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18 days until Election Day!

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\$148.44M transportation \$15M housing \$55M neighborhoods

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NEEDED: Volunteers

Fill out this form.

Early Voting Has Begun!

Three bond referenda worth \$218.44 million are on the general election ballot to be approved by Charlotte voters. Financing for these bonds is already part of the city budget, so a "yes" vote will not result in higher taxes for Charlotte residents.

Bond funds will be used to upgrade and enhance transportation corridors, build workforce housing and improve streets, gutters, sidewalks and other features in older neighborhoods and emerging high-growth areas.

Early Voting Has Begun!

Now is your chance to vote "yes" for the bonds! Early voting began yesterday and runs through November 5. If you have not registered, that's okay, simply bring a photo ID. If you're already registered, nothing more is required other than stating your address upon arrival.



These early voting sites are open daily from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.:

- Ballantyne Village 14825 Ballantyne Village Way
- Beatties Ford Library 2412 Beatties Ford Rd
- Cornelius Town Hall 21445 Catawba Ave, Cornelius
- Hal Marshall Annex 618 N College St
- Hickory Grove Library 5935 Hickory Grove Rd
- Morrison Regional Library 7015 Morrison Blvd
- North County Regional Library 16500 Holly Crest Ln
- Steele Creek 11130 S Tryon St
- University City Regional Library 301 E W T Harris Blvd
- West Boulevard Library 2157 West Blvd

Additionally, these sites will be open from Oct. 27 - Nov. 5:

- Bette Rae Thomas Rec Center 2921 Tuckaseegee Rd
- Delta Center 5408 Beatties Ford Rd
- Independence Regional Library 6000 Conference Dr
- Main Branch Library (Downtown) 310 N Tryon St

- Marion Diehl Rec Center 2219 Tyvola Rd
- Matthews Library 230 Matthews Station St. Matthews
- Midwood Cultural Center 1817 Central Ave
- Mint Hill Library 6840 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd
- Mountain Island Library 4420 Hoyt Galvin Way
- South County Regional Library 5801 Rea Rd
- Sugar Creek Library 4045 N Tryon St
- UNCC Cone Center 9201 University City Blvd

For a detailed map of locations, please click here.

For additional information about voting, click here.

Know Your Election Ballot

Bonds are on the last page of the ballot. (Click <u>here</u> for full ballot.)

Transportation Bonds

SHALL the order authorizing \$148,440,000 of bonds plus interest to provide funds to pay the capital costs of constructing, reconstructing, enlarging, extending and improving certain streets, including streets and roads constituting a part of the State highway system or otherwise the responsibility of the State and including the cost of related studies, streetscape and pedestrian improvements, relocation of utilities, plans and design; acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, widening, extending, paving, resurfacing, grading or improving streets, roads, intersections, parking lots and pedestrian and bicycle paths; acquiring, constructing, reconstructing or improving sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drains, bridges, overpasses, underpasses and grade crossings and providing related landscaping, lighting and traffic controls, signals and markers; and the acquisition of land and rights-of-way in land required therefor, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds be approved?



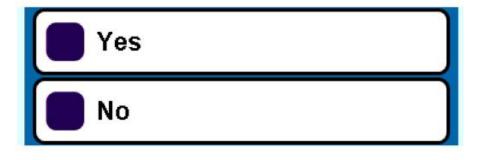
Housing Bonds

SHALL the order authorizing \$15,000,000 of bonds plus interest to provide funds to pay the capital costs of acquiring, constructing, developing, equipping and furnishing housing projects for the benefit of persons of low income, or moderate income, or low and moderate income, including without limitation loans, grants, interest supplements and other programs of financial assistance to persons of low income, or moderate income, or low and moderate income, and developers of housing for persons of low income, or moderate income, or low and moderate income, and construction of infrastructure improvements related thereto and the acquisition of land and rights-of-way required therefor, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds be approved?



Neighborhood Improvements Bonds

SHALL the order authorizing \$55,000,000 of bonds plus interest to provide funds to pay the capital costs of infrastructure improvements for various neighborhoods of the City, including the cost of related studies, plans and design, acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, installing or providing curbs, gutters, storm drainage, sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle paths; paving, resurfacing, grading or improving streets, roads and intersections, providing public open space, landscaping and lighting, and acquiring any necessary equipment, land, interests in land and rights-of-way therefor, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds be approved?



Bonds in the News

The Charlotte bonds referend are in the news:

<u>Charlotte Chamber Says Voting "Yes" to Bonds is Crucial</u> by Christina Watkins with Time Warner Cable News.

<u>Leaders stress importance of referendums on affordable</u> <u>housing, infrastructure</u> by Mark Barber with WSOC.

Our Choice for Mecklenburg County races by The Charlotte Observer.

Need a Ride to Vote on November 8?

<u>Carpool2Vote</u> is a free rideshare app that introduces volunteer drivers to voters needing a ride to the polls.

The <u>Charlotte Business Journal</u> recently did a news story about the app:



"Users can download Carpool2Vote from the app store now to sign up as drivers or riders on Election Day. The app also has an additional safety feature since it is women-inspired. Each driver is issued a unique barcode so when the car arrives, riders know it is the right car. The passenger then receives a confirmation sound after they scan the barcode. If it is not the right car, passengers will be alerted."

@WeLoveCLT Instagram Takeover Recap

We hope you followed along this past Monday as we took over the @WeLoveCLT Instagram account! In case you missed it, here's a recap of photos. To view all photos, please click <u>here</u> and scroll down.



How You Can Get Involved

The Vote Yes For City Bonds campaign needs your help spreading the word about the importance of approving bonds. Here are ways to help:

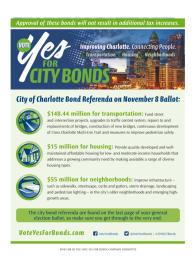
- Endorse the campaign
- Sign up to volunteer (fill out this form)
- Put a sign in your yard

We need volunteers to work at early voting sites between October 20 and November 5 and on November 8. Join the cause by clicking "Get Involved" on our website and let us know how you'd like to help!



Resources at Your Disposal

The Vote Yes For City Bonds campaign wants to make sure our supporters have all the resources they need to spread the word across Charlotte. Our website's "Resources" page has a printable flyer, printable lapel stickers and a PowerPoint presentation available for distribution. If you're interested in showing your support through social media, download campaign profile and cover/header photos for Facebook and Twitter.



If you missed any previous newsletters, they're available on our website in the "Resources" tab. Don't miss any important news about city bonds! Send your name, email, and address to Info@VoteYesForBonds.com to be added to the newsletter distribution list.