



### **Lisa Price**

Lisa Price grew up near Alexandria, Virginia and moved to Chapel Hill in 1973. Her parents were strong New Deal Democrats dedicated to social justice issues. Her mother emphasized that because of suffering from centuries of persecution, Jews should empathize with other minority groups. As a teenager Lisa attended interracial meetings, which were then illegal in Virginia, at the home of the Quakers next door.

At Goucher College, Lisa was active in the civil rights movement, attending Baltimore sit-ins and leading a boycott of segregated restaurants. After college she graduated from Boston University School of Social Work. Her first job was at a brand-new War on Poverty federal program called the Work and Training Opportunity Center. This inter-racial center got families off welfare and gave them job training

and placement with supportive medical, educational and social services. A good friend there introduced her to David Price!

Lisa moved to New Haven, where David was getting his PhD in political science, and worked in the Young Mothers Program at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Married in 1968, they lived in one of the Yale colleges as faculty residents for several years -- and had highly educated babysitters for their two children! Lisa was elected a New Haven alderwoman but had to resign when David took a job at Duke in political science and public policy.

In Chapel Hill Lisa stayed home with her children and became precinct chair in the Orange Co. Democratic Party. When the kids were both in school, she shared a job at Inter-Faith Council supervising volunteers. When David ran for Congress she became a fulltime campaign volunteer and he was elected in 1986. Lisa then worked for two years as assistant to Mayor Jonathan Howes and later four years for Mayor Ken Broun. She supported their excellent relations with the Town staff and Council members, worked for a bond issue to enlarge the Public Library, which sadly lost, and helped to balance development with citizen and environmental concerns.

In 1993 Lisa learned that a mild gun control bill had been introduced in the NC General Assembly but had gotten nowhere. Although everyone she knew was distressed by gun violence, it was clear that the gun lobby was organized but the anti-gun violence people were not. She and two friends discussed starting a statewide organization. After a young woman jogger was murdered by a teenager with a handgun on Estes Drive, they formed North Carolinians Against Gun Violence. Lisa led the origination for 17 years and NCGV remains one of the few southern gun violence prevention groups active statewide and nationally.

Lisa's volunteer activities have included the Chapel Hill Public Library board of directors, WUNC Radio and UNC School of Social Work advisory boards, NC Council of the Humane Society of the US, EENP--a local service dog organization, Kidzu Children's Museum board of directors, international visitors, and AAUW-CH program committee.

Lisa and David have traveled around the world with other Congressional families, working to strengthen democracies in emerging nations and attending Aspen Institute Congressional Program conferences on national and international issues. Their children live in Los Angeles and London and they have two grandchildren in London, Charlie, aged 10, and Maggie, aged 7.