

Representative Carla Cunningham, The Charlotte Women's March 2018



Good morning. Thank you for being here to support women, their issues, and families.

Now let's talk. I got a few things I am going to tell you and my words are not going to be soft.

Far too long, we have been nicely carrying everybody's issues on our backs.

Today dust off your backs, it is time to carry our own issues and ourselves, Issues such as Equal Pay, and the Equal Rights Amendment. We want Gender Justice!

Far too long other individuals have tried to define who we are, and attempted to determine our destinies. Not today, it is a new Day in North Carolina.

Let's charter our own course! We must start today, we cannot wait! Permission is not needed!

Now, we have been distracted by the news headlines on the National stage.

Today we have to keep our eyes on the prize.

The Prize is the North Carolina State House. Yes it might seem bleak at the moment, but if Virginia can turn their House of Delegates and Alabama can elect a Democratic Senator after 25 years, Why can't we?

We must not allow gerrymandering in North Carolina to box us in. It is time for a break out and I know we can do it.

When you leave here today, I do not want you to speak the word resistance again. I want you to view yourselves as resilient.

I said resilient, overcomers, and activist for your cause: and know in your minds that this is your time. This is 2018 the Me-too Year, Your times up, but I say it is the Year of Resilience!

These are your marching orders from me today. Find your precinct; become engaged in your precinct activities. When you vote, take one more vote with you. It takes two votes per precinct to win.

Imagine if all of you out there today when you vote you took another vote with you to the ballot box. Oh Victory, what a Sweet Victory that would be!

Now I am getting ready to go, but I want you to repeat after me,

United We Rise!
United We Rise!
United We Rise!
Thank You!

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