



Linda J. Sutton

Chairperson of the Forsyth County Board of Elections,
community volunteer and activist

Linda Sutton has been active in the community since the early 70's, starting out as a Union Organizer and Special Voter Registration Commissioner. Over the years, she has served this city and state standing bold and strong for many causes and in many organizations, such as the N.C. Election Laws Review Commission, Co-chair of the Winston-Salem 2000 Census Complete Count Committee, N.C. Governor's Minority Health Committee, the A. Philip Randolph Institute, United Way Allocations Committee, the Goler Community Development Corporation, Democracy North Carolina and

was the first female convener of the Black Leadership Roundtable, a coalition of educators, religious leaders, elected officials and community activists.

She served on the N.C. Employment Security Commission for 13 years, and currently serves on the Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice, NAACP Executive Committee and Political Action Chair, and was recently elected Chairperson for the Forsyth County Board of Elections. In 2004, she co-founded the Winston-Salem Voting Rights Coalition, a grassroots organization of non-profit, non-partisan community groups, registering thousands of voters and engaging them in electoral reforms such as early voting, same day registration and campaign finance reform.

Civic Affairs

1989-1994	Forsyth County Special Voter Registration Commissioner
1990-1994	Precinct Vice Chair
1994-1995	N.C. Election Laws Review Commission
1995-2008	Commissioner, N.C. Employment Security Commission
1995-1996	Brown Douglas Precinct Secretary
1997	Forsyth County Democratic Women
1997-2003	Brown/Douglas Precinct Chairperson
1997	N.C. Governor's Minority Health Conference Planning Committee
1999-2000	Co-chair, WS/FC Census 2000 Complete Count Committee
2004-2006	Oak Summit Precinct Secretary
2006-2009	Secretary, Forsyth County Board of Elections

State Activities

1990-1998	Member N.C. AFL/CIO Committee on Political Education
1992-1995	Corresponding Secretary, N.C. State A. Philip Randolph Institute
1993-1995	Chair, N.C. State APRI Legislative Committee
1996	N.C. Coordinator, National Black Women's Voter Crusade of the

National Political Congress of Black Women
 1997-1999 Vice President, N.C. State A. Philip Randolph Institute
 1998 12th District GOTV Coordinator, Operation Big Vote, National
 Coalition on Black Voter Participation
 2004-2007 Executive Board Member, Democracy North Carolina

Community Activities

1983-1984 Acting Sec/Treas., Communications Workers of America Local 3616
 1988-2000 President, Winston Salem Chapter A. Philip Randolph Institute
 1989-1998 GOTV Coordinator, Winston-Salem APRI
 1990-1992 Secretary/Treasurer Northern Piedmont Central Labor Body
 1989-1992 Executive Vice President, Communications Workers of America 3616
 1993,1994 United Way Allocations Committee
 1995-1997 Dist. 3 Union Organizing Committee, CWA/USAIR Reservationists
 1997-2002 Secretary, Black Leadership Roundtable of WS/FC, Inc.
 1998- NAACP, Political Action Chairperson, Executive Committee
 1999 GOTV Coordinator, Greensboro APRI
 2000-2002 Board Member, Goler Depot Community Development Corporation
 2000 Chairperson, VOTE 2000 Coalition Committee
 2002-2006 Convener, Black Leadership Roundtable of W-S/FC. Inc.
 2002-2004 1st Vice President, NAACP
 2004-2008 NAACP Branch Secretary
 2004- Co-Founder / President, Winston-Salem Voting Rights Coalition
 2004-2007 Board Member, Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods
 2005 Triad Juneteenth Festival Committee
 2005-2006 Triad Hurricane Katrina Committee
 2006- Board Member, Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice
 2008- Voter Education and Registration Coordinator for the Winston-Salem
 District AME Zion Church (appointed by Bishop George Walker, Sr.)

Church Activities

Life Member of Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church
 Positions and Activities Include:
 Director of Ministries and Outreach
 Chairperson, Administrative Board
 Usher & Recording Secretary, Senior Usher Board
 Chairperson, Social, Political and Environmental Ministry
 Delegate, District & Annual Conferences
 Leadership Training Institute, Livingstone College
 Member, Prison Ministry Choir
 President, Cathedral Mass Choir
 Children's Sunday School Teacher
 Administrative Asst., Goler Institute for Development and Education
 Chair of Music Board

Chairperson, Church Anniversary Committee
Goler Boy Scouts, Den Mother and Sec-Treas.
Member, Budget & Finance Committee
Reporter, Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society
Member, Parent Body Missionary Society
Reporter, W-S District AME Zion Church
Reporter, Western NC Annual Conference
District Director, W-S District Department of Christian Education
District Director, W-S District Voter Education and Registration

Affiliations

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
National Council of Negro Women
National Political Congress of Black Women
Inductee, National Women of Achievement
International Association of Personnel in Employment Security
CWA District 3 Committee on Political Education
Black Leadership Roundtable of WS/FC
Minority Caucus, Communications Workers of America
Northern Piedmont Central Labor Body
Telephone Pioneers of America
A. Philip Randolph Institute
Democracy North Carolina
N.C. Alliance of Retired Americans
African American Caucus

Education and Training

1968	Graduate Atkins High School, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1982-1987	Job Steward Training, Communications Workers of America
1983, 1988	Leadership School, University of Georgia, Athens
1987-1988	Carolina Labor School, University of North Carolina Wilmington
1988	Total Quality Training
1988	Advanced Training Program, Mobilization Techniques, Atlanta
1988	Advanced Training in Ethnic Affairs, Atlanta
1989	Effective Speaking and Human Relations, Forsyth Tech College
1991	Communications Workers of America Officers Training
1995	Introduction to DOS, Forsyth Tech Community College
1995	Organizing Institute, George Meany Center, Silver Springs, Md
1996	Computer Tech., Forsyth Tech Community College
2001	Grant Writing, Guilford Technical Community College
2006	Industrial Areas Foundation Community Organizing-Chicago, ILL

Work Experience

1969-2000 Customer Service, BellSouth Telecommunications
2001-2009 Administrative Assistant, Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church
2009- Organizer, Democracy North Carolina

Awards

1989 CWA District 3 Women[s Achievement Award
1996 National A. Philip Randolph Institute Chapter Award
1998 City of Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission
Humanitarian Award
1999 Winston-Salem NAACP Presidents Award
2002 Convener Award, Black Leadership Roundtable
2005 Chronicle Woman of the Year Award
2006 NC State NAACP Torch of Freedom Award
2007 Winston-Salem Branch NAACP President’s Award
2008 Urban League Community Leader of the Year Award
2009 Kwanzaa Imani-Faith Award - Triad Cultural Arts Inc.

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- **Dedicated customer service employee with 40+ years of experience** in communications. Received many recognitions for customer satisfaction.
 - **Respected leader in the church and community;** leading and guiding groups and teams towards the achievement of specified goals through team-building, organizing, committed and dedicated service.

Areas of Expertise

- *Teambuilding & Training*
 - *Customer Satisfaction*
 - *Employee Supervision*
 - *Effective Speaking*
 - *Office Administration*
 - *Clerical Support*
 - *Leadership Development*
 - *Organizational Skills*
 - *Human Relations & Ethnic Affairs*
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