

Press Release

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Eric Gash Withdraws from NC-11 Congressional Race

Democratic candidate Eric Gash has officially withdrawn from the newly drawn 11th Congressional District race. He will not seek any office this year, citing family health issues. Gash issued the following statement Friday morning:

"Last week, my family experienced a life changing medical crisis. If you've met me, you've likely heard me say that my mom is the strongest person I know. She's always been there through my and Sam's darkest days, and now it's my chance to be strong for her.

I got into this race because I saw an overwhelming absence of leadership. I'm truly grateful for the wisdom, guidance, and encouragement I've received this past year from Democrats and Republicans alike eager for a return to accountable, responsive leadership in Western North Carolina.

It will take unprecedented focus, cooperation, and organizing to reignite the competitive political resolve of a long-gerrymandered, formerly Democratic-leaning district. Still, I have faith that we can do it. The stakes are too high to fail. I look forward to supporting whichever well-qualified Democrat the voters nominate in the primary.

Not many things could have pulled me away from this mission, but family must always come first and a win in this district will require no less than 110%. My family and I will keep fighting, organizing, and showing up wherever and whenever we can to give this district the bright future it deserves."