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Greetings:

Thank you to everyone who supported and voted to reelect me to the Senate for District 40. I am honored by your trust and will continue working diligently for the people of District 40 and for all North Carolinians.

Joyce Waddell

Congratulations to my recently elected legislative colleagues. I am looking forward to working with them all to create good and equitable legislation.

Mecklenburg County

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Welcome

Senator Waddell presents a welcome to the Reverend Dr. Derrill A. Blue of Little Rock AME Zion Church.



Voting Amendment

Over 77% of North Carolina voters, representing 4.1 million people, supported a constitutional change in the state. The North Carolina Constitution will now specify that "only a citizen of the United States" who is 18 years old and meets all other voting requirements may cast a ballot. Previously, the wording allowed "every person born in the United States and every person who has been naturalized" to vote.

The General Assembly included this amendment in House Bill 1074, which passed in both chambers in June with bipartisan support. There were concerns that voters had limited time to educate themselves on this change, potentially lacking a full understanding of its scope and implications.

Some expressed worries that the amendment might cause confusion about voter eligibility. However, the executive director of the North Carolina Board of Elections stated that the amendment has not had a significant impact on voting processes.

Organizations like Democracy NC, North Carolina Asian Americans Together, Carolina Migrant Network, and El Pueblo plan to continue supporting naturalized citizens and immigrant communities in response to the amendment's passage.

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