

Wayne County Board of Elections

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Francis X. De Luca
Chairman, North Carolina State Board of Elections
430 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Chairman De Luca:

I am writing on behalf of the Wayne County Board of Elections regarding the Early Voting Schedule/Plan for the March 3, 2026, Primary Election. A majority of our Board has approved a schedule identical to that used successfully during the 2022 primary elections. Notably, the current GOP majority supported the plan originally crafted by the Democratic majority in 2022, without modification.

Despite this bipartisan continuity, the minority party is now seeking to mandate costly, ineffective, and burdensome Sunday voting for the upcoming primary. This proposal is opposed by both the Board majority and the broader Wayne County community.

Wayne County, like many counties across North Carolina, faces significant challenges in recruiting and retaining election day workers, particularly as our workforce ages and diminishes. Securing staff for Sunday voting is especially difficult, as Sunday is traditionally reserved for prayer, worship, and family in our community. Introducing Sunday voting for the primaries would impose an unnecessary burden on taxpayers and our already overextended staff.

I respectfully urge the North Carolina State Board of Elections to uphold the majority-approved plan. Furthermore, I recommend that the NCSBE and/or the Office of the State Auditor conduct a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of Sunday voting during both primary and general elections. Such a study would help determine whether continuing Sunday voting during early voting periods represents the most efficient use of taxpayer resources and human capital.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Jackson
Chair, Wayne County Board of Elections