

# Democrats convene to support Foushee

Democrats gathered at the Historic Chatham Mill on a beautiful afternoon in the “Circle City” to support State Senator Valerie Foushee on March 22

The room was filled with elected Democrats as well and citizens who came to enjoy the refreshments, good conversation and hear from Congressman David Price and Senator Valerie Foushee including State Representative Robert Reives who remarked, "I had a great time seeing our active Chatham Democrats and helping Senator Foushee get geared up for a victory in 2016!"

Cindy Perry, the President of the Chatham County Democratic Women, welcomed the assembled guests and County Chair Jan Nichols introduced Congressman David Price to the crowd.

Congressman Price thanked all who were present and singled out for Mayor Randy Voller for his leadership in Chatham County. The congressman told the group that 2016 will shape up as a referendum on the GOP-led General Assembly and the policies of Governor McCrory. He was particularly disappointed that the General Assembly and the Governor rejected the medicaid expansion in North Carolina and he felt that this decision was not in keeping with the tradition of progressivism in the mold of Terry Sanford in North Carolina.

Senator Foushee was introduced by Congressman Price. She discussed her love of public service and she called upon her fellow Democrats to fight against a General Assembly who is degrading our educational system, fouling the air we breathe, the water we drink, and undermining prosperity and economic opportunity for all citizens.

= She is working with fellow Democrats to return a Democratic majority to the General Assembly and put our state back on the right track.

And although she acknowledged the importance of raising funds from donors and was thankful for all of the support in the room she did address the corrosive effect of big money on elections and especially its influence on the old North State when she declared “Elections which are for sale are not free elections.”

Her comments were well received and supporters in the room bemoaned the Citizens United decision as well as the GOP’s elimination of public financing and public choice by gutting tax check-off funding.

Also attending the event were County Commissioners James Crawford, Karen Howard, Diana Hales and Mike Cross; school board member Del Turner and Registrar of Deeds Lunday Rigsbee. Other Democrats present were former NCDP Executive Director, Casey Mann, Chairwoman Jan Nichols, Democratic Womens’ President, Cindy Perry, and its Vice-President, Sheila Beaudry, former Chair of the County Commissioners Rev. Carl Thompson and his wife Mechelle Thompson, President of the East Chatham NAACP and former County Chairwoman, Mary Nettles; and Pittsboro Precinct Chair Beverly Bland and Vice-Chair, Peter Harken.