

ALBEMARLE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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Dear Fellow Albemarle Democrats:

2023: what a year! Thanks to the hard work of candidates and volunteers, Albemarle Democrats made a clean sweep of the November elections. In new districts, we elected Creigh Deeds (D11) as our state Senator, and we welcomed two new delegates, Amy Laufer (D55) and Katrina Callsen (D54). For the first time in many years, the whole County is represented by Democrats!

We also celebrated the re-election of Board of Supervisors members Ann Mallek (White Hall) and Bea LaPisto-Kirtley (Rivanna), and the election of our newest Board member, Mike Pruitt (Scottsville).

We also won the hotly contested School Board races. We couldn't be prouder of our new at-large School Board member, Allison Spillman, who ran a fair AND tough campaign against her well-funded right-wing opponent. And we cheer the re-election of Rebecca Berlin (White Hall), Judy Le (Rivanna), and Ellen Osborne (Scottsville). We're proud to have school board members with proven track records of leadership demonstrating a commitment to high quality and inclusive public education. To complete the sweep, we re-elected Jim Hingeley as our Commonwealth's Attorney, Chan Bryant as Sheriff, and Jon Zug as Clerk of Court.

But this is no time to rest on our laurels. 2024 will be a test for our democracy, and the stakes couldn't be higher. In addition to re-electing President Biden and defeating the MAGA right, we've got to work hard to re-elect Senator Tim Kaine. We can't afford to have a Republican Senate undo all the Biden Administration accomplishments. **It's all on the line:** protecting women's right to choose, promoting gun safety, investing in quality education for all, fighting climate change, and building an economy that works for all Americans.

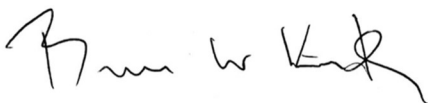
Finally, we've got a shot of getting rid of Bob Good, our local MAGA extremist. We have several strong Democratic contenders for the nomination (June primary) ready to wage an effective campaign throughout the Fifth. And it will take the Democratic strongholds of Albemarle County and Charlottesville to deliver every Democratic vote here to Take the Fifth!

Success doesn't happen in a vacuum. It takes a lot of hard work on behalf of a lot of committed Americans and Democrats across America. **I am proud to be the new Chair of the Albemarle Democrats.** We rose to the challenge in 2023. **Now we need to do it again in 2024!**

We need your help and commitment now more than ever. Please renew your respective membership or join for the first time. Our annual dues are \$25.00 per person. **If you sign up and volunteer for at least 1 day of canvassing or phone banking, these dues will be waived.** To make it easy, you can contribute online at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/albemarle2024>. Or send a check to the address below.

Your commitment financially and through hard work will keep the momentum going. Thank you, in advance, for everything. **You inspire me to keep going!**

On behalf of the Albemarle County Democratic Party, thank you!



Bruce Kirtley, Chair

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