Kathy Manning

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Kathy Ellen Manning (born December 3, 1956) is an American lawyer and politician from North Carolina. She is the U.S. representative from North Carolina's 6th congressional district. The district is in the heart of the Piedmont Triad and includes Greensboro and most of Winston-Salem. She was the nominee for North Carolina's 13th congressional district in the 2018 election, and ran for and won the neighboring 6th in the 2020 election after court-ordered redistricting.

Kathy Manning	
Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from North Carolina's 6th district	
Incumbent	
Assumed office	January 3, 2021
Preceded by	Mark Walker
Personal details	
Born	December 3, 1956 (age 66) Detroit, Michigan, U.S.
Political party	Democratic
Spouse	Randall Kaplan
Children	3
Education	Harvard University (AB) University of Michigan (JD)
Occupation	Politician · lawyer
Website	House website

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Early life and education [edit]

Manning was born to a Jewish family in Detroit, Michigan, on December 3, 1956.[1][2] Her father worked for the Ford Motor Company for 40 years, and her mother was a public school teacher. Manning attended Harvard University, where she sang a cappella with the Radcliffe Pitches.[3][4] She also attended the University of Michigan Law School, earning a Juris Doctor.[5]

Early career [edit]

After graduating from college, Manning moved to Greensboro, her husband's hometown, in 1987. She was the first woman to serve as board chair of the Jewish Federations of North America,[6] from 2009 to 2012.[7] She also was the founding board chair of Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools in New York.[8]

U.S. House of Representatives [edit]

Elections [edit]

Manning greeting President Joe Biden in April 2022

2018 [edit]

See also: *2018 United States House of Representatives elections in North Carolina § District 13*

In 2018, Manning ran against Republican incumbent Ted Budd for the United States House of Representatives in North Carolina's 13th congressional district.[9] At the time, the district stretched from southwestern Greensboro to the northern exurbs of Charlotte. On paper, the district tilted Republican; Donald Trump had carried the district two years earlier with 53% of the vote. She lost to Budd, 51%–45%.

2020 [edit]

See also: *2020 United States House of Representatives elections in North Carolina § District 6*

After a court-ordered redistricting in 2019, Manning's home in Greensboro was drawn into the neighboring 6th District, represented by three-term Republican Mark Walker. The new 6th included all of Guilford County and swept west to grab the more Democratic areas of neighboring Forsyth County, including almost all of Winston-Salem.[10] The old 6th included eastern Greensboro, as well as much of the eastern Triad and some outer suburbs of the Triangle.

On December 2, 2019, hours before the new map was issued, Manning announced she would run in the 6th.[11] The new district was significantly more compact and Democratic than its predecessor. Had it existed in 2016, Hillary Clinton would have won it with over 59% of the vote[12]—a near-mirror image of Trump's 56% in the old 6th.[13] On paper, the new 6th was one of the most Democratic white-majority districts in the South.

With most observers believing the 6th was a likely Democratic pickup,[14] Walker announced he would not run for a fourth term.[15]

Manning won the Democratic primary, and in the general election, she defeated Republican nominee Lee Haywood with 62% of the vote. Upon her swearing-in on January 3, 2021,[16] she became the first Democrat to represent this district since 1985, and the first white Democrat to represent a Triad-based district since Steve Neal left office in 1995.

Manning has championed healthcare issues throughout her time in office, in part because she faced barriers with insurance coverage after her daughter was diagnosed with a chronic illness.[17]

Tenure [edit]

Committee assignments [edit]

- Committee on Foreign Affairs[18]
  - Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia and Nonproliferation
  - Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa and Global Counterterrorism
- Committee on Education and Labor[19]
  - Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education
  - Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment

Caucus memberships [edit]

- New Democrat Coalition[20]
- Bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities Caucus
- Labor Caucus
- Democratic Women's Working Group
- Black Maternal Health Caucus
- Women's Caucus
- Pro-Choice Caucus
- Equality Caucus[18]

Personal life [edit]

Manning and her husband, Randall Kaplan, have three children.[21]

Electoral history [edit]

North Carolina's 13th congressional district, 2018 Democratic primary results[22]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%
Democratic	**Kathy Manning**	**19,554**	**70.1**
Democratic	Adam Coker	8,324	29.9
	Total votes	**27,878**	**100.0**

North Carolina's 13th congressional district, 2018[23]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%
Republican	**Ted Budd (incumbent)**	**147,570**	**51.5**
Democratic	Kathy Manning	130,402	45.6
Libertarian	Tom Bailey	5,513	1.9
Green	Robert Corriher	2,831	1.0
	Total votes	**286,316**	**100.0**

Republican **hold**

North Carolina's 6th congressional district, 2020 Democratic primary results[24]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%
Democratic	**Kathy Manning**	**56,986**	**48.3**
Democratic	Rhonda Foxx	23,506	19.9
Democratic	Bruce Davis	17,731	15.0
Democratic	Derwin Montgomery	14,705	12.5
Democratic	Ed Hanes	5,067	4.3
	Total votes	**117,995**	**100.0**

North Carolina's 6th congressional district, 2020[25]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%
Democratic	**Kathy Manning**	**253,531**	**62.3**
Republican	Lee Haywood	153,598	37.7
	Total votes	**407,129**	**100.0**

Democratic **gain** from Republican

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External links [edit]

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- Campaign website
- Biography at the *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*
- Financial information (federal office) at the Federal Election Commission
- Legislation sponsored at the Library of Congress
- Profile at Vote Smart
- Appearances on C-SPAN

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U.S. order of precedence (ceremonial)		
Preceded by **Tracey Mann**	**United States representatives by seniority** 329th	Succeeded by **Lisa McClain**

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