DOWN HOME NORTH CAROLINA

Kristel Swayze
Board of Commissioners

BIOGRAPHY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Bio:
Kristel Swayze is a lifelong Cabarrus County resident, UNC–Chapel Hill graduate, and small business owner. After beginning her career at Blue Cross Blue Shield, she started her own business in 2002 and spent more than two decades building and managing it. She has also been active in local public schools, volunteering with PTOs and working alongside teachers and families. Kristel and her husband, Ken, are raising their two children in Cabarrus County.

Why she's running:
Kristel is running for Cabarrus County Commission because she believes in this place and the people who call it home. She believes Cabarrus County is at its best when neighbors listen to one another, take responsibility for what they share, spend wisely, and make decisions with the long view in mind. She's excited about what this county can be when we treat each other well and build things that last.

People-Centered Government:	• Keep residents, families, teachers, first responders, and county employees at the center of decisions.
Collaboration:	• Bring towns, schools, agencies, and community partners together to solve problems and find practical solutions.
Affordability & Fiscal Responsibility:	• Spend taxpayer dollars wisely, protect essential services, and avoid short-term cuts that create higher costs later.
Smart Growth:	• Plan and coordinate development with infrastructure, schools, and county services so growth does not leave residents paying the bill.
Strong Schools:	• Invest in safe, functional schools and support teachers through competitive supplements and long-term planning.
Public Safety:	• Make sure law enforcement, fire, and EMS have the staffing, resources, and coordination needed to keep up with a growing county.
Mental Health:	• Improve access to mental health services by connecting healthcare providers, nonprofits, schools, and public safety.
Respect for Taxpayers & Employees	• Stretch every dollar while supporting the county employees who keep essential services running.
Accountable Leadership:	• Listen to residents, negotiate for better outcomes, plan ahead, and keep people at the center of government.