

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CREATION OF A NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC
BANK: THE TAXPAYERS BANK**

WHEREAS, The State of North Carolina is expected to spend between \$700,000,000 and \$1,800,000,000 in interest alone to finance its \$2,000,000,000 bond of 2016; and

WHEREAS, If North Carolina had its own public bank, it could save \$370,000,000 in interest, and such savings could be used to meet the needs of citizens in our state , such as school class size reduction, stronger environmental protection, or opioid countermeasures; and

WHEREAS, The State of North Carolina could also save significant amounts on bank fees and management expenses if a public bank managed state funds; and

WHEREAS, The public bank could provide loans to local governments at lower interest rates, allowing them to save hundreds of millions of dollars in financing infrastructure projects (schools, roads); and

WHEREAS, The public bank could provide North Carolina students with lower interest loans to pay for higher education, reduce family debt, and making communities financially stronger; and

WHEREAS, The public bank would partner with, not compete with, small, local banks; and

WHEREAS, The public bank could reduce the risks of the global private banking system which collapsed recently and required taxpayer bailouts; and

WHEREAS, The State of North Carolina has over \$112,000,000,000 in usable resources, a portion of which could be used to start the public bank; and

WHEREAS, The mission of a public bank would be to serve the public interest in that hard-earned taxpayer dollars remain at home for investment in taxpayer needs; and

WHEREAS, Just such a public bank, the Bank of North Dakota, has been operating successfully for almost 100 years, and there is a bipartisan movement in other states to establish their own public banks; now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the North Carolina General Assembly will enact legislation to establish a public bank that will serve the interest of the taxpayers of the State of North Carolina; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such bank be named the "North Carolina Taxpayers Bank."

Approved by Precincts M03, W12, W16, W26, W30, February, 2018

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT POSTAL BANKING

WHEREAS, Approximately 16 million adult Americans are “unbanked”; that is, nobody in their household has a checking account; and

WHEREAS, Some 50 million adults have a checking account, but also rely on a fringe banking sector to meet their financial needs; and

WHEREAS, About ½ of all minority households currently lack adequate banking services; and

WHEREAS, The reasons for being unbanked are a combination of not having enough money to meet minimum balance requirements, high fees, and lack of easy access to banking facilities; and

WHEREAS, These adults are therefore forced to rely on check cashers, payday lenders, auto title lenders, pawn shops, etc. to provide some portion of their banking services with the result that each year, over \$100 billion is stripped from them; and

WHEREAS, The predatory practices of payday lenders, check cashers, auto title loan providers and rent-to-own stores are largely unregulated; and

WHEREAS, Individuals without access to checking accounts must spend an inordinate amount of time paying bills in person; and

WHEREAS, Of the 31,000 US post offices, almost 40% are in zip codes that have no bank branches; and

WHEREAS, The USPS offered postal savings accounts from 1911 until 1967; and

WHEREAS, Non-profit postal banking could help struggling families – and the USPS – achieve financial stability; now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the NC Democratic Party supports the expansion of the United States Postal Service to offer payment and banking services to include consumer-driven checking, debit, and savings accounts; and to provide individuals access small loans so they can build a positive credit history.

Approved by Precincts M03, W12, W26, W30, February 2018

**RESOLUTION TO REPEAL SALES TAXES ON LABOR PROVIDED BY REPAIR,
MAINTENANCE AND INSTALLATION SERVICE INDIVIDUALS**

WHEREAS, Prior to March 1, 2016, there was no North Carolina sales tax on the hard-earned wages of those individuals who toil in some of the dirtiest, worst paying, and most hazardous service jobs in the state; and

WHEREAS, Were it not for the repair, maintenance, and installation (RMI) services provided by the labors of these individuals, automobiles would not operate safely, toilets would be clogged, and heating and air conditioning units would not be fixed, as examples; and

WHEREAS, In 2015 the NC General Assembly adopted General Statute §105-164 imposed a sales tax on some RMI services, but not others, and subsequently expanded the coverage to additional providers; and

WHEREAS, The sales taxes on RMI labor create a disproportionate burden on lower and middle-income persons; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That §105-164 be repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That no sales taxes on the labor of any repair, maintenance, or service provider of any kind be hereafter imposed.

Approved by Precincts M03, W16, W26, W30

RESOLUTION TO REFORM JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, The platform of the North Carolina Democratic Party states, “We support a non-partisan judicial selection process that focuses on experience and qualifications, and enables qualified candidates for judicial positions to compete in a manner consistent with the Canons of Judicial Conduct; and

WHEREAS, Judges should be fair, independent and removed from political pressure; and

WHEREAS, In December 2016, Governor McCrory signed a bill making election of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals judges partisan for the first time since 2004, starting with the 2018 election cycle; and

WHEREAS, In March 2017, the North Carolina legislature, over Governor Cooper’s veto, re-instituted partisan elections for Superior and District Court judges; and

WHEREAS, Elections for Superior Court judges were nonpartisan from 1998 to 2016, and elections for District Court judges were nonpartisan from 2002 to 2016; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party supports a return to a non-partisan affiliation status on the ballot for all judicial elections: Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Superior Court and District Court.

Approved by Precincts M03, W12, W16, W26, W30, W31, February 2018

RESOLUTION TO REPEAL HB142 AND ENACT STATE PROTECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY

WHEREAS, On the 30th March of 2017 the N.C. General Assembly passed HB142, purported to be a full repeal of Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act, commonly called HB2; and

WHEREAS, HB142 continues to allow discrimination against transgender individuals; and

WHEREAS, This act disallows local governments from setting their own non-discrimination ordinances, and school systems from enacting policies and procedures to protect transgender children and other marginalized groups until December 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA individuals suffer discrimination in housing, employment, healthcare and other vital services at rates higher than many other marginalized groups; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA individuals of color suffer discrimination at even higher rates; and

WHEREAS, Nondiscrimination ordinances protecting all marginalized citizens are needed at every level of government; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Hanover County Democratic Party calls for the repeal of HB142 and the enacting of full protection of all citizens regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, in employment, housing, healthcare, and public accommodations.

Approved by Precincts M03, W12, W16, W26, W30, W31, February 2018

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PROHIBITION OF THE PRACTICE KNOWN AS
“ROLLING COAL” WITHIN 20 FEET OF PEDESTRIANS, WITH INCREASED
PENALTIES FOR REPEATED VIOLATIONS BY AN INDIVIDUAL ON A SINGLE DAY**

WHEREAS, The practice of modifying a diesel vehicle’s exhaust system in order to make it release black smoke, commonly referred to as “Rolling Coal,” is in violation of Federal EPA statutes; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association has linked exposure to diesel exhaust to lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, The practice of Rolling Coal is being used as a means to intimidate peaceful protesters and marginalized populations; and

WHEREAS, This practice is increasing in the current political climate; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Hanover County Democratic Party calls upon the state legislature to enact a law to prohibit the practice known as rolling coal within twenty (20) feet of pedestrians, with increased penalties for repeated incidences by an individual within a 24-hour period.

Approved by Precincts M03, W12, W16, W26, W30, W31, February 2018

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE
CONSTITUTION SETTING FORTH TRANSPARENT, NONPARTISAN STANDARDS
FOR DRAWING ELECTION MAPS**

WHEREAS, North Carolina has a long history of partisan gerrymandering of voting districts by both Democrats and Republicans a practice that is unlikely to be ended by the party in power, regardless of which party that is; and

WHEREAS, Even if it is ended by the state legislature, the practice is likely to be resumed when power is passed to the competing party; and

WHEREAS, Gerrymandered districts not only disempower voters, but also lead to voter malaise and distrust in the election process; and

WHEREAS, Non-competitive districts force candidates to play to their base, leading to more extreme stances on the issues, and the resulting extreme legislation is not in the best interest of the citizens of North Carolina and often is struck down in the courts; and

WHEREAS, Competitive districts foster cooperation between the parties in legislative bodies, resulting in better legislation; and

WHEREAS, Limiting the type of data used to draw the maps can eliminate the ability to gerrymander districts; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Hanover County Democratic Party calls for a state constitutional amendment requiring that all voting maps be drawn by a nonpartisan committee, whose meetings and communications shall all be publicly accessible, and who will be given only the number of registered voters in each area, with no data concerning race, party, age, or voting frequency of those voters.

Approved by Precincts M03, W12, W26, W30, W31, February, 2018

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REGULATION OF CAFOS

WHEREAS, Clean water and clean air are essential to the personal health of the citizens of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The Cape Fear is North Carolina's largest river basin and nearly one third of the state's population lives within the watershed. The Cape Fear Estuary – a 35-mile section of the river between Wilmington and the Atlantic Ocean, part of which forms a section of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, features saline waters critical to habitats and breeding grounds for many animals, including fish, crabs, and shrimp; and

WHEREAS, There are more Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in the Cape Fear River Basin than any other place on Earth; there are over 5 million hogs, over 16 million turkeys, and 300 million chickens produced annually in the Cape Fear Basin; and

WHEREAS, Pigs in NC produce nearly 10 billion gallons of waste per year (NC chickens and turkeys produce another 2 tons), leaving thousands of rural residents susceptible to air and water quality contamination; and

WHEREAS, People who live near sprayfields report respiratory issues and an inability to use their yards and homes; CAFOs harbor many bacteria harmful to humans, and people who work in CAFOs, and their children, have more multiple-drug-resistant bacteria in their nostrils; and

WHEREAS, In 2015 the U.S. Geological Survey and NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources published a wide-ranging study showing elevated levels of both nitrates and ammonia in waterways near hog CAFOs in eastern NC; researchers behind the three-year USGS/DENR study found that "animal feeding operations have measurable effects on stream water quality in many agricultural watersheds in the North Carolina Coastal Plain," with nearly 60 percent of the watersheds where CAFOs are located having "distinct differences in water quality reflecting swine and/or poultry manure effects;" nitrates at high levels in waterways can kill off fish, and when ingested through contaminated drinking water can cause the potentially fatal "blue baby syndrome" in infants, among other illnesses in humans; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the requirement that all CAFOs be required to obtain a Clean Water Act permit and not be allowed to operate under a state general permit that assumes that all pollution is contained on site.

Approved by Precincts M03, W12, W16, W26, W30, W31, February, 2018

**RESOLUTION TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE AND
ABOLISH THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, The President of the United States represents all of its citizens regardless of which state they live in; and

WHEREAS, Each citizen's vote for President should count equally and not vary in worth depending on the state where they reside; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the President of the United States shall be elected by direct popular vote and that the Electoral College shall be abolished.

Approved by Precincts M03, W12, W16, W26, W30, W31, February, 2018

RESOLUTION TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER IN THE CAPE FEAR REGION

WHEREAS, The platform of the North Carolina Democratic Party states, “We believe that any firm or organization - public or private -, which uses or produces hazardous products must be held accountable for their safe and proper use and disposal. We support strengthening laws against irresponsible dumping of toxic chemicals and wastes, and aggressive prosecution of those who violate these laws”; and

WHEREAS, After-the-fact penalties are not adequate: monitoring for compliance with scientifically established standards, as well as vigorous and effective enforcement of such regulations and the provisions of existing permits require independent governmental oversight; and

WHEREAS, The ongoing crisis of GenX (and other chemical byproducts) dumped into the Cape Fear River has exposed a serious gap in the resources available to the relevant State of North Carolina agencies – the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Health and Human Services – for example, a reduction by 70 DEQ water quality positions; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the North Carolina state government should significantly strengthen DEQ’s ability to protect public health with respect to drinking water purity and safety by: 1) repealing the state law that prohibits DEQ and other state environmental agencies from adopting water quality protections more stringent than minimum federal requirements; 2) repealing the state law that prohibits DEQ from regulating airborne chemicals that contaminate rivers and other waters; 3) requiring all applicants for water pollution permits to fully disclose all pollutants in their wastewater discharge; 4) enacting legislation requiring that all discharges of pollutants be below state-adopted standards designed to protect public health, and prohibiting discharges for substances for which no such standard exists; and 5) amending existing law to require the immediate suspension of a permit if the permit holder is found to be discharging an unauthorized pollutant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all components of the North Carolina Democratic Party commit to ending the majorities in the North Carolina General Assembly, who have denied sufficient funding to provide for the protection of the health and safety of our drinking water resources.

Approved by Precincts M03, W12, W16, W26, W30, W31, February 2018

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FULLY FUND
MANDATED CLASS-SIZE REDUCTIONS**

WHEREAS, The North Carolina General Assembly has mandated that the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) reduce class sizes in grades K-3; and

WHEREAS, Research has clearly demonstrated that smaller classes (19 students or less) in the early grades (K-3) can boost student academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Minority and low-income students show even greater gains when placed in small classes in the primary grades; and

WHEREAS, Reducing class size will have little effect without enough classrooms and well-qualified teachers; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has not, as of yet, provided additional funds to implement this important mandate; and

WHEREAS, Without additional funding, LEAs will be forced to cut art, music, PE and other parts of the curriculum for elementary schools and to increase class size at the upper elementary grades; now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the General Assembly fully fund the additional staff positions necessary to implement the class size reductions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly budget additional funds to raise teacher pay to recruit more highly qualified teachers and provide additional classrooms, where needed.

Approved by Precincts M03, W12, W16, W26, W30, W31, February, 2018

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO SUPPORT
EDUCATIONAL EQUITY IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party supports the right of ALL children in New Hanover County to have equal access to the highest quality education; and,

WHEREAS, A recent report from the UNC Center for Civil Rights concludes that current Board of Education policy in New Hanover County has re-segregated the district's schools and hurt student achievement at majority-minority schools, and

WHEREAS, The New Hanover County schools are currently undergoing redistricting; and

WHEREAS, Scholarly research has consistently demonstrated that economic and racial diversity in schools benefits all students and the entire school district and community; now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of New Hanover County prevails upon the NHC Board of Education to make every effort to insure economic and racial diversity in all county schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of New Hanover County will vigorously oppose any redistricting proposals that will maintain segregated schools in our county.

Approved by Precincts M03, W12, W26, W30, February, 2018

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO OPPOSE OFFSHORE
DRILLING AND EXPLORATION OFF THE COAST OF NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, The United States Government has proposed to open the Atlantic coastal region to oil exploration and drilling; and

WHEREAS, Oil exploration and drilling would harm the coastal and marine environmental ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Oil drilling and its infrastructure would cause harm to the economy of the coastal regions of North Carolina; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of New Hanover County and of The State of North Carolina oppose this activity for North Carolina; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of New Hanover County and of the State of North Carolina support the efforts of Governor Roy Cooper in opposing this activity.

Approved by Precinct WB, February, 2018

RESOLUTION URGING ADOPTION OF AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, A viable democracy requires the participation of the highest possible number of eligible voters; and

WHEREAS, The current method of voter registration puts the burden on the individual to seek out and find the proper avenue by which to indicate his/her willingness to participate in the democratic process, something that may impede full participation in our democratic institutions; and

WHEREAS, The state of North Carolina, as part of its Department of Licensing, already has age-related data on most individuals residing in the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina (along with 38 other states) already has enacted and implemented legislation linking driver's licenses and registration for another purpose: registration for the draft with the Selective Service; and

WHEREAS, States such as Oregon, California, Vermont, and West Virginia already have proven that automatic voter registration works; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Hanover County Democrats urge our statewide Democratic legislators to support legislation that would automatically register people to vote who

1. Are not on the voter rolls but already have or apply for an enhanced driver's license or commercial driver's licenses;
2. Receive social services that verify citizenship;
3. Get health insurance through the state health exchange; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the measure be retroactive so that unregistered voters who already have the specialized driver licenses or benefits would have their information sent to the Secretary of State's Office, which would notify them that they can opt out. If the potential voter doesn't respond, he or she will be automatically registered within 60 days; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the New Hanover County Democrats forward this resolution to the North Carolina State Democratic Party for consideration at the next state central committee meeting, with copies sent to the Governor and Secretary of State of North Carolina and our North Carolina state legislators.

Approved by Precinct H04, February, 2018

RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE A SAFER NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH EFFECTIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITIONS CONTROL POLICIES

WHEREAS, Voters in North Carolina strongly support expanding background checks to keep guns from criminals, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people, including 91 percent of Republicans and 95 percent of Democrats, based on a February 2013 Elon University poll; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Department of Justice has declared North Carolina a *permissive* state for firearms owners, there being few restrictions on the open carrying of firearms, and no state-imposed restrictions on assault weapons, magazine capacity, or caliber restrictions, as well as having concealed carry reciprocity with all other states; and

WHEREAS, From 2002 to 2011, 11,163 people were killed with guns in North Carolina, which is more than all U.S. combat deaths in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and somebody is killed with a gun in North Carolina every eight hours: in 2011 alone, there were 1,154 gun deaths in the state, and firearms accounted for the murders of 745 women in North Carolina from 2002 to 2011 in cases of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Injuries and death from firearms are preventable; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has some laws regulating access to guns, North Carolina state law has loopholes that can let some abusers have easy access to guns: a background check before the purchase does not apply to purchasers of rifles or shotguns, including those sold at gun shows or over the Internet, does not automatically bar a domestic violence misdemeanor from possessing a firearm, and does not generally bar misdemeanor stalkers from possessing a firearm; and

WHEREAS, We must move to protect, improve upon, and expand existing gun control laws in the state of North Carolina to prevent injuries and save lives; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party supports efforts to create a comprehensive approach to firearms access and strong sanctions for violators of gun regulation laws, including expanding comprehensive background checks, requiring law enforcement to remove all firearms from the possession, ownership or control of those deemed at risk for firearms violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in furtherance of these objectives, the United States Congress should pass legislation that 1) re-establishes the 1994-2004 federal ban on the manufacture, transfer or possession of semiautomatic assault weapons; 2) closes the loophole in the existing system of background checks for gun purchasers by expanding such checks to include gun shows and Internet sales; and 3) directs, and provides funding for, CDC to conduct a comprehensive study on gun violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party will transmit this resolution to the North Carolina Democratic Party, Democrats in the North Carolina Congressional delegation, and to all Democratic members of the North Carolina legislature.

Submitted by Precinct H04, and approved as amended by the NHCDP, March, 2018

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CREATION OF CITY COUNCIL AND COUNTY
COMMISSION DISTRICT REPRESENTATION IN WILMINGTON AND NEW
HANOVER COUNTY, NC, RESPECTIVELY**

WHEREAS, Degradation, poverty and despair are evident in underrepresented neighborhoods throughout the city, which is in contrast to majority affluent voting neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Voting precinct W15 is only one example of an underrepresented neighborhood, with urban blight, degradation, and despair; and

WHEREAS, Independence Boulevard extension to Martin Luther King, Jr. freeway will displace over 50 homeowners, renters and landlords, and nearly 10 small businesses; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Department of Transportation proposes to build the Independence Boulevard Extension as an elevated divided freeway through precinct W15, creating urban blight; and

WHEREAS, The Independence Boulevard Extension will divide families on both side of the newly created freeway; and

WHEREAS, The city of Wilmington underfunds its own Community Development & Housing Division, Community Services Department -- which would provide assistance to low and moderate income residents with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds for home mortgages, through the Community Development Block Grant entitlement community, since 1975; and

WHEREAS, Land owned by Wilmington Housing Authority was sold to Wilmington Police Department instead of developing housing for low and moderate income residents; and

WHEREAS, Property tax values have dropped over the last three to five years in the proposed Independence Boulevard extension corridor, including adjacent properties; and

WHEREAS, A mortgage free home's value is less than half fair market value of homes in adjacent precincts throughout Wilmington, NC; and

WHEREAS, Within one-half mile of precinct W15 there are two U.S. Government Housing Projects, three section-8 apartment complexes, and three NC group homes; and

WHEREAS, One group home, address 10 Henry Street, is a complex, of 10 houses for recovering drug addicts with a minimum of four occupants each; and

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WHEREAS, Cypress Cove Apartments is currently under construction adjacent to the Government Housing Project known as Creekwood South with only one egress for both complexes; and

WHEREAS, A second egress to Creekwood South is one-quarter mile from the primary egress; and

WHEREAS, A third egress to Creekwood North, which is a community of homeowners, on Kornegay Avenue is scheduled to close, which will require a two-mile journey to continue in the current direction; and

WHEREAS, The newly-constructed Cypress Cove Apartments will cause flooding during heavy rains as it is being built in a flood zone; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington city's Wave Transit Bus service removed three routes from Creekwood and precinct W15 neighborhood five years ago, requiring residents to walk one mile to the once hourly bus stop, which has no shelter; and

WHEREAS, Without adequate transit service, residents cannot access grocery stores, work, community college, or the University of North Carolina Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, The Wilmington Police Department is building an industrial police and fire training facility with an indoor shooting gallery in the middle of a residential neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The purchase of the 48 acres, by the Wilmington Police Department, for nearly \$1 million dollars reduces the remaining property values to just above \$20,000 an acre, or just above \$2,000 for one-eighth of an acre; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army will build in accordance with city zoning code Office and Institutional District 1 a complex, complete with a 100 bed homeless shelter and community center, adjacent to residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, CSX Freight Rail is scheduled to close off auto and pedestrian traffic crossing at Clay Street, creating a dead-end for traffic that enters Clay Street from Princess Place Drive, and a redirected traffic pattern for traffic that enters Clay Street from Market Street; and

WHEREAS, The CSX Freight Rail crossing closure at Clay Street will cause an increase in drug sales and prostitution; and

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HANOVER COUNTY, NC, RESPECTIVELY**

WHEREAS, Due to high population there is a public safety concern with a lack of sidewalks throughout precinct W15, which causes pedestrians to walk in the street as they traverse the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington is the only one of the 10 largest cities that does not have district representation for City Council and County Commissioners; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the North Carolina General Assembly will enact legislation to establish voting districts for district representation for both Wilmington City Council and New Hanover County Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage of this legislation by the NC General Assembly nine Wilmington City Council Districts and nine New Hanover County Commissioners Districts be drawn, forthwith; and that elections for Council Members and Commissioners be held in accordance with North Carolina and New Hanover County Board of Elections rules, without haste; whereas each candidate, and elected representative of specified City Council District and County Commissioner District lives within the boundaries of said district.

Approved by Precinct W15, February, 2018

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CREATION OF NEW HANOVER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, New Hanover County Schools are integrated in name only, due to neighborhood school districting, separating students by race, color and creed; and

WHEREAS, New Hanover County Schools continue to separate elementary schools based on economic, social, and cultural biases; and

WHEREAS, New Hanover County Schools with affluent White students attending elementary schools with “A+” School Performance Grade; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Codington Elementary School, has a 2016-2017 school performance Grade of “A+,” with School Month 2 Ethnic/Gender Membership End Date 10/23/2017 435 White, 35 Black, and 49 Hispanic; and

WHEREAS, Ogden Elementary School, has a 2016-2017 school performance Grade of “A+,” with School Month 2 Ethnic/Gender Membership End Date 10/23/2017 618 White, 9 Black, and 30 Hispanic ; and

WHEREAS, Parsley Elementary School, has a 2016-2017 school performance Grade of “A+,” with School Month 2 Ethnic/Gender Membership End Date 10/23/2017 594 White, 9 Black, and 51 Hispanic; and

WHEREAS, Wrightsville Beach Elementary School has a 2016-2017 school performance Grade of “A,” with School Month 2 Ethnic/Gender Membership End Date 10/23/2017 292 White, 3 Black, and 35 Hispanic; and

WHEREAS, New Hanover County Schools with underprivileged Black and Hispanic students attending elementary schools with an “F” School Performance Grade; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Freeman Elementary School has a 2016-2017 school performance Grade of “F,” with School Month 2 Ethnic/Gender Membership End Date 10/23/2017 14 White, 221 Black, and 18 Hispanic; and

WHEREAS, Snipes Academy of Arts and Design Elementary School has a 2016-2017 school performance Grade of “F,” with School Month 2 Ethnic/Gender Membership End Date 10/23/2017 29 White, 315 Black, and 29 Hispanic; and

WHEREAS, D.C. Virgo has a 2016-2017 school performance Grade of “F,” with School Month 2 Ethnic/Gender Membership End Date 10/23/2017 10 White, 129 Black, and 9 Hispanic; and

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WHEREAS, There are an additional nine grade schools that have a disparate population that have a 2016-2017 school performance Grade of "D;" they are Wrightsboro, Sunset Park, Wilmington Preparatory, G.L.O.W. Academy, Alderman, Williston, Forest Hills, Douglas Academy, and Gregory Elementary; and

WHEREAS, New Hanover County Schools' Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2017-2018, prepared by the Chief Financial Officer, and Budget Analyst, funds \$9,200 per pupil per month; and

WHEREAS, Charter schools such as G.L.O.W and Wilmington Preparatory receive approximately \$9,200/student per month from the New Hanover County School system; and

WHEREAS, Monies taken from the already disadvantaged schools will now be deposited in the accounts of For-Profit Charter Schools; and

WHEREAS, Monies taken from disadvantaged schools will impose a deficit in said schools, due to continued expenses such as debt, transportation, salaries, maintenance, special education services, and other operating funds; now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That New Hanover School Board Members will enact changes to rules that will institute integration based on county-wide population in all schools within the Board's jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That NC Legislature shall reinsure the disenfranchised population of just representation by requiring there be nine New Hanover County School Board Members that are elected by Districts; whereas each candidate and elected representative of specified School Board District lives within the boundaries of said district.

Approved by Precinct W15, February, 2018

RESOLUTION TO REPEAL HB1083

WHEREAS, In June 2016 the state of North Carolina amended the charter for the city of Wilmington, NC, by passing HB1083 which has taken the power from the registered voters; prior to HB 1083 if the Mayor and City Council refused a request by the registered voters a petition of 25% of the registered voters that voted in the last election can be placed on the ballot for the citizens to decide, but passing of HB 1083 makes it 25% of all registered voters whether they vote or not in the last election, which increased the required petition from average 3000 to over 25,000 signatures; and

WHEREAS, Once the petition meets requirements, the issue would be placed on the ballot for the registered voters to vote on, a denial of democracy when it took 8,994 (84.588 %) votes each to elect Mayor in the last election and 4,934 or less to elect City Council. (Each voters gets to vote for Mayor and three city councilman); and

WHEREAS, Supporters of HB 1083 (mainly public officials) mislead voters by stating the average of 3000 signatures are easy to obtain which has no merit when you compare it to San Francisco, CA which requires 9385 and Eugene OR 7,646; therefore Wilmington, NC whose population is a fraction of these cities requires over 25,000 voters has no merit and proves that the average signatures of 3000 is not easy to obtain; again the voters to take the time to go to the polls will make the final decision if place on the ballot not the petition; and

WHEREAS, 25,000 hand written signatures or electronic are virtually impossible, denying the citizens, the right to choose; the petition must consist of registered voters in the city limits; each signature must be verified with the NC Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, HB 1083 gives all the power to the Mayor and City Council, legally making it is their way, no way or the highway; it is confusing why this bill was passed when the Mayor and City Council are majority democrats and HB 1083 denies our democracy; and

WHEREAS, HB 1083 will cost the tax payers more money for the NC Board of Elections to verify 25,000 handwritten signatures as opposed to average of 3,000; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That HB 1083 should be repealed because it takes the power away from the registered voters; once HB 1083 is repealed the charter for city of Wilmington should require 25% of voters that voted at the last municipal election and not 25% of all registered voters who the majority did not take the time to vote; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passing of this resolution to Repeal HB 1083 that it would be forwarded to Mayor and City Council to reinstate democracy to the citizens of Wilmington, NC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon the passage of this resolution at the North Carolina Democratic Party Convention it will be forwarded to the NC General Assembly to repeal HB 1083.

Adopted by Precinct CF05, February, 2018

RESOLUTION DENOUNCING TRUMP'S S...HOLE COMMENTS

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2018, President Trump called for less immigrants from majority black populated areas like Africa and Haiti and more immigrants from majority white populated areas at a meeting with law makers, stating, "Why are we having all these people from shithole countries come here?"; and

WHEREAS, racism is the major cause of depression, anxiety and stress among African Americans; racism has imposed massacres, suppression, institutionalized racist systems, slavery, generational poverty and oppression; racism is immoral with no regards for humanity; and

WHEREAS, it is despicable that President Trump would make these comments close to the birthday celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who gave his life to change this institutionalized racist system; and

WHEREAS, Africa is the birthplace of humanity, math, science and has had as many as eight women presidents where the United States has had none; and

WHEREAS, Colonization is the cause of undeveloped countries in Africa and Haiti; Africa is enormously bountiful, with mineral deposits that make it one of the richest natural-resource-laden places on Earth; in spite of the evils of colonization Africa has many developing countries; and

WHEREAS, The descendants, family, immigrants of these countries have made major contributions. A few of the inventions are pacemaker, dryer, elevator, stop light, blood bank, security system, and touchtone phone; these descendants of Africa and Haiti have served in our military and given their lives for the freedom of this country.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Hanover County Democratic Party denounce President Trump's racist statement in regards to Haiti and Africa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon the passage of this resolution at the North Carolina Democratic Party Convention it will be forwarded to the NC General Assembly to publicly denounce Trump's racist statement; to promote laws to change this institutionalized racism system and to end misconception and myths of these rich countries through factual information in our educational, social and political system.

Approved by Precinct CF05, February, 2018