



**"Jeanne Bonds was an advocate for the people of Knightdale. She put the Town on the map! Her tireless efforts resulted in a well-planned community, economic growth, diverse housing and a high quality of life. She was instrumental in the Environmental Park and the creation of the Public Safety Department. I expect her to bring the same strength to the NC House and the same results to the people in eastern Wake County."**  
Knightdale Mayor Pro Tem Mike Chalk

***Solution-Oriented.  
Effective Elected Leader.  
Successful and Committed Community Advocate.***

## **Jeanne is**

**A fresh, but experienced local leader who achieves results**

**A former elected official in Knightdale – Council member, Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor**

**An innovator focused on JOB creation and training opportunities for ALL**

**A former State employee who will stand up for teachers and all State employees**

**An advocate for resources for public education to create a flexible workforce for the future**

**Motivated to create a climate where new and existing businesses thrive in North Carolina**

**Fiscally responsible, able to budget for priorities**

**Jeanne will work hard to earn your vote and she will fight for you in the General Assembly. Jeanne has long had a passion to serve the public and has done so in her professional work, charitable work and as an elected leader.**

### **About Jeanne**

*Jeanne Milliken Bonds, a native North Carolinian, has been married to Robert A. Bonds III since 1991. They made Knightdale their home in 1993. Bob and Jeanne are members of White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. Jeanne and Bob are from close families and have been very involved in the lives of their nieces. The family enjoys travel, meeting new people, experiencing new places, and activities with a number of community, civic and charitable causes. Jeanne has had a passion to serve the public her entire life and has done so in her professional endeavors, charitable endeavors and as an elected leader.*

*In 1994, Jeanne was appointed to the Knightdale Town Council from among a field of seven. She was then elected by the residents twice, serving as Mayor Pro Tem for seven years. She also served as the first female Mayor in Knightdale. During her tenure on the Council, she served in numerous capacities including liaison to the Chamber of Commerce. She created an Economic Development Committee for the Town of Knightdale, was an advocate for alternative transportation for the community (Eastans Commuter Rail) and was a champion for the Town's Public Safety Department. She was elected by her peers in local government to the Board of Directors of the NC League of Municipalities. Jeanne served the NC League of Municipalities as a member of the Finance Committee, as a Vice Chairman of a Policy Committee and on the Nominating Committee. Jeanne has been a leader in numerous other civic and community organizations.*

*Jeanne was selected, in a competitive national process, as a Henry Toll Fellow representing North Carolina as an emerging state leader. She was nominated by E.H. "Alec" Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem of Red Springs and President of the NC League of Municipalities; Elaine Marshall, NC Secretary of State; and North Carolina Chief Justice Burley Mitchell, Jr. At the time of her nomination and selection, she was Mayor Pro Tem of Knightdale and Deputy Director of the NC Administrative Office of the Courts.*

*A native of Wilmington, Jeanne attended public schools there and then received a BA in Economics and a Master of Public Administration (concentration in Public Policy) from the University of NC at Chapel Hill. She has had a successful career in government relations, economic development, community relations and public relations since 1985, including work with federal, state and local lawmakers and more than twelve years of experience working in executive positions statewide in North Carolina including Deputy Director of the NC Administrative Office of the Courts where she was also a Special Assistant to the Chief Justice, and the NC Rural Economic Development Center.*

***"I had the honor of being Mayor of Knightdale after Jeanne served as Mayor. She served the community with great passion and made a positive difference in a growing town that can be felt today. I have no doubt she will be a positive force in the NC House and we will reap the benefits."***  
***Former Knightdale Mayor Doug Boyd***

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## Education

Jeanne Bonds is the result of a public education in North Carolina from first grade through graduate school. The diversity she experienced in her public education enriched her life with new experiences and lifelong friends, many of whom are helping her on this campaign.



She entered first grade as segregation ended in New Hanover County Schools. Her hero is her first grade teacher, Mrs. Eva T. Williams, who is one of her supporters! You will often hear Jeanne quote Mrs. Williams, "Every child is different. I have to find a way to reach all of them. It is vital to a child's self-esteem to achieve." Jeanne's Mother-in-law was also a first grade teacher for 27 years.

Jeanne has been in the classroom, reading to students and talking about her experiences as Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor. She taught her niece's (Kasey Milliken) geometry class using examples from city planning thanks to Brynn Hall, the teacher. And, Jeanne mentors children in a range of subjects because she knows that mentoring can change a life by increasing self-esteem and helping a child achieve.

Jeanne will be an outspoken advocate for resources for schools, support for teachers and school employees, and consideration of all State employees at the beginning of the budget process. As a former State employee and advocate for resources for the NC Courts, she understands the budget and appropriations process and will be a committed advocate for resources for our schools.

Jeanne understands that our children are our workforce of tomorrow and she will be an advocate for resources for public education to create that flexible workforce for the future. Salaries, Resources, Safety, Benefits. These are the issues. But educators and children are the faces of education and education is the tool that shapes lives and changes lives.

## JOB Creation and Training for ALL

Jeanne is an innovator focused on new job creation and training opportunities for everyone. Small and mid-size businesses create the majority of jobs and new job growth for the state. Jeanne has experience working with small and mid-size businesses — helping them with technical resources, alternative lending programs (Federal and State), access to grant opportunities with communities, and creating jobs. Jeanne is a motivated policy-maker eager to create a climate where new and existing businesses thrive in North Carolina.

Along with the creation of jobs is training. North Carolina's Community College System, with whom she has worked closely over the years, is an incredible asset in our State. Technological innovation, new manufacturing processes. Our State has tremendous potential to create jobs and expand training opportunities. Entrepreneurship is alive and well. We need to add new tools to match entrepreneurs with our intellectual property to stimulate small and mid-size business development and promote the commercialization of new products. Jeanne is confident our State can be the leader in the economic recovery and set the course for new manufacturing.

In Knightdale, Jeanne was involved at the onset of the Business Expo, which has become an annual event for the Chamber of Commerce. She created, with another former Mayor, the Town's first Economic Development Committee which hosted a forum to encourage new growth in business development. As a professional Jeanne has worked in distressed communities on development initiatives. As an experienced local leader in Knightdale – Council Member, Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor – Jeanne generated results. And, with local elected experience former Mayor Bonds is fiscally responsible and able to budget for priorities.



Jeanne understands that new jobs and job training also lead to the need for new transportation alternatives. As Mayor of Knightdale she promoted EastTrans, a commuter rail line project. It is not enough to create jobs and job training; we must be able to easily connect the workforce with the jobs.

## State Government Employees

Our State Employees are the people you see every day – your child's teacher, the transportation worker in the Work Zone on our highways. But they are also the faces you do not see – the correction officer who ensures public safety, the emergency management teams working in a storm to coordinate efforts to get supplies when you need them.



These individuals are serving the public. We depend on their services. Our State needs to consider these public servants in the budget at the beginning of the process, not the end. What successful business considers its employees last?

As a former State employee and a former Deputy Director at the Courts, Jeanne understands that State employees need a voice, an advocate in the Legislature. Health plans, benefits, pension plan, living wages. These are the issues but behind every issue is the face and a story of an individual caring for their family and taking pride in their work.

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