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**Q1**

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**Q2**

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Commissioners,

I am asking that you please consider adding \$144,670 to the Wake Co. Board of Elections base budget to support the Election Day Poll Workers. I emailed all of the commissioners on June 10 with the below justification and details. This funding is needed to recruit and keep poll workers for election day. Please consider my request. I know today is the vote on the budget, it is not too late to add this to the base budget. I am proud that Wake County is the GOLD STANDARD in elections in the state of North Carolina. We have a great team and facility. Thank you and the Wake County Commissioners for all that you are doing for Wake County.

Wake County Election Day Poll Workers are Currently making \$8.67 an hour

Pay for a three hour in person training class is \$20.00 or \$6.67 an hour.

The Election Day Poll Workers do basically the same job as the Early Voting Workers who make between \$11-15 per hour

The average Poll Worker in Wake Co. is around 60 years old, we need to offer more money as an incentive to get new and younger citizens involved.

With the possibilities of Covid-19 still hanging around in some form in Nov. we need to be able to use the stipend as a recruitment tool.

\$8.67 is well below the Wake County Living Wage

Wake County Election Day Poll Workers Stipend has not been increased in many many years (so long no one can recall )

Durham County pays \$15 per hour for Election Day and Training

Note: I understand there is CARES money slated for Wake BOE, but the amount I am hearing is so low that we can not use it for the Poll Worker Stipend and then have money for things needed in the November election, such as single use pens, PPE and cleaning of facilities. Plus, the Poll Worker pay needs to be budgeted, not a one time action.

Regards,

Angela Ashworth Hawkins

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**Q2**

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Regarding the Trash Pass process with landfills. On June 6th my family and I spent 8 hours cleaning out my mother's garage. When I arrived with my Uhaul at the landfill, I was turned away for not having a Trash Pass. The attendant was most unhelpful. Were it not for Joseph Fitzpatrick going above and beyond to approve my request later that evening, I would have had to unload the trash in my mother's driveway and tried again the next weekend.

Please consider an on-site Trash Pass so that Wake County residents don't find themselves in such a frustrating situation.

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In light of recent events, I think it would be wise to delay the budget vote until later this month to give citizens additional time to review the focal points of this budget. That said, I'm disappointed to see the severe reduction in community organization funding and the increase in fees for community pool usage, while general public use of the firearms center will now apparently be free. Misguided priorities in my opinion.

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**Q2**

Please submit your comments via the form below (500 words or less). The clerk will document your comments as part of the formal minutes of today's meeting.

Please protect youth activities in the Old Reedy Creek corridor by asking NCDEQ to reinstate the Sunset Clause on the Triangle Quarry (private land, but land for which the state park has first right of refusal) and to deny the new quarry pit on Odd Fellows (land deeded to the public that is on the state parks critical acquisition list and that is adjacent to Umstead State Park, the highly used East Coast Greenway, a private home, and Crabtree Creek and land that is far away from the flow of the airport but intimately close to a highly used recreation corridor used by citizens and visitors of all ages, races, income levels, genders, etc.).

For 3 years, I was the head coach of a middle and high school mountain bike team that is part of a NATIONAL league that is growing by leaps and bounds. The league is accessible to kids of all races and genders. The league is accessible to kids of all income levels and there are programs that provide bikes to kids that cannot afford them. Youth mountain biking is one of the fastest growing sports in the US. Youth mountain biking is not just about racing, it is about developing the character of our youth. The NICA program offers both racing and adventure activities to youth.

While I have moved on from being head coach of a NICA team, I am still involved with NICA and am also involved with youth development in other ways. Soon, the Triangle area will have a Little Bellas chapter. The Little Bellas is a mountain bike organization, whose goal is to help young women reach their fullest potential. The program aims to create a community to empower women through cycling, accent the importance of goals and a healthy lifestyle, and emphasize a positive female bond. While this program is centered around creating a female camaraderie on bikes, it is most importantly about having fun in a constructive environment.

Both of these youth development programs and other similar programs are harmed by Wake Stone's efforts to create a new quarry pit on Odd Fellows. For this area, both of these programs use or will use the Old Reedy Creek recreation corridor which is intimately adjacent to Wake Stone's propose rock quarry on public land.

The NICA team met many times at the Town of Cary parking lot off of Old Reedy Creek Road. This is a planned meeting location for Little Bellas. This location enabled us to use the Old Reedy Creek recreation corridor. We can access beginner level trails at Lake Crabtree County (well, until the RDUAA destroys that area too). If those trails are closed, we can ride into Umstead State Park. One of the best things about accessing Umstead at that location is that the gravel roads are relatively flat for several miles. None of the other entrances to Umstead offer this terrain. For the beginner rider and for riding socially (which is a big part of the mentoring and coaching done in both NICA and Little Bellas), the flat gravel road offers a great place to interact with the kids while riding.

As for the Old Reedy Creek Road area, we can have skills and drills in the lighted parking lot safely away from traffic. We can have team meetings in the pavilion area. There are rest room facilities, a drinking fountain, and bike repair station. Also, this area is just off of Cary's Black Creek greenway, so some of the Cary kids can ride their bikes to events. Most importantly, because of the many features, this area, the Old Reedy Creek Road corridor provides consistency for being able to conduct an activity and consistency is a very important factor for programs that focus on youth development.

The Reedy Creek Road recreation corridor is the ONLY location in the area with all of these characteristics. Why rip this opportunity away from today's youth? The quarry pit on Odd Fellows does this. Is it totally unreasonable to subject youth to the truck traffic, dust, potential fly rocks, etc. that will be produced from having a rock quarry on public land adjacent to Umstead State Park.

With the plans of the RDUAA to develop Lake Crabtree Park and with the plans of Wake Stone to quarry Odd Fellows, this setting is being taken away. While the development of Lake Crabtree is a few years out, the creation of a new quarry pit on Odd Fellows is imminent. This new pit creates a health and safety hazard to all who use the Old Reedy Creek recreation corridor. Why would anyone want to subject their children or themselves to the dangerous truck traffic, dust that gets into lungs, threat of a fly rock, etc. that will for sure exist if Wake Stone is permitted to create a new quarry pit on this land?

Wake Stone's appraisal company valued the Odd Fellows at about \$2 million. The conservancy group that made a market value offer to buy Odd Fellows valued the land at \$6.4 million. The public values this land immensely. It is highly used by the community. It is not

remote and without utilities as Wake Stone claims. Why ruin land that can be easily incorporated into the state park system as is and be a valuable part of our community – both for residents and visitors? Why?

The logical conclusion is to not allow Wake Stone to create a new quarry pit on Odd Fellows as it creates a hazard to public health and safety (for both children and adults) and as it has negative impacts to Umstead State Park, Crabtree Creek, the East Coast Greenway, recreation in the Old Reedy Creek Corridor and the adjacent homeowners.

Similarly, the logical conclusion is to reinstate the Sunset Clause on the current Triangle Quarry. In addition, Wake Stone's plans to keep that pit open harm the historic African America entrance of Umstead State Park (that has been and will be addressed in separate communications).

All around, Wake Stone's plans harm the park, the public, our history, our health, our ability to have work-life balance, and much more.

The Odd Fellows land is YOUR land...while it is managed by RDUAA, it is deeded in part to Wake County. We Wake County citizens feel that the quarry harms our state park. Do the right thing please, and ask DEQ to deny Wake Stone's recent mining permit modification application.

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**Q2**

Please submit your comments via the form below (500 words or less). The clerk will document your comments as part of the formal minutes of today's meeting.

Thank you for your work as a public servants during these challenging times.

I'm writing to ask for public hearings about contact tracing which NC is instituting. Contact tracing has traditionally been done between a doctor and patient, protecting the privacy of the patient and those who had been in contact with them. Now, contact tracers are being hired across the nation and trained to do this work on their personal, home-based computers, using data collected from an app on citizens' cell phones that traces individuals and groups to a particular location.

How will NC protect our privacy and personal medical information? It is unlawful for the government to use data to track individuals without a warrant. For government officers to use cell data to track people, they must have either express permission or a warrant for every single individual. (See Supreme Court case Carpenter v. U.S.)

What if only a small percentage of people are willing to share personal medical information on an app? Will NC mandate its citizens to comply? Washington State Governor Jay Inslee has indicated that people who refuse to cooperate with contact trackers or refuse COVID-19 testing won't be allowed to leave their homes or will face sanctions in civil or criminal court.

These questions must not be decided by executive order. I ask that a public hearing be held including experts in the fields of constitutional rights, HIPAA privacy laws, computer security, and the public. This hearing would allow experts and citizens to weigh in on concerns, conflicts of interest and challenges to the primary goal of protecting the privacy and personal medical information of our citizens.

Thank you for taking my concerns into account.

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I would like to support keeping police funding at it's current rate or increasing it. Criminals are using technology with an increasing rate. It costs \$ to keep up. Additionally, technology allows prosecutors to prove their cases. With more speciality training needed, we need police more educated. 4 year College degrees should be encouraged for a wider, more worldly perspective. That would mean more compensation to attract those employees.

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**Q2**

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Commissioners and Mayor Baldwin:

Thank you for taking time to listen and share a bit of "why" you raised your fist in solidarity at the event with Moms Demand Action and Everytown on Saturday, June 7th. It remains unsettling that you chose to attend yesterday's gathering and raise your fist in support of the destruction of businesses' property in downtown you stood in front of yet chose not to attend a mid-April invitation to join Reopen Wake County to support those businesses and policy transparency for LOCAL businesses wisely reopening.

I'm attaching some photos from the moments shared JUNE 7th. The raised fist is an Antifa tactic of Karl Marx, the Father of Cultural Marxism whose motto "Workers of the World Unite", meant to celebrate the socialist values of his teachings. Here are a few websites you might want to visit to inform the gestures others influence you to use.

As I briefly shared yesterday, the well-funded Black Lives Matter and Movement for Black Lives organizations seek to defund the police among many other motives. When (good) police have no support (moral and financial) to do the work of securing life and property who then become the enforcers of the law and policies of the land? Whomever that might be...is that who you, as a citizen, mother, grandmother and our Mayor, want securing your and our lives and property?

(See <https://blacklivesmatter.com/defundthepolice> and <https://m4bl.org/policy-platforms/end-the-war-on-black-people/> points 8, 9 and 10.)

May wisdom, discernment and clarity guide you as you represent EVERY CITIZEN of this city as you were elected to do.

Blessings,  
L.Witt

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

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Wake County Commissioner Chair Ford, Vice Chair Adamson, Commissioners Calabria, Evans, Holmes, Hutchinson, West:

Submitted June 15, 2020

Please send a written request to the NC DEQ-Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources (NC DEQ-DEMLR) to DENY the proposed new rock mine on the Odd Fellows Tract under Mining Permit 92-10 due to:

Adverse effects on the purpose of a publicly owned park (William B. Umstead State Park, Lake Crabtree County Park, East Coast Greenway, and the local, regional and natural bike/ped routes utilizing the Old Reedy Creek Road recreational corridor that links the American Tobacco Trail to the Black Creek Greenway to Wake County's Lake Crabtree County Park to William B. Umstead State Park  
Adverse effects on Park and recreational users by degradation of water quality and air quality, dust, noise, and truck conflicts (e.g., logging trucks)

Adverse effects on Crabtree Creek with the substantial narrowing of vegetative stream buffers and 2 large pits on both sides of a 1.5 miles reach of Crabtree Creek.

Per the G.S. 74-50 under the Mining Act of 1971, Wake County was sent a letter notifying the County of a Mining Permit Application submitted to the NC DEQ-DEMLR (aka DEQ-Mining) for a proposed new rock mine on the "Odd Fellows" property co-owned by the Wake County Commissioners. Per G.S. 74-50 (b2), the County has been notified of "the opportunity to submit written comments to the Department (e.g., NC DEQ-DEMLR regarding the proposed mining operation."

The Public Hearing will be held by NC DEQ-DEMLR on the evening of June 23. Written Public Comments will be accepted through July 3.

Please listen to the approximately 25,000 comments submitted by YOUR citizen comments (emails, petitions, public comments submitted, Commissioner meeting attendees, and more).

Protect YOUR land from a devastating private rock quarry that would leave the county with a perpetual public liability.

NC State Parks and DEQ correctly denied the 1980 request for the existing mine on private land OWNED by Wake Stone Corporation. Despite the permit denial, the Mining Commission approved the permit with conditions Wake Stone accepted to try to mitigate impacts to the public and environment, including a 50-Year Sunset Clause, assuring Park patrons of an end to the conflicts to our Park users that we have endured including large quarry trucks, dust, damaged Harrison Avenue pavement, noise, narrow buffers, water quality issues, and more. Wake Stone now wants to renege on that public promise.

The Odd Fellows Tract proposed rock mine located on the opposite bank of Crabtree Creek would leave Crabtree Creek isolated and suspended between two 400'+ deep quarry pits, with very small, insufficient buffers. The long term perpetual liability burdens will fall on the county and city owners and the environment. This is YOUR land.

This will set a disturbing precedent as the first PRIVATE rock mine on PUBLIC property in NC. If approved, it will permanently withdraw this land from our dwindling natural public and wildlife habitat lands, all within an extremely popular recreational corridor.

Our community has consistently maintained a strong desire to conserve and protect the environment. Let's prevent the destruction of YOUR property, and the associated environmental costs. Please help keep our public lands from becoming a HUGE financial and public safety liability for future generations.

In contrast, if the proposed destruction of our public property is prevented, we can all move forward to improve the RDU Airport's Brand and community relations which have been severely damaged due to this short-sighted decision to destroy our public lands. The proposed quarry only guarantees \$500,000 total over the first five (5) years. This is tiny. Compare this to the Pepsi contract yielding the same in just 6 months (½ year); selling Pepsi products does not destroy our public lands. Let's work together to correct their decision and move forward to help RDU with its needed infrastructure funding.

Please ask NC DEQ to DENY the proposed Mining permit.

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