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## Key African-American Leaders, Groups Endorse Dalton for Lieutenant Governor

Dalton receives Simkins Committee PAC endorsement from Greensboro; announces major individual endorsements

GREENSBORO: State Senator Walter Dalton, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, announced major endorsements from leaders in the African-American community. On Sunday, Dalton was endorsed by the George C. Simkins Committee PAC, the major political action committee in Greensboro. Dalton also announced major individual endorsements today, including former Congresswoman Eva Clayton, former State Auditor Ralph Campbell, and the support of the entire Senate Black Caucus.

**"I am extremely honored to have the endorsement of the Simkins Committee and African-American leaders across the state,"** Dalton said. **"Their support reflects my commitment to making the lives of all North Carolinians better and creating opportunities for everyone to succeed."**

Sen. Dalton also announced support from African-American community leaders. In Charlotte, Dalton has the personal support of Bishop George W.C. Walker, Sr. and Bishop George E. Battle, Jr. in the A.M.E. Zion Church.

**"Walter Dalton has been a leader in the efforts to improve our schools and will make education a top priority as lieutenant governor,"** Walker and Battle said. **"He is the best candidate for the job and can bring everyone in this state together and keep us moving forward."**

In addition to the support from the entire Senate Black Caucus, Dalton has received endorsements from members of the House Black Caucus such as Legislative Black Caucus Chair Alma Adams and Speaker Pro-Tempore William Wainwright. He also has the support of former State Auditor Ralph Campbell, who is the only African-American to be elected statewide in North Carolina, and Congresswoman Eva Clayton, the first African-American Congresswoman from North Carolina.

Read below about why African-American leaders are supporting Senator Dalton:

**"Walter Dalton has fought to improve educational opportunities, help seniors with prescription drugs, and protect homes from foreclosure. He has worked to bring North Carolina together by helping our families succeed. Walter Dalton is the right choice for Lieutenant Governor."** - Former State Auditor Ralph Campbell (Raleigh)

**“Sen. Dalton has shown the same commitment to Eastern North Carolina as he has shown to the rest of the state. He will work for everyone in North Carolina as Lieutenant Governor.”** –Representative William Wainwright (New Bern), House Speaker Pro-Tempore

**“I have worked closely with Walter Dalton for years and I trust him to work for our families. He has the judgment and leadership to improve the lives of people across the state.”** –Senator Charlie Dannelly (Charlotte), Deputy President Pro-Tempore

**“During my time in the General Assembly, Walter Dalton and I have worked on issues important to our community. We fought to increase the minimum wage and increase access to quality, affordable healthcare. He offers the kind of leadership we need to move North Carolina forward and I’m proud to support his run for Lt. Governor.”** –Representative Alma Adams (Greensboro), Chair of the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus

A list of African-American elected officials supporting Senator Dalton’s campaign:

Representative Alma Adams (Greensboro), Chair of the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus  
Honorable Melvin “Skip” Alston, Guilford County Commissioner and former President, North Carolina NAACP

Representative Larry Bell (Clinton)

Representative Angela Bryant (Rocky Mount)

Former State Auditor Ralph Campbell (Raleigh)

Former Congresswoman Eva Clayton (Warrenton)

Former Representative Pete Cunningham (Charlotte)

Senator Charlie Dannelly (Charlotte), Deputy President Pro-Tempore

Senator Katie Dorsett (Greensboro)

Senator Tony Foriest (Graham)

Honorable Terry Garrison, Vance County Commissioner and Past President of the North Carolina Association of Black County Commissioners

Senator Malcolm Graham (Charlotte)

Honorable John Hall, Jones County Sheriff

Honorable Richard Hooker, Cleveland County School Board Member and past President of the North Carolina Association of Black School Board Members

Representative Earl Jones (Greensboro)

Senator Ed Jones (Enfield)

Honorable Shepard Jones, Scotland County Sheriff

Honorable James Knight, Edgecombe County Sheriff

Representative Marvin Lucas (Fayetteville)

Senator Vernon Malone (Raleigh)

Senator Floyd B. McKissick, Jr. (Durham)

Honorable James E. Mitchell, Jr., Charlotte City Council and Past President of the North Carolina Association of Black Elected Officials

Honorable Hubert Peterkin, Hoke County Sheriff

Representative Garland Pierce (Laurinburg)

Honorable James Ross, Washington County Sheriff

Honorable Bunny Sanders, Mayor of Roper

Senator Larry Shaw (Fayetteville)

Honorable Virginia B. Tillett, Dare County Commissioner  
Honorable Juan E. Vaughan, Sr., Hertford County Sheriff  
Representative William Wainwright (New Bern), House Speaker Pro-Tempore  
Honorable Harold Webb, Wake County Commissioner  
Honorable Peter White, Vance County Sheriff  
Honorable Johnny Williams, Warren County Sheriff  
Representative Larry Womble (Winston-Salem)

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