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### Letter from the DWMC President

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To: Steve Johnston

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In these tumultuous and uncertain times, the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County stands in solidarity with those who rise up for justice, humanity, and - above all - CHANGE. Our members join local community leaders on the front lines of that effort. As an organization, we are committed to using our platform to contribute to that work within the context of our mission to "champion the election and appointment of Democrats, especially women, to public office and to advocate for policies consistent with the platform of the Democratic Party."

As President Obama wrote yesterday: "[T]he elected officials who matter most in reforming police departments and the criminal justice system work at the state and local levels....[I]f we want to bring about real change, then the choice isn't between protests and politics. *We have to do both.* We have to mobilize to raise awareness, *and* we have to organize and cast our ballots

to make sure that we elect candidates who will act on reform.” This year, as we commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women’s constitutional right to vote, the stakes could not be higher. We must do all we can to change the leadership in the NC General Assembly, the U.S. Senate, and the White House.

In the midst of the pandemic, the DWMC is finding new ways to support our state and local Democratic elected officials and candidates. **Although we have made the difficult decision to cancel our annual Paint the Town Blue Gala, previously scheduled for August 13, we will not be deterred from our mission!** I am excited to announce that we will launch a new online effort to raise at least \$30,000 throughout the summer for our Democratic candidates.

**Please visit [www.paintthetownbluedwmc.com](http://www.paintthetownbluedwmc.com) for more information, including sponsorship levels. All contributions are welcome.** We look forward to coming together again safely to celebrate our victories in November!

Warm regards,

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