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**Greetings:**

*Senator Waddell has been busy attending meetings and events in District 40. The General Assembly is still working on preparing a balanced budget for North Carolina.*

*Joyce Waddell*



**Listening Session**

*The Mecklenburg Delegation of Legislators are having a community listening session and they want to hear from you. Based on the interest from the community they are expecting a great turnout.*



**Thanksgiving Eve Parade**

*Senator Waddell and other Mecklenburg Legislators participated in the Thanksgiving Eve parade in Charlotte.*

## Immigration Enforcement in North Carolina

Federal authorities reported over 300 arrests during an immigration enforcement surge centered in Charlotte. Officials described the effort as part of a broader national initiative that has increased detention counts to record levels, with daily operations across large cities and smaller communities and recent high-volume actions in multiple metro areas. The government said the focus includes people deemed public-safety risks, but provided limited detail about those taken into custody or future locations, leaving many communities uncertain about next steps.

The operation prompted demonstrations and visible pushback, including a gathering of roughly 100 people outside a local big-box home-improvement store where agents had been seen. Immigrant neighborhoods, school attendance dipped and small businesses temporarily closed as families attempted to avoid potential encounters.

I believe it is important that the climate in Charlotte returns to normal living.



*As I spoke at the conference regarding ICE in our community, I encouraged everyone to look out for each other and to help those in need.*

## University City's Tree Lighting Event

*Senator Waddell participates at the tree lighting event sponsored by University City Partners. A large crowd was in attendance and they brought lots of excitement and an amazing holiday spirit.*



## NC General Assembly

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***Please don't forget to consider getting vaccinated. COVID seems to be making a comeback and there are viruses and other illnesses plaguing our community that can be prevented by vaccines and proper handwashing.***



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