

Committee to Elect Scott Lassiter

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LASSITER SUSPENDS CAMPAIGN IN RESPONSE TO DISTRICT REDRAW

CARY, NC- Scott Lassiter addressed some of his strongest supporters last night at an event in his neighborhood saying, “The NC Supreme Court, in a highly partisan decision, based on a spurious at-best legal argument, eviscerated NC House District 21. That effectively ensured we won’t get representation reflective of who we are as a community. The district we were poised to win simply doesn’t exist anymore.”

Most of the precincts that made up District 21, created by the General Assembly in keeping with their constitutional authority, have been divided into heavily Democratic districts occupied by entrenched incumbents from Raleigh.

“My wife and I thought long and hard and prayed about the decision to file in District 36 where we were placed in the redraw. It includes my home-town of Apex where I previously served on the council. My mother still lives in the family home. I’d love to represent Apex in the NC House. But, another capable Republican candidate already exists in that race, John Harris. I got to know John while we campaigned together prior to the shakeup. There is simply no great public need for me to run in this race nor is there wisdom in dividing the party in a highly contested primary fight between two strikingly similar candidates. I’ve got plenty of good work to do between serving Wake County as an elected Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor and as an assistant principal in our school system.”

Lassiter went on to thank his supporters by saying, “I have been so grateful and humbled by the overwhelming support from my community during this campaign. I could not have done this without the support of my wife Jamie, the generous contributions of talent, treasure, and time of my supporters, and my amazing campaign team. I owe them a debt of gratitude. Though I’m disappointed, I am a better citizen through this process and I will continue to use my voice to advocate for the common-sense, optimistic, problem-solving approach that resonated with so many. I’ll be around and ready the next time I’m called upon to serve. I’m committed to helping other great candidates get elected like Sheriff Harrison and our nominees for NC Supreme Court who will safeguard our Constitution.

Aside from his work as an assistant principal and a current county-wide elected official, Lassiter is also the president and founder of the Lassiter Education Foundation (501c3) for the benefit of at-risk youths in the Wake County area. Additionally, he is scheduled to complete his Doctorate of K-12 Educational Leadership from NC State and earn his NC Superintendents License in December of 2023. His term as a Wake Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor, where he is the only county-wide elected Republican, expires in 2024.

Lassiter indicated that if a suitable district is created in another round of redistricting after the 2022 election he plans to reactivate his campaign. He also did not rule out a possible municipal, county, or statewide run in the future. He said, “Folks have asked me about my plans. Obviously, I’m a team player. I want to serve where I can be most effective. I’ve had supporters ask about a possible mayoral run in 2023 or a potential state-wide run in 2024. Right now, my focus is on continuing to improve myself professionally and personally as well as spending more time with family. The future is bright and I’m confident an opportunity will present itself sooner rather than later.”

More information about Harris can be found on his website www.johnharrisfornc.com. Lassiter concluded his remarks with a joke, “If you like me you’ll like John and if you don’t like me you might like him.”

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