DOWN HOME NORTH CAROLINA

James D. Gailliard
North Carolina State Senate District 11

BIOGRAPHY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:



Bio:
Pastor James D. Gailliard is a pastor, father, grandfather, community leader, and former North Carolina state legislator. For more than 25 years, he has served his community through his leadership at Word Tabernacle Church in Rocky Mount and through public service. He made history as the first person of color elected to represent North Carolina House District 25, serving two terms in the General Assembly. His work has focused on education, healthcare, criminal justice reform, and economic opportunity for working families.

Why he's running:
Gailliard is running for the North Carolina Senate because he believes communities deserve more than simply surviving—they deserve the opportunity to thrive. As a pastor, parent, and former legislator, he says he has seen firsthand how Raleigh overlooks and underserved communities. He wants to return to the legislature to finish the work he started, fight for working families, and make sure every community has access to quality education, healthcare, economic opportunity, safe neighborhoods, and affordable housing.

Economic Opportunity:	• Create economic opportunities for working families. • Make sure communities have the resources and infrastructure needed to grow.
Healthcare:	• Expand access to quality, affordable healthcare. • Treat healthcare as a basic right and prioritize family health.
Education:	• Invest in quality public education. • Make sure every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential. • Advance educational equity and inclusion.
Criminal Justice:	• Support criminal justice reform. • Pursue a justice system that is fair and strengthens communities.
Infrastructure:	• Invest in infrastructure that connects communities and supports economic growth.
Food Security:	• Make sure families have reliable access to nutritious food.
Affordable Housing:	• Fight for housing that working families can actually afford.
How He Will Lead:	• **Accessible:** Hold regular town halls across Franklin, Nash, and Vance counties. • **Accountable:** Provide public reports on his legislative votes. • **Active:** Be present in the communities he represents—not just in Raleigh. • **Authentic:** Bring the same values and commitment to public service that he brings to his ministry.