



BEYOND THE BALLOT BOX – WOMEN MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD

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What: Wake County Women’s Agenda Assembly

Where: NCAE Building, 700 South Salisbury Street, 8:30am – 1:00pm

When: Saturday, October 28, 2006

With the upcoming national and local elections on everyone’s mind, now is the time for women to think about additional ways they can make their voices heard to their legislators.

Women who are interested in doing more than voting will have the chance to participate in a political dialogue at the Wake County Women’s Agenda Assembly taking place Saturday, October 28, at the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) building in downtown Raleigh.

Education, access to health care, domestic violence and economic self-sufficiency are some of the issues on this year’s assembly agenda. Women from all backgrounds and political viewpoints are encouraged to participate – this is their chance to discuss and prioritize the agenda issues that will form the basis of the Women’s Legislative Agenda to be pursued during the North Carolina General Assembly’s long session. Women will also gain political advocacy skills from training they receive at the assembly that can be used when contacting their local and state elected officials.

“This event is a great opportunity for women from a wide variety of different backgrounds and with different experiences to bring about change for all women in NC”, said NC State Senator Janet Cowell. “The Assembly allows the participants to add their voices to a state and local agenda, where they can affect change on a level that makes a difference in our everyday lives.”

The Wake County Assembly is one of many being held across the state as part of the North Carolina Women United (NCWU) Women’s Agenda Program. NCWU works to empower women through grassroots activism, community organizing, legislative advocacy and engagement in the political process.

The registration deadline for the Wake County Women’s Agenda Assembly is October 20. For more information about the assembly, including registration and forms, contact Anne Mackie at 919-462-9713 (anne.mackie@mackies.org), or visit the Assembly Web site at www.wakewaa2006.org.

Those interested in attending the assembly should read the 2006 Draft Women’s Agenda available on the Web site. The Draft Agenda contains information on issues facing North Carolina women and policy recommendations for assembly participants to consider.

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