

## Former Senate Candidate Endorses Cheri Beasley

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Democratic candidate for NC-02, former State Senator and former Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Erica Smith endorsed Cheri Beasley for U.S. Senate. Senator Smith shared the following statement:

"I consider Cheri Beasley a friend, and I was proud to be sworn in by her when I was elected to the General Assembly in 2014. And I'm proud to now endorse Cheri Beasley for U.S. Senate because she is the only candidate who will finally win this seat and fight every day for the people of North Carolina, just as she has done throughout her life in public service. Cheri is a former public defender, judge and Chief Justice of our State Supreme Court, and always worked to move North Carolina in the direction of fairness and progress. Whether it was speaking out about systemic injustice and the murder of George Floyd or implementing paid family leave for thousands of court employees, Cheri's values and determination to do what is right are what we need in this moment.

"I am confident Cheri will continue to run a robust campaign that reaches voters in every part of the state, including rural communities that are so often overlooked. She will inspire North Carolinians and make us proud to cast our ballots to elect the first African American to represent North Carolina in the U.S. Senate. We cannot afford to miss this opportunity to elect a real leader who will put the people of North Carolina first, and that is why I am encouraging voters to join me in supporting Cheri Beasley for U.S. Senate."