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REV. DR. RODNEY SADLER *for NC House 106*

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Charlotte, NC — On Monday, after a week of organizing to keep our communities safe from Trump's border patrol, and with just one week remaining until the beginning of candidate filing, a wide range of community leaders announced their support for Democrat Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler in his campaign for NC House District 106.

These community leaders represent a cross section of Charlotte-Mecklenburg: across religion, across race, faith leaders, small business owners, musicians, labor leaders, and organizers. They include Manolo Betancur, whose bakery has been a hub for community response in the past week; former Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts; and Collette Alston, former President of the African American Caucus of the NC Democratic Party.

"I proudly endorse Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler," said Rev. Dr. Terence Leathers of Mt. Vernon Christian Church. "He is calling us—Black and white, rich and poor, young and old, native-born and immigrant, straight and LGBTQIA+, people of every faith—to come together and build a community where everyone is valued and given equal access to opportunity and dignity."



The endorsers include:

- **Collette Alston**, former President, African American Caucus of the NC Democratic Party
- **Manolo Betancur**, small business owner at Manolo's Bakery
- **Jennifer Roberts**, former Mayor of Charlotte
- **Terence Leathers**, pastor at Mt. Vernon Christian Church
- **Delores Reid-Smith**, Church Administrator at Mayfield Memorial Missionary Baptist Church
- **Hadia Mubarak**, Resident Scholar at Pillars Mosque

- **Cornelius Atkinson**, pastor at The Heights Ministries
- **Rob Hillman**, public servant and engineer
- **Cameron Pruette**, Executive Director at the Freedom Center for Social Justice
- **Rae LeGrone**, high school art teacher, Vice President of Charlotte Mecklenburg Association of Educators
- **Ziad Rabie**, musician
- **Antoinette "Toni" Tupponce**: vocalist, non-profit manager and facilitator

They join a [long list of North Charlotte local leaders who have already endorsed Rev. Dr. Sadler](#).

Rev. Dr. Sadler is running for office on a platform of strong public schools, homes we can afford, wages we can live on, community safety, accessible healthcare, voting rights, and a state government that fights for working families instead of just pointing fingers and blaming scapegoats.

In addition to this community support, Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler has already raised more than \$65,000. In his insurgent campaign to unseat twelve-year incumbent Carla Cunningham, Rev. Dr. Sadler is rapidly demonstrating his viability as the community leader capable of winning on March 3rd and representing the people of North Charlotte.

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 MANOLO BETANCUR <i>Small Business Owner, Manolo's Bakery</i>	 JENNIFER ROBERTS <i>Former Mayor of Charlotte</i>	 TERENCE LEATHERS <i>Pastor, Mt. Vernon Christian Church</i>	 CORNELIUS ATKINSON <i>The Heights Ministries</i>
 ROB HILLMAN <i>Public Servant, Engineer</i>	 CAMERON PRUETTE <i>Executive Director, The Freedom Center for Social Justice</i>	 DELORES REID-SMITH <i>Church Administrator, Mayfield Memorial Missionary Baptist</i>	 RAE LEGRONE <i>Vice-President, Charlotte Mecklenburg Association of Educators</i>
 ZIAD RABIE <i>Musician</i>	 ANTOINETTE (TONI) TUPPONCE <i>Vocalist, Non-Profit Manager & Facilitator</i>	 DR. HADIA MUBARK <i>Resident Scholar, Pillars Mosque</i>	 COLLETTE ALSTON <i>Former President, African American Caucus of the NC Democratic Party</i>

More information on Rev. Dr. Sadler and his campaign is available on his website, www.RodneySadler.com.

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