

**Summary Memorandum of Findings
Mecklenburg County NC-103 House 2018 Election Absentee Ballots**

TO: North Carolina Values Coalition

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Below is a summary of the findings our team discovered when reviewing absentee ballots and visiting homes in Mecklenburg County over the last few weeks.

RESIDENCY ISSUE

Helena Suzanne Barley (CW1106642), 20-year-old white female, requested an absentee ballot on October 22, 2018. Helena registered to vote on January 25, 2016 and listed 305 Port Royal Drive, Matthews NC 28105 as her current address. Barley certified this as her permanent residence when she signed and submitted her absentee ballot request form. She is a current student at Appalachian State University and she requested the absentee ballot to be mailed to her on campus. However, Helena's parents David Bryant Barley and Rebecca Sue Barley sold the 305 Port Royal Drive home on July 27, 2018. After the sale, David Bryant Barley (CW71915) updated his registration to 5908 Sharon Hills Rd, Charlotte NC 28210. He moved out of [NC-103] and into [NC-104] **Rebecca Sue Barley** (CW194229) and her daughter Helena Suzanne Barley failed to update their registration. Rebecca voted one-stop early voting and Helena returned her absentee ballot by mail and it was accepted by Mecklenburg County on October 31, 2018. Our team was unable to track down Helena or Rebecca to confirm their new residency within [NC-103]. Our team also noticed that the witnesses named Bryan Merritt of 1 Chelan Court Winston-Salem and Carley Byrum of 1510 Westview Street Gastonia dated their signature on two different dates calling into question if both witnesses actually observed Helena mark and enclose her ballot and sign the Absentee Ballot Certificate in their presence.

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Kara Nicole Biasucci (CW1018311), 23-year-old white female, requested an absentee ballot on October 11, 2018. Kara registered to vote on April 29, 2013 and has listed 1304 Wyndmere Hills Lane, Matthews NC 28105 as her current address and certified this as her home address when she completed her absentee ballot request form. The ballot was mailed to Kara at 676 Prospect Place #2, Brooklyn, New York where she lives with her sister, Michaela Biasucci (CW915464) who also voted absentee ballot in the November 2018 election. Kara works as a model in New York according to her Facebook profile. Our team visited 1304 Wyndmere Hills Lane and found Mr. Dean Biasucci sold the family residence on August 12, 2013 to Lee & Heidi Pisacano. We are unable to determine if Kara is a registered voter in New York State. However, we do have an affidavit that Kara Biasucci does not reside at the North Carolina address she listed on her absentee ballot form therefore Kara failed to update her voter registration with the State of North Carolina. It appears that Biasucci's proper residency is in New York State. Both of the witnesses on Kara's ballot live in New York State. Dean Biasucci listed 721 Governor Morrison Street Apt 535, Charlotte NC 28211 and invested in property in Charlotte but his voter registration is currently inactive with NCSBE. We were unable to determine if Mr. Biasucci is still residing in North Carolina. Kara's absentee ballot was accepted by Mecklenburg County Board of Elections on November 5, 2018 although it appears, she did not have an established residence in her precinct. On her Absentee Ballot Request Form Kara indicated she did not live in North Carolina and had moved on 8/1/2012 but the county board accepted her request for an absentee ballot.

RESIDENCY ISSUE

Abigail Rebecca Griffin (CW1014707), a 23-year-old white female, requested an absentee ballot on October 24, 2018. Abigail registered to vote on February 21, 2013 and has listed 13725 Jonathan's Ridge Rd, Charlotte NC 28227 as her home address. She certified this was her current address when she completed her absentee ballot request form. Abigail requested her ballot be mailed to 385 E Hedgelawn Way, Southern Pines, NC 28387. Our team visited the Charlotte home address and spoke with Chad Davis who signed an affidavit that Abigail Griffin did not live at the Jonathan's Ridge Road residence. Stephen Chad Davis and his wife Julie Griffin bought the property from the Anthony and Julie Griffin family on August 25, 2017. The Griffin's moved to 1334 Rock Hill Church Rd in Union County. Abigail failed to update her voter registration with the State of North Carolina. Her current residency is unknown. Abigail's absentee ballot was accepted by Mecklenburg County Board of Elections on November 6th although it appears, she did not have an established residence in her precinct. Our team also noticed that the witnesses named Austin Vernon of 385 E Hedgelawn Way Southern Pines and Anne Smith of 3 Pine Orchard Place Pinehurst dated their signature on two different dates calling into question if both witnesses actually observed the voter mark the enclosed ballot and sign the Absentee Ballot Certificate in their presence.

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Christopher Alexander Smalls (CW1082771), a 26-year-old African-American male, requested an absentee ballot on October 24, 2018. Christopher registered to vote on May 1, 2015 and has listed 10319 Lady Grace Lane, Charlotte NC 28270 as his current address. He certified this was his address when he completed the absentee ballot request form. Our team visited 10319 Lady Grace Lane and spoke to James Adams, the grandfather of Christopher Small, who signed an affidavit that Christopher no longer lived in the home. He told us he moved into an apartment many months ago. We visited the apartment address, 2221 Waterford Lakes Drive, Charlotte, NC 28210, where Christopher requested his ballot be mailed, but we did not find anyone home. Christopher failed to update his voter registration with the State of North Carolina. Christopher's absentee ballot was accepted by Mecklenburg County Board of Elections on November 3rd although it appears, he did not have an established residence in the precinct in which he voted. Waterford apartments are in the 12th Congressional District and outside NC-103. Our team also noticed that the voter witness living at 2325 Eden Terrace Rock Hill, SC and the witness at 5006 Isaac Drive Charlotte both signed the ballot on a date different than the voter calling into question if both witnesses actually observed the voter mark the enclosed ballot and sign the Absentee Ballot Certificate in their presence.

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Stephen Victor Venezia (CW763061), a 29-year-old white male, requested an absentee ballot on September 26, 2018. Stephen registered to vote on December 5, 2007 and has listed 1041 Elizabeth Manor Court, Matthews NC 28105 as his current address. He certified this was his address when he completed the absentee ballot request form. Our team visited 1041 Elizabeth Manor Ct and spoke with Amy Simone who signed an affidavit that Stephen Venezia no longer lived at the residence. Amy and Daniel Simone bought their home from Steven & Aleta Venezia on July 11, 2018. While Aleta update her voter registration for their new home at 611 Santolia Ct, Waxhaw, NC 28173 her husband, Stephen voted using an absentee by mail ballot and Mecklenburg County accepted the ballot on October 26th. Our findings conclude that he did not have an established residence in the precinct in which he voted. Our team also noticed that Delaney Clifford, of 417 Suydam St Brooklyn NY and Megan Volk of Suydam St Brooklyn NY both signed the ballot on a date different than the voter calling into question if both witnesses actually observed the voter mark the enclosed ballot and sign the Absentee Ballot Certificate in their presence.

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Brandon Lee Chambers (EH909783), a 24-year-old white male, requested an absentee ballot on October 24, 2018. Brandon registered to vote on May 9, 2017 and has listed 9845 Treeside Lane, Matthews, NC 28105 as his current address. He certified this was his address when he completed the absentee ballot request form. Our team visited Treeside Lane and spoke with Rikki Bower, who signed an affidavit that Brandon no longer lived at the home, told us Brandon moved out and Rikki took his room at the townhome. Our team was unable to visit the home address, 212 E Barbee Street, Zebulon, NC 27597 where Brandon requested his ballot be mailed but it likely that Brandon failed to update his voter registration with the State of North Carolina within the 30 days prior to an election. Brandon's absentee ballot was accepted by Mecklenburg County Board of Elections on November 5th although it appears, he did not have an established residence in the precinct in which he voted.

RESIDENCY ISSUE

Denise Marie Page (CW110841), a 56-year-old white female, requested an absentee a ballot on February 22, 2018. Denise registered to vote on October 1, 1986 and has listed 8019 Serendipity Lane, Charlotte, NC 28277 as her current address. She certified this was her address when she completed the absentee ballot request form. Our team visited 8019 Serendipity Lane and spoke with Brian Carlson, who signed an affidavit that Denise Page temporarily lived with them for a short period of time but she moved out in August, 2015. Our team visited 9716B Rea Road # 186, Charlotte, NC 28277 where Denise Page requested her ballot to be mailed but we found this address to be a business called, PostNet where Denise rents a mailbox. She is also known as Denny M Page however we have not been able to establish a place of residency for her. Both of her ballot witnesses live at 8614 Tintinhull Lane in Waxhaw, NC 28173. Our team has left voicemails for Judy Cowan and Mark Cowan, property owners at 8614 Tintinhull lane but we have yet to receive a call back. We also noticed the voter did not date her ballot, so it is difficult to confirm the ballot was witnessed on the date the voter marked the ballot.

WITNESS ISSUE

Betty Nelson Ritch, (CW413296), an 80-year-old white female, requested an absentee ballot on October 17, 2018 to her home. Betty registered to vote on February 5, 1986 and has listed 13909 Idlewild Rd Matthews NC 28105 as her current residence with NCSBE. Betty told our team and signed an affidavit that only one person was present when she signed the ballot and her second witness signed afterwards. Our team noticed that the dates the witnesses named Heidi Hagget of 13917 Idlewild Rd Charlotte and Carolyn Baker of 16417 Thompson Rd Charlotte signed the ballots were indeed two different dates calling into question if both witnesses actually observed the voter mark the enclosed ballot and sign the Absentee Ballot Certificate in their presence. Her absentee ballot was accepted by Mecklenburg County on October 24, 2018.

WITNESS ISSUE

Jennifer M Brennan, (CW334552), a 55-year-old white female, requested an absentee ballot on October 27, 2018 to be sent to her home. Betty registered to vote on January 29, 1986 and has listed 2200 Weddington Rd Matthews NC 28105 as her residence with NCSBE. She told our team and signed an affidavit that no one was present when she signed the ballot. Her husband and a second witness signed afterwards. The dates on the ballot are indeed on two different days calling into question if both witnesses actually observed the voter mark the enclosed ballot and sign the Absentee Ballot Certificate in their presence. Her absentee ballot was accepted by Mecklenburg County on November 6th, 2018.

WITNESS ISSUE

Deborah Jean Bumgarner, (CW780113) a 55-year-old white female, requested an absentee ballot on October 5, 2018 to be sent to her home. Deborah registered to vote on March 26, 2008 and has listed 1128 Greenbridge Drive, Matthews NC 28105 as her current address with NCSBE. Her absentee ballot was accepted by Mecklenburg County on October 27, 2018. Our team inspected her ballot and noticed the voter did not date her signature. We were unable to find Deborah home when we visited on three separate occasions. We were told she worked at Dillard's Department store. Our team then visited Betty Saylor who was listed as a witness on Deborah's ballot. Betty Saylor, (CW96981) residing at 3015 Polo View Lane, told our team she knew Deborah and signed an affidavit that she did not sign or witness any absentee ballots for the 2018 election although Bumgarner had her name on the ballot as a witness. We attempted to visit Deborah's second witness listed as "Judy Smit" residing at 3052 Polo View Ln Matthews, NC 28105 but no one at home. We did find a Judy T Smith an 86-year-old white female and have attempted to reach the witness by telephone but to date we have not had success.

WITNESS ISSUE

James E Donahue, (CW10216), a 91-year-old white male, requested an absentee ballot on October 24, 2018 to be sent to his home. James registered to vote on October 1, 1959 and has listed 12620 Idlewild Rd, Matthews, NC 28105 as his current address. In his signed affidavit to our team, James told us his granddaughter requested the absentee ballot for him and her husband helped him mark the ballot but there was only one witness present at the time the ballot was marked and signed. Our team noted the dates of the witnesses and date of the assistant were different calling into question if both witnesses actually observed the voter mark the enclosed ballot and sign the Absentee Ballot Certificate in their presence. His absentee ballot was accepted by Mecklenburg County on October 31, 2018.