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Kathleen Campbell  
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Re: Public Records Request of July 23, 2014

Dear Ms. Campbell,

I hope this finds you well. I write to you on behalf of Watauga County in reference to a letter which I received from Miller & Johnson, PLLC dated August 11, 2014 regarding a public records request which was made on July 24, 2014 for certain documents. A copy of Mr. Miller's letter, as well as his letter of July 24, 2014, is attached for your review.

N.C. Gen. Stat. §132-6 requires that: *"Every custodian of public records shall permit any record in the custodian's custody to be inspected and examined at reasonable times ... and shall, as promptly as possible, furnish copies thereof..."* I would also note that N.C. Gen. Stat. §132-6 provides *"Persons requesting copies of public records may elect to obtain them in any and all media in which the public agency is capable of providing them. No request for copies of public records in a particular medium shall be denied on the grounds that the custodian has made or prefers to make the public records available in another medium."*

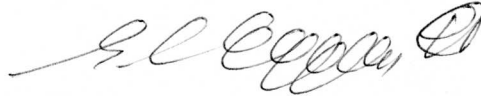
In reviewing the list of items requested, it appears the documents listed in Mr. Miller's July 24, 2014 letter would be public records as defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. §132-1. If you believe that any of the documents requested may not be a public record or would be subject to any privilege as defined by Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, please contact either myself or the counsel for the North Carolina State Board of Elections so that those issues may be resolved.

I would encourage you to comply with the request for public records as promptly as possible. Please be aware that in the event of non-compliance with public records requests, a prevailing party may be entitled to an award of attorney fees, which could be assessed against an individual who fails to comply with the request. See N.C. Gen. Stat. §132-9. Also, even if records were not otherwise required to be kept, once they are subject to a public

records request it is a criminal offense to destroy any such records. N.C. Gen. Stat. §132-3.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy C. Eggers, IV", with a circular flourish at the end.

Stacy C. Eggers, IV

Enclosures

cc: Deron Geouque, Watauga County Manager  
Jane Ann Hodges, Watauga County Elections Director