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Voting to Begin on Funding for Participatory Budgeting Project Proposals

Priorities Were Determined by Residents in Each Mecklenburg County District

Mecklenburg County, NC—Voting will begin Monday, May 16 on funding for Mecklenburg County projects determined by residents across the county. It's part of PB Meck – or Participatory Budgeting – which allows residents to determine how to best address the needs of their communities by turning ideas into actual project proposals, voting on which projects to fund, with winning projects being funded by the County.

Since November 2022, community volunteers representing each County Commission district have worked with residents to identify projects. Funding will be divided evenly among the County Commissioner districts. Residents across the County offered ideas, which were vetted by County staff to create the ballots. Winning proposals will be funded with the expectation that all projects will be completed within 18 months.

From May 16 to June 24, residents can cast their votes for a slate of projects in their County Commission district. They have the option to vote online or in person at a variety of locations.

- Vote online by visiting the <u>PB Meck web page</u> and selecting the ballot for their district. There is also a tool on the page to help residents confirm which district they live in.
- Vote in person at these locations where PB Meck volunteers will be available to assist with voting:

• INLIVIAN:

- May 18, 6 8 p.m., Inlivian Montgomery Gardens, 5235 Garden Trace Ct, Charlotte, NC 28216
- May 19, 4 6 p.m., Inlivian Springfield Gardens, 9525 Springfield Gardens Dr, Charlotte, NC 28227
- May 24, 4 6 p.m., Inlivian Oaks at Cherry, 1604 Luther Street, Charlotte, NC 28204
- June 7, 6 8 p.m., Inlivian Hampton Creste, 920 North Wendover Road, Charlotte, NC 28211

• BBOC Black Business Owners Charlotte:

- May 20, 4 9 p.m., Black Food Truck Friday, 1600 Trade Street, Charlotte, NC
- June 10, 4 9 p.m., Black Food Truck Friday 4001 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, NC
- June 17, 4 9 p.m., Black Food Truck Friday, 1600 Trade Street, Charlotte, NC

For more information on Mecklenburg County's FY2023 budget, Participatory Budgeting or other public engagement tools or activities, visit <u>budget.MeckNC.gov</u>.

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