

## Celebrate with us tomorrow - April 6th!



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Steve—

[I'm so excited to celebrate New Rural Project's first birthday tomorrow, April 6, and I hope to see you there!](#) It's been an incredible first year, and we're looking forward to reflecting on all we've accomplished through listening to and advocating for folks in rural NC.

I agreed to become the board chair of NRP almost one year ago. I believe in the NRP and our mission. I was introduced to the value of Rural America at an early age. As a young Afro-Latino teenager from Queens, NY, I attend high school in a small South Carolina town. That experience stuck with me and opened my eyes to the divide between Urban and Rural America and the chronic issues that affect rural voters especially voters of color.

I'm glad that NRP is focusing on African American men who often feel the most left out with our Barbershop Conversations: Fruitful African American Discussions on Empowerment (F.A.D.E.) where we have honest and open dialogue with them. On Saturday as the discussion leader for the second F.A.D.E session at Triad Barber School in Anson County, we had insightful, open and honest dialogue along with

wings! I am dedicated to working assiduously on the ongoing task of narrowing the rural-urban divide and engaging as many voters of color as possible. This is why I am Chair of the NRP board, and NRP's work is so important.

Our virtual celebration tomorrow will include a reflection of the progress we have made, with an overview of the important work we are currently doing to engage as many rural voters as possible. **We'll be joined by special guests former NC Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson, the first African American woman to serve on the North Carolina Supreme Court and North Carolina State Senator Natalie Murdock.**



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**To continue supporting our work as we embark on our second year, please sponsor our event for \$250, \$500, or \$1000+, or purchase a ticket for \$50.**

See you tomorrow!

Doug  
Board Chair, New Rural Project



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