

Valerie Foushee (NC-4)



Biography

BIRTH DATE

05/07/1956

EDUCATION

BA, Political Science/Afro-American Studies, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

FAMILY

Husband: Stanley; 2 Children: Stanley II, Terrence

Background

Lifelong North Carolinian whose political career spans local and state positions; ran for Congress on a platform of social justice and education

A North Carolina native, Foushee grew up in a working-class family with her five siblings and attended racially segregated schools until sixth grade

Began serving on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education in 1997, before being the first Black woman elected to the Orange County Board of Commissioners; as commissioner, she notably worked to shut down a county landfill that had negatively impacted a Black community

Elected to the state House in 2012, but served for less than a year before local Democrats selected her to replace state Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird (D-NC23) following Kinnaird's resignation in 2013

During her state Senate tenure, Foushee focused on criminal justice reform, greater voting access, quality education, women's and reproductive rights, and affordable health care

Launched campaign for Congress in 2021, aiming to replace the retiring Rep. David Price (D-NC4); campaigned on a platform to continue the initiatives that she pursued in the state Senate

District Profile

COOK PVI	2022 VOTE RATING	DISTRICT LOCATION
D+16	Solid D	Durham and Chapel Hill

Election Results

2022 GENERAL	
Foushee	67%
Geels	33%

SOURCE Associated Press; Vignette, by National Journal

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