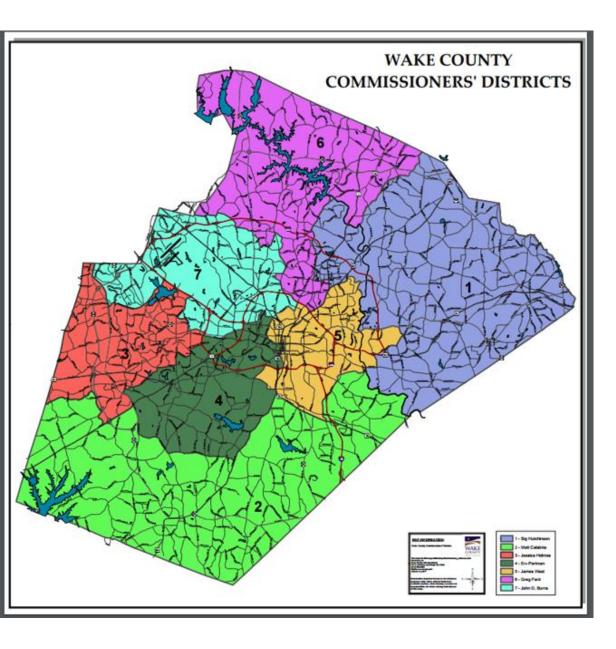
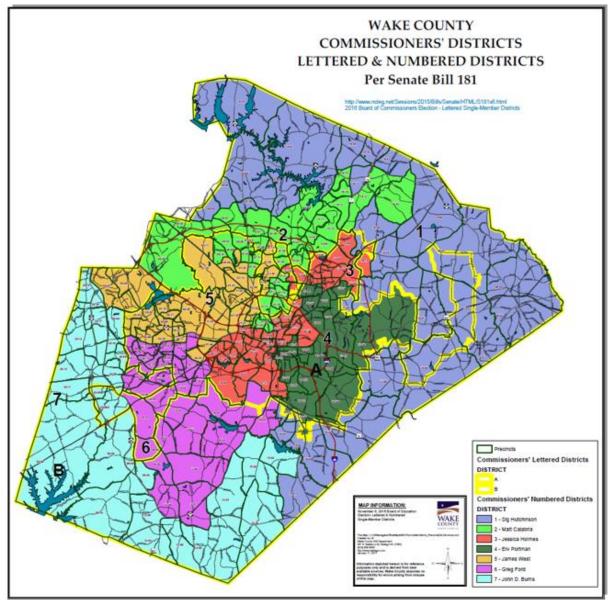
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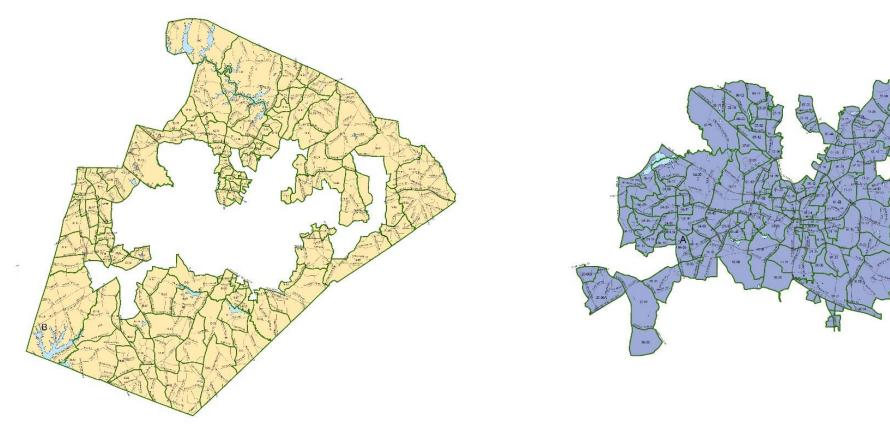
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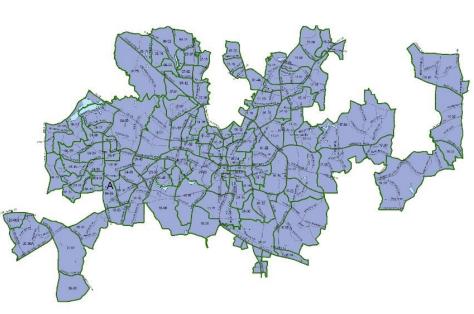
- 1. For the second time in county history commissioners are being elected for 2 year terms, despite our history of 4 year, and the new legislation intent to remain 4 year.
- 2. For the second time in our history we are electing the entire board with no staggering of terms. This will be the second 2 year cycle for 2016 elected, and first for 2014 elected. 2018 in not clear or decided





Unconstitutional semi at large super districts ratified in SB181





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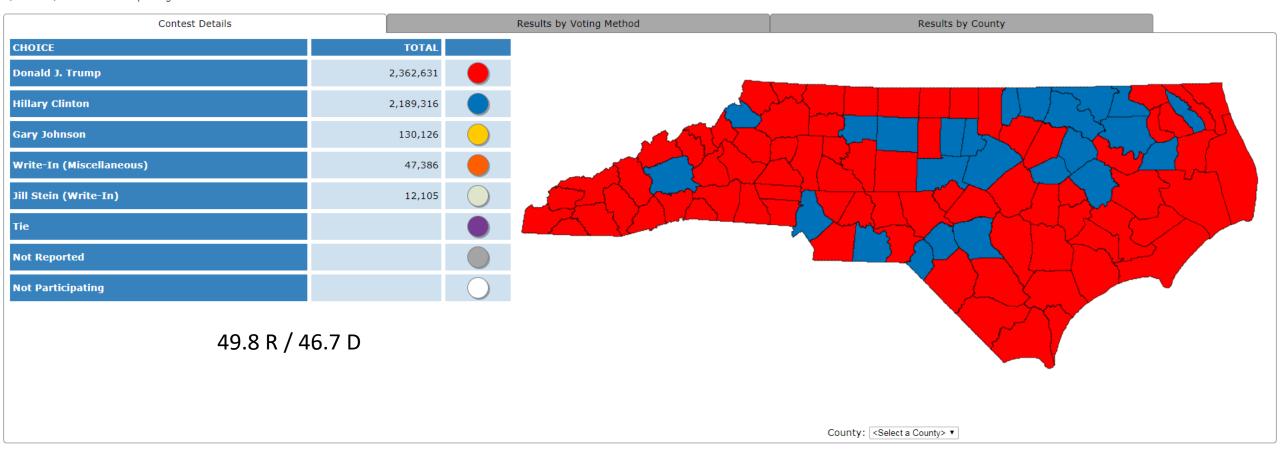


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US PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR 1)

100 of 100 Counties Completely Reported 2,704 of 2,704 Precincts Reporting









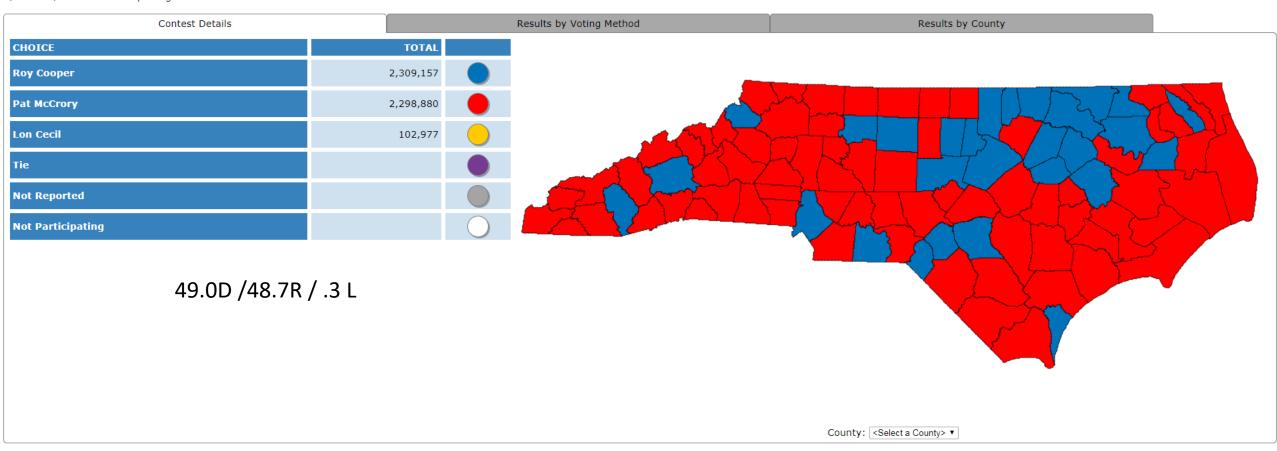
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NC GOVERNOR (VOTE FOR 1)

100 of 100 Counties Completely Reported 2,704 of 2,704 Precincts Reporting











Election districts should reflect the citizens that live in the district...

Some lean D some lean R

The GAP between voter preference and the makeup of the legislature is the Gerrymander effect

In NC a 50/50 state

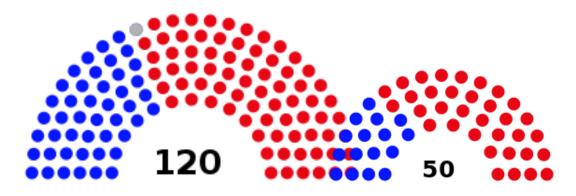
North Carolina has a gerrymandering problem... and has had one for a long time.... But it has gotten worse

In a 50D /50R state we have

A 77%/23% congressional house delegation,

A 70% / 30% state senate

And a 62% 38% state house



Majority

Republican (75)

Minority

Democratic (45)

Majority

Republican (35)

Minority

Democratic (15)

Wake County Commission districts are NOT Gerrymandered...

... But also have a gap in the make up of the board vs the make up of the voters...

Wake Voters choose both Democratic and republican candidates county wide, depending on the candidate and the office.

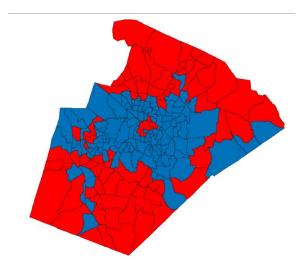
"Gap" can be caused by Gerrymandered Maps and method of Election.

As bad as North Carolina is Gerrymandered... and it is

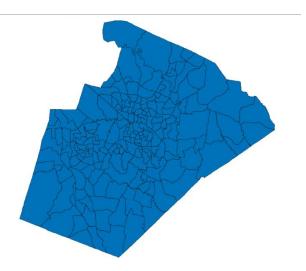
27% Gap in US House20% Gap in State Senate12% Gap in State House

The makeup of the Wake county Board of commissioners has a larger gap in the makeup of the body and the will of the voters... 45% after the 2014 and 2016 elections.

Here is how wake voters voted...



And this is the board elected





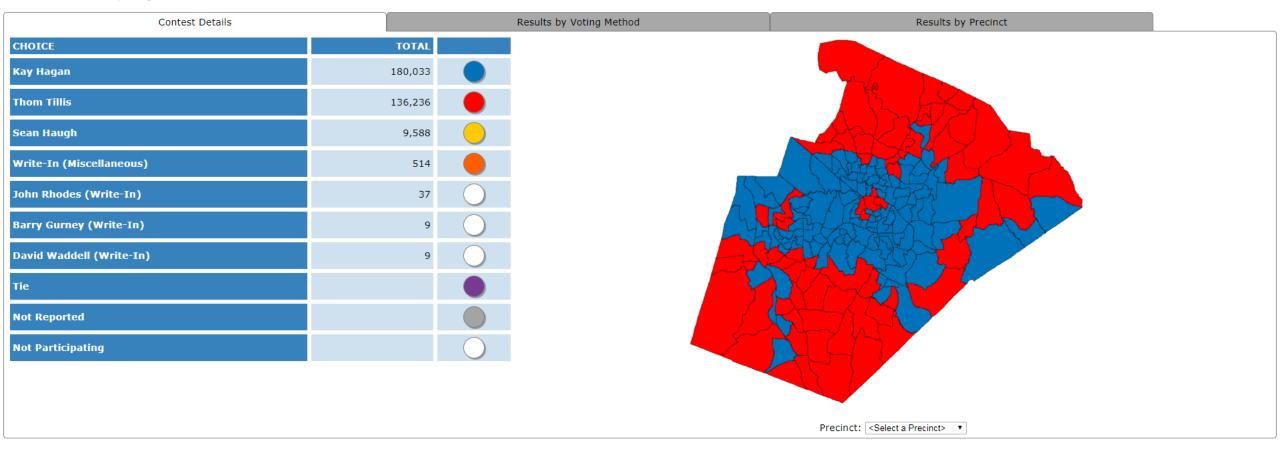


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US SENATE (VOTE FOR 1)





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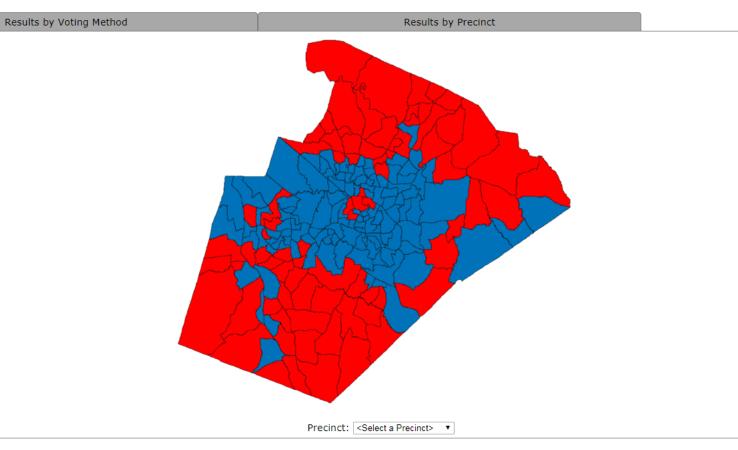
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WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 2 (VOTE FOR 1)

200 of 200 Precincts Reporting

| Contest Details | | R | |
|-------------------------|---------|---|--|
| CHOICE | TOTAL | | |
| Matt Calabria | 176,978 | | |
| Phillip (Phil) Matthews | 136,815 | | |
| Tie | | | |
| Not Reported | | | |
| Not Participating | | | |

D 56% / R 44%



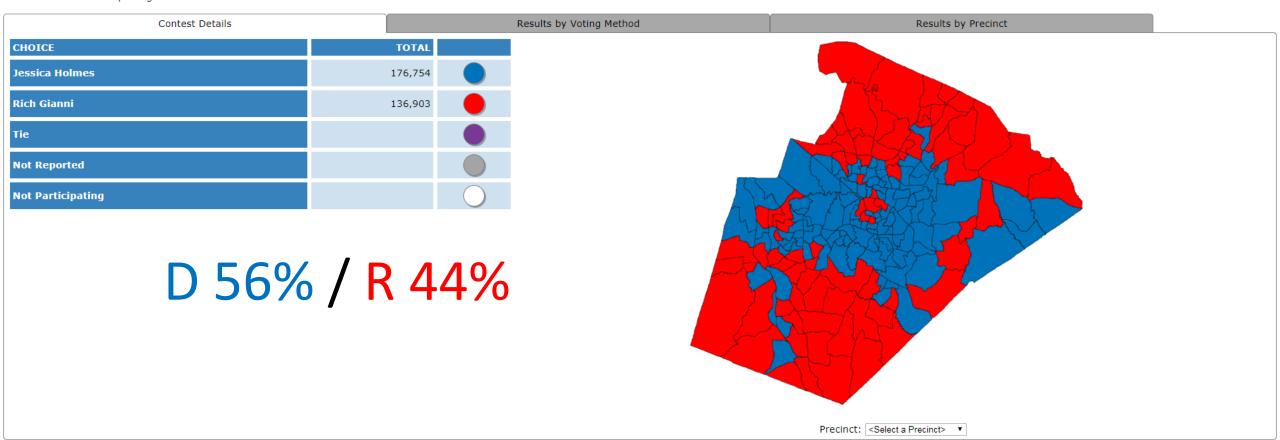
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11/04/2014 OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - WAKE

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 3 (VOTE FOR 1)











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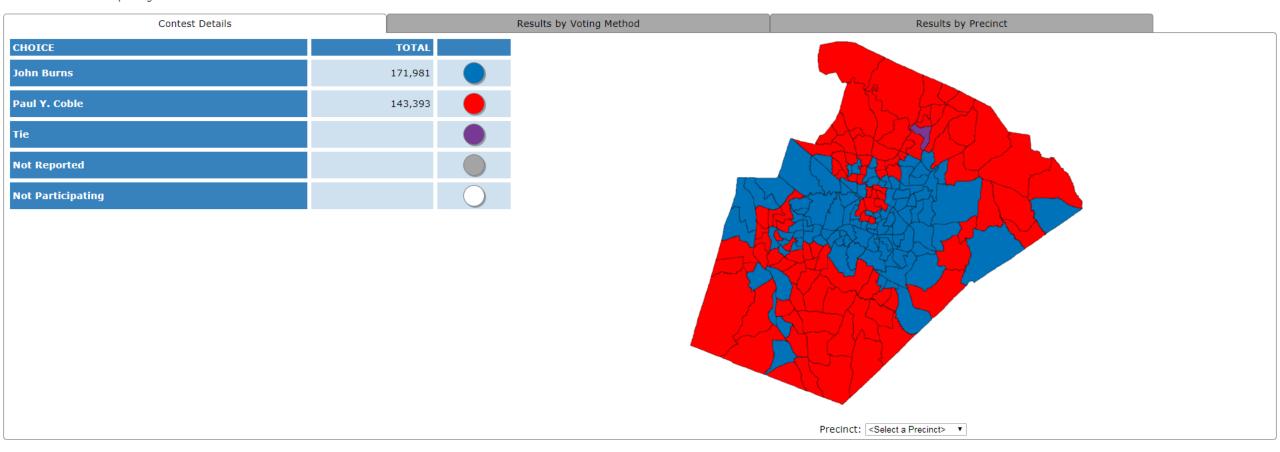
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11/04/2014 OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - WAKE

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 7 (VOTE FOR 1)



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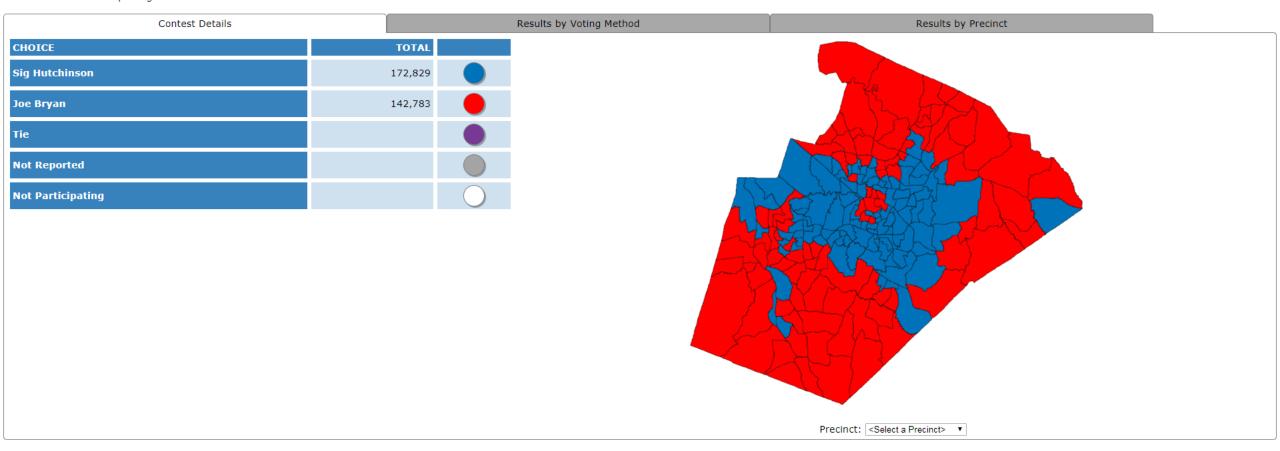
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11/04/2014 OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - WAKE

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 1 (VOTE FOR 1)



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11/08/2016 OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - WAKE

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 5 (VOTE FOR 1)

| Contest Details | | Results by Voting Method | Results by Precinct |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| СНОІСЕ | TOTAL | | |
| James West | 364,156 | | |
| Tie | | | |
| Not Reported | | | |
| Not Participating | | | |
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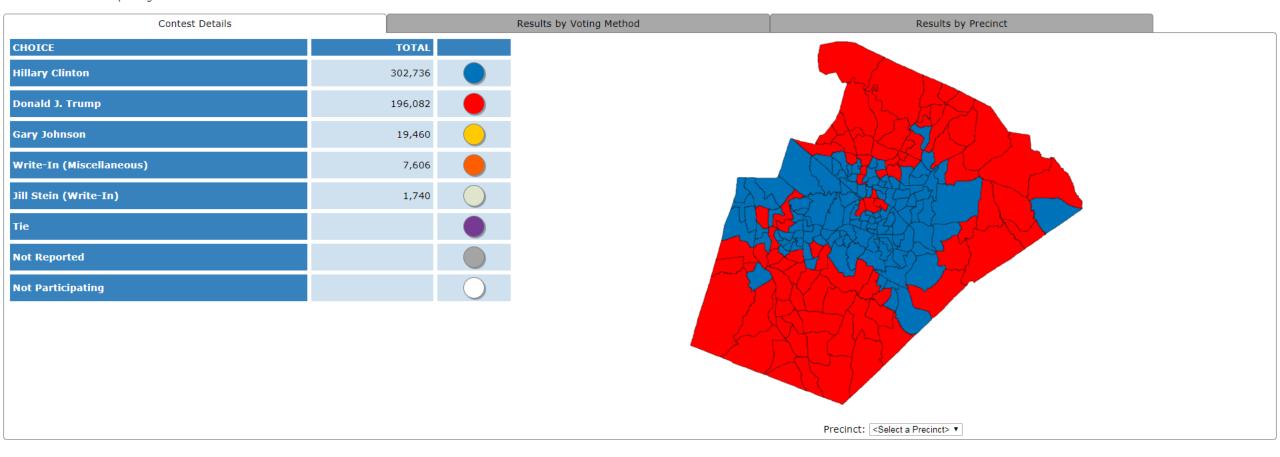
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US PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR 1)











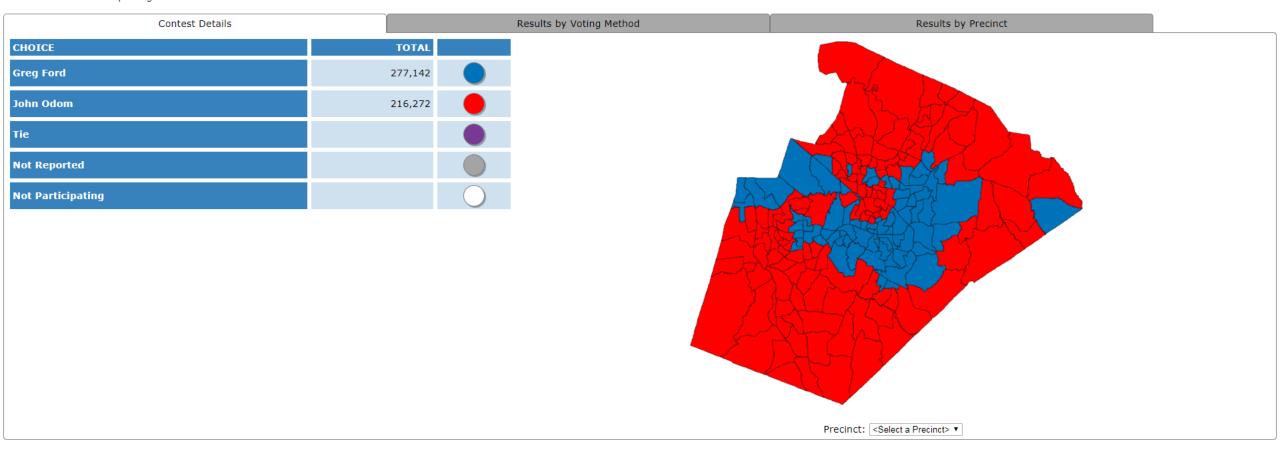
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11/08/2016 OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - WAKE

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 6 (VOTE FOR 1)









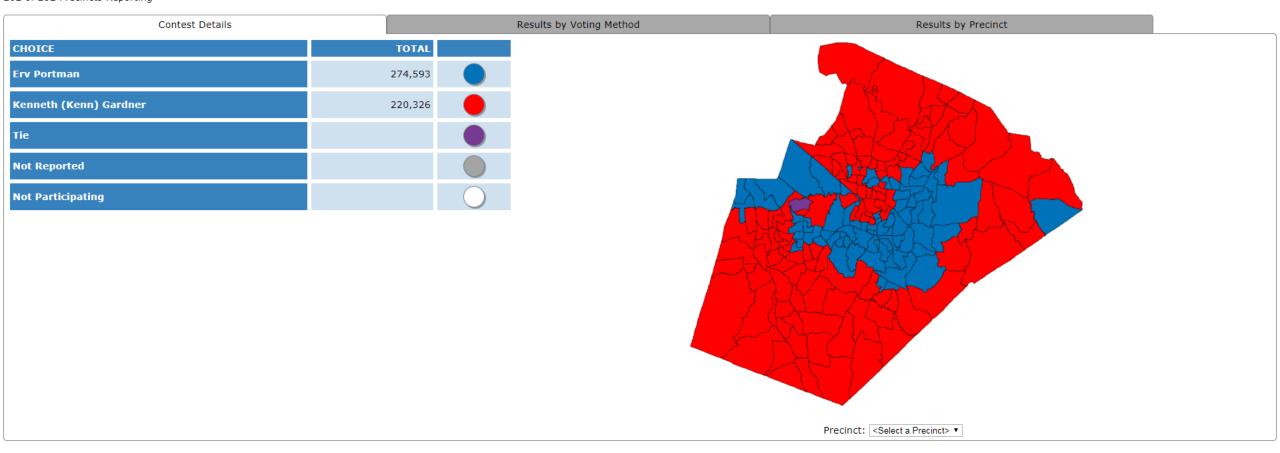
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11/08/2016 OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - WAKE

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 4 (VOTE FOR 1)









We can complain about the Gerrymander Gap in the state ...

But we should also recognize that we can set the example for doing this correctly...

In a fair

Independent

And objective way that can serve as a model to all on how elected leaders can be held accountable to do their job well

Wake commissioners have always done this, so do our cities and towns

Let me be clear ...

Wake County is NOT Gerrymandered..

Nobody manipulated a map to benefit one part over another.

But

Representation Gaps can occur by Gerrymandered districts and method of election.

Our all At Large method of election allows a majority party to under represent a minority party...

Democrats have long opposed AT Large election in many NC counties where republican are the majority party

Think of how we would feel if the tables were turned.

What is the solution?//

Wake county has more population than 8 US States

Wake county has more people than 99 of the 100 NC counties

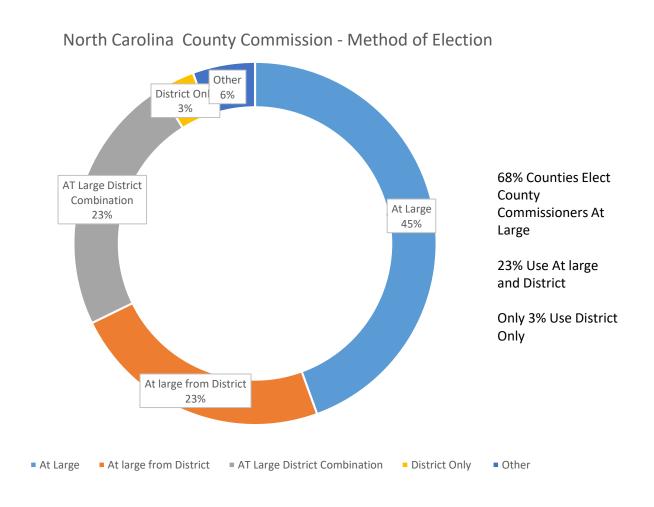
Wake county has more people than 40 of NC smallest counties COMBINED

2018 Wake County Population 1, 072,203, second largest county in the state and 10% of the state... Larger than 8 US States and the District of Columbia.

| 43 | <u>Montana</u> | 1,062,330 |
|----|----------------------|-----------|
| 44 | Rhode Island | 1,061,712 |
| 45 | <u>Delaware</u> | 971,180 |
| 46 | South Dakota | 877,790 |
| 47 | North Dakota | 755,238 |
| 48 | <u>Alaska</u> | 738,068 |
| 49 | District of Columbia | 703,608 |
| 50 | <u>Vermont</u> | 623,960 |
| 51 | Wyoming | 573,720 |

How are NC County Boards Elected?

North Carolina Association of County Commissioners report October 2018



How are County Boards elected in the 10 largest counties --- our peers

| 1 | Mecklenburg County | 1,076,837 | 3 At Large / 6 District |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 2 | Wake County | 1,072,203 | 7 At large from Residency Districts |
| 3 | Guilford County | 526,953 | 1 At large / 8 District |
| 4 | Forsyth County | 376,320 | 1 At Large / 6 District |
| 5 | <u>Cumberland</u> <u>County</u> | 332,546 | 2 At Large / 4 District |
| 6 | <u>Durham</u> <u>County</u> | 311,640 | 5 At large |
| 7 | Buncombe County | 257,607 | 1 At Large / 6 District |
| 8 | Union County | 231,366 | 5 At Large |
| 9 | New Hanover County | 227,198 | 5 At large |
| 1 | Gaston County | 220,182 | 7 At large from Residency Districts |

Local Control Should be respected

Both party platforms agree on that point...

Elections need to be fair and voters should select the board, the board should not select its voters..

Wake County Commissioners have always redistricted after each census without controversy or legal challenges

Our cities and towns do the same

Local government is and can remain the example to state Government that this is not hard, or difficult to be fair and objective

Just don't make it political or use political data in the process.

Let us strive to do this right

Be an example of how to best represent the people we work for.

Form a citizen board with Democrats, republicans and review the merits of

At large and District elections and a mix of at large and district

We need to fix the damage caused by the GA attempt to gerrymander Wake county

Rather than wait for a judge of the GA to tell us

Lets work to find a better way and suggest to the NCGA the reform that will best allow us to represent the people of this great county

Be a part of the solution, not just partisans reflexively blaming the others side.

Lets have elections were the best ideas and best candidates win based on their merits not the way the election was structured or the way the lines were drawn.

Here is the opportunity Use 2019 to accomplish this.

Lead be objective get this right evaluate At large vs district get us back to staggered terms get us back to 4 year terms look at what works best don't gerrymander anything don't allow party or voter history into any district database only fair and independent objective methods get input from all sides listen to what they say decide on a plan forward and ask the NCGA to respect our work, and reform Adopt for 2020 or 2022 after census

Motion

The Wake county board of commissioners form a citizen advisory board to evaluate the method of election and terms for wake county commissioners. The board is to be formed in q1 2019 and report to the board in q4 2019 for possible action in the 2020 or 2022 election cycles

To be reviewed will be

- 2 vs 4 year terms
- Staggered vs all up
- Advantages and disadvantages of District and At large method of election
- All at large
- All district
- Some at large and some district
- Method for redistricting to ensure fair and objective redistricting

The board shall include representation from both political parties and citizens who express a interest in serving and have experience with local government and fair elections that are not gerrymandered in any way.

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