Valerie Foushee (NC-4)

**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

**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

**District Profile**

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