

June 25, 2018

Wake County Board of Elections
337 S. Salisbury St.
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Chairman Flynn and members of the Wake County Board of Elections:

RE: NC State University Early Voting Location

As a research-extensive land-grant university, NC State University is dedicated to excellent teaching, the creation and application of knowledge, and engagement with public and private partners. It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter expressing NC State's strong commitment to civic engagement and service to the Wake County community in hopes that Talley Student Union, located at 2610 Cates Ave., Raleigh NC 27695, will be selected as an early voting location for the fall 2018 election.

Over 40,000 students, faculty, and staff attend and work at NC State, and many of our students will be first-time voters and eager to participate in the democratic process. In addition to having a significant population present on campus, we are also convenient to the residents of Wake County and we are committed to ensuring that an early voting location at NC State is accessible to all members of our community. We know that early voting is a key part of the election process and that you must make strategic decisions with finite resources. We are committed to serving as an early voting site and in addition to providing the physical space, there are additional resources and efforts we will provide if selected as an early voting site:

- **Parking and Transportation**

In 2012 Talley Student Union hosted an early voting site with limited parking for voters visiting campus. This year we are committing a significant increase of the number of parking spaces. A total of 36 spaces including four handicap accessible spaces, in addition to curbside voting, will be located in the lot closest to Talley Student Union, the Jeter Drive bays. We will also provide parking for the 6 staff members that need convenient access to the polling location.

In addition to voters arriving via personal vehicle, all Wolfline buses are free and available to the public and most routes have a stop across from Talley Student Union. The GoRaleigh Bus #11 that connects riders from the Central GoRaleigh Station and along Avent Ferry Rd, has a stop directly across from Talley Student Union as well.

- **Staffing and Signage**

We recognize that with the introduction of SB325 that Board of Elections resources may be limited. To ensure that an NC State early voting site is convenient to all voters, NC State will provide signage directing voters where to park and to vote. We will also provide staffing to help direct voters and to ensure that parking spaces designated for voting are utilized for that purpose.

- **Communications and Voter Outreach**

In addition to directly communicating to the large population of voters on campus, NC State will use its additional communication resources and social media platforms to inform the larger community about the early voting site to help maximize the number of early voters visiting the site.

We are excited to host the Wake County Board of Elections outreach team at our annual Packapalooza block party again this year and have waived their registration fee. Last year, over 80,000 people attended the event and this year we would like to extend stage time during the event to the Wake County Board of Elections to make an announcement about voter resources and the NC State early voting site.

We are looking forward to the opportunity to partner with the Wake County Board of Elections and to be chosen as an early voting site. If there are any questions or concerns, or other ways that we can be a better partner to serve the community, please let me know. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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c: Randy Woodson, Chancellor
Warwick Arden, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost