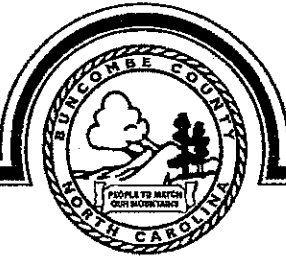


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September 10, 2009

Dear Candidates and Media Representatives:

The Election Services staff has confirmed the schedule of important events. Our duty to provide an open, transparent, and controlled environment is a duty that we take seriously. Please pay special attention to all of the information contained in this letter and keep this packet handy for reference as the election season progresses. The following definitions will assist in the understanding of requirements.

Electioneering: Loitering, congregating, distributing campaign material, or otherwise campaigning or being present. Electioneering within the voting place, or within 50 feet in any direction of the entrance(s) to the building in which the voting place is located is prohibited. The term "buffer" is used to describe this area. Distance exceptions are made for safety reasons where necessary and will be posted at the Elections Office 30 days before the election.

Voting Place: This is the marked area that is not more than 100 feet from the voting machines or ballot boxes. If the voting place is a room or building with an area greater than 100 feet, it will be marked off by rope or some other practical means.

Voting Enclosure: This is the area inside the voting place. Located inside the voting enclosure are the precinct officials, tables, voting equipment, voting booths, registration books, poll book, help station and spaces for qualified observers. In the event of a small voting place, the voting enclosure may also serve as the voting place.

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

- Same Day Registration will be a part of the one-stop voting process. Please see www.buncombecounty.org/vote for details.
- The 50-foot buffer electioneering prohibition applies to the one-stop voting process as well as the Election Day process.
- Enclosed you will find a schedule of meeting dates. We hope that you will be able to attend one or more of these preparatory events.

ON ELECTION DAY:

- The public may be present during poll opening/closing at the Precinct voting places, but may not interfere with their progress.
- No person or group of persons may be present within the voting place, voting enclosure, or within the 50 foot buffer area in any direction from the entrance(s) to the building in which the voting place is located, unless voting, except law enforcement officers, media representatives, Election Officials, and persons assisting another voter in voting after that person seeking assistance has verbally (in the presence of an Election Official) requested assistance from the assisting person. The 50 foot buffer prohibition applies to candidates, party officials, and party precinct officials, just as it applies to other members of the public. Distance exceptions (to the 50 foot buffer area) are made for safety reasons where necessary and will be posted at the Elections Office 30 days before the election. If you have questions or concerns, please call Trena Parker at 250-4207.

- **MEDIA RULES FOR POLLING PLACES**

Members of the media have a First Amendment right to report on matters of public interest, including elections.

Members of the media must identify themselves to the Chief Judge.

Members of the media must conduct media polls and interviews outside the 50 foot buffer area, excluding posted exceptions described above.

Precinct officials may provide the number of persons who have voted to the media. Precinct officials may not leave the voting place to provide this information.

Members of the media may take a panoramic photograph or video of the voting place, but are not permitted to use a zoom lens or device that could show the individual voter in the process of voting.

Members of the media should be positioned so that they will not interfere, obstruct, or disrupt the voting process. They are not allowed inside the voting enclosure unless they are there to vote or present themselves as a provisional voter.

The permission of the Chief Judge and the voter is required for any picture, video, or other recorded image of a voter inside the voting enclosure.

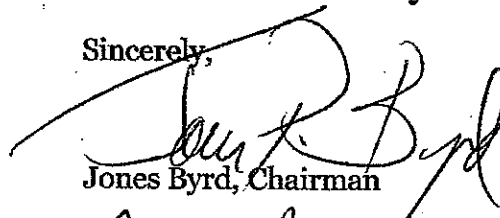
- ◆ Voter turnout will be available at 10:45 a.m., 2:45 p.m., and 4:45 p.m.— you can call Rachel Brown at 828-779-4218 to obtain this information. We will communicate with the party chairs regarding the specific rules regarding observers and runners that have been properly designated by the parties.

CLOSING THE POLLS/GETTING RESULTS:

- ❖ Downloading results and counting ballots are performed by Election Officials only. The public may not assist with this task or interfere in its progress in any way. Party representatives may not assist with this task.
- ❖ One final tally sheet will be posted for public viewing at each voting place. Workers may not hand out or otherwise make copies of printed precinct tally results.
- ❖ **Beginning at 8:15 p.m. on Election Day, election results will be posted in the Buncombe County Training Room at 199 College Street—these results will be posted approximately every 15 minutes on www.buncombecounty.org/vote as they are available.**
- ❖ **Please help us maintain your community's enthusiasm for the election process by having your workers remove all campaign materials at the end of the Election Day.**

If you observe inappropriate situations or otherwise become aware of potential problem areas in the conduct of this election, we would appreciate your feedback. You can contact Trena Parker, Director of Elections (250-4207 or 777-4300) on Election Day if you have concerns or questions. Good Luck to each of you.

Sincerely,



Jones Byrd, Chairman



Trena Parker, Director

Enclosures (2)


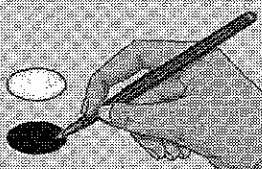
2009 Asheville Primary Election Schedule

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Summary</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| Registration deadline | 09/11/2009 | 5:00 p.m. | Registration deadline for Primary |
| Board Meeting | 9/15/09 | 5:30 p.m. | Public Meeting (Machine Testing) |
| One-Stop Voting | 9/17/09-10/3/09 | 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. | BOE office only (ending at 1:00 p.m. on 10/3) |
| Mandatory Judge Training | 9/21/09 | 6:30 p.m. | Doubletree Hotel |
| Board Meeting | 9/22/09 | 5:30 p.m. | Public Meeting |
| Board Meeting | 9/29/09 | 5:30 p.m. | Public Meeting |
| Primary Election | 10/6/09 | 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. | Election Day |
| Canvass | 10/13/09 | 11:00 a.m. | Canvass for Primary Election |



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| <p>BALLOT MARKING INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <p>a. With the marking device provided or a black ball point pen, completely fill in the oval  to the left of each candidate or selection of your choice, like this:</p>  <p>b. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to request a replacement.</p> | | <p>City Council (You may vote for THREE)</p> | | | |
| <p>CITY OF ASHEVILLE</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Larry D. Chastain<input type="radio"/> Ryan D. Croft<input type="radio"/> J. Neal Jackson<input type="radio"/> Esther Manheimer<input type="radio"/> Kelly M. Miller<input type="radio"/> Carl Mumpower<input type="radio"/> César Romero<input type="radio"/> Gordon Smith<input type="radio"/> Cecil Bothwell<input type="radio"/> Jenny Bowen | | | |
| <p>Mayor (You may vote for ONE)</p> | | <p>End of Ballot</p> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Robert W. Edwards<input type="radio"/> Shad Marsh<input type="radio"/> Denise C. Pendleton<input type="radio"/> Terry M. Bellamy | | | | | |
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