortion up to the moment of birth. The Dobbs decision properly overruled Roe v. Wade, returning authority over abortion to the states, as our Constitution provides. I’m pro-life. I support state laws protecting the unborn. Faith-based crisis pregnancy centers, which provide help to women and promote alternatives to abortion, are under attack from pro-abortion extremists and left-wing politicians. I will fight to protect them.

**Stand with Israel** - Israel, a loyal ally, is the only nation in the Middle East that is free and democratic. Israel is the ancestral home of the Jewish people. Hamas and Hezbollah—and their ally Iran—openly proclaim their desire to destroy Israel and America. We must stand by Israel. And we need a strong foreign policy that holds Iran in check. Any refugees from Gaza must go to Arab countries, not the USA.

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