

I hope this letter finds you in good health and fully recovered from the 2023 Holiday season.

I am writing to let you know that I plan on running in the 2024 General Election for the Currituck County Commissioners District 4 seat as an unaffiliated or petition candidate.

***I need your signatures to get on the ballot as a candidate!***

**What is an “unaffiliated” candidate?**

There are 4 recognized political parties in North Carolina (Democrat, Green, Libertarian and Republican) who have "ballot access" - i.e. they can file to run in their party's spring primary and then advance to the November General Election.

Unaffiliated voters (often called Independent) are those who choose to not register or affiliate with a specific party.

*For an unaffiliated voter to run for a partisan office and have their name appear on the General Election ballot, they must meet the petition requirements set forth in the NC General Statutes.*

**How many signatures do you need?**

The magic number is 4% of all registered voters in Currituck County. *That number as of December 31 was 1,060 signatures.*

**What is the deadline for signatures?**

***The deadline for submitting petitions is noon on the date of the spring primary: Tuesday, March 5, 2024.***

**Why am I running?**

My platform is very simple:

- Bring ideas to the board of commissioners to better manage residential growth while working to attract businesses to grow/diversify our commercial tax base.
- Work to make county government more citizen friendly and OPEN – ***public business should be conducted in public, not in closed session.***
- Work to address citizen issues on the Currituck Outer Banks – access, water, recreation, meetings and other services for ALL residents;
- Work to make county government more business friendly, so that business will want to expand in / move to Currituck, diversifying our tax base, and keeping our residential taxes stable.
- Provide adequate funding for Schools; Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement; while working to find new ways to fund these services, which are all affected by unmanaged residential development

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## How can you help?

Enclosed in this letter is a petition, which you and any registered voters in your family / household can sign, petitioning on my behalf, that my name be placed on the November 2024 General Election ballot as Unaffiliated/Independent candidate for the District 4 Board seat.

### ***I need your signatures to get on the ballot as a candidate!***

On the enclosed petition, hand print the name, address, zip code and birthdate of each registered voter in your household. Each voter must hand sign, all fields are required.

By signing this petition, you are “petitioning” that my name be placed on the November 2024 General Election Ballot as an Unaffiliated/Independent candidate for the Board of Commissioners District 4 seat – running against the winner of the Republican Primary

If you know other registered voters (neighbors or family) who may want to sign, they too can sign the petition

**Please sign this petition and return to me in the enclosed Self Addressed Stamped Envelope.**

Due to the recent slow nature of USPS delivery in our area, letters are taking 7 days to reach recipients, followed by 7 days to come back to my PO Box in Maple.

Therefore, these petitions should be returned by US Mail no later than Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you need to drop off a signed petition, you can do so at 112 Maple Rd., Maple NC. Just give me a call or text and let me know you will be dropping off.

I’m running because I am tired of mismanaged residential development; rising property tax rates; county government which is not service oriented; and deals discussed and made behind closed doors. ***You can help make a difference by signing the attached petition to put me on the ballot in November 2024!***

With your help, we can attempt to change the direction of our county government, making it more open and responsive to citizens and businesses.

Thank you for your time, and consideration of my request. **Please feel free to contact me at (252) 267-3332**, should you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Respectfully,

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