



## GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

TO: Candidates and Political Committees  
FROM: Charlie Collicutt, Director of Elections  
RE: Political signs at the polls (especially church-based polling facilities)  
DATE: July 19, 2016

Presently, many churches and other houses of worship in Guilford County graciously host polling places at their facilities. These facilities represent nearly two-thirds of the 165 polling places required to conduct elections in our county. Without the voluntary support and cooperation of these often irreplaceable churches, the process of conducting elections in Guilford County would be extremely difficult.

For the most part, our churches have recognized and respected the important role political signs play in heightening voter awareness on Election Day. Almost all have allowed candidates to place political signs on or in front of their property (some with a few restrictions requested). Without exception, churches have asked that these political signs be removed from their property as quickly as possible following an election. In the view of most churches, “as quickly as possible” means no later than the next morning. Activities and events regarding the work and worship of the church quickly regain their priority status after Election Day and Wednesday evening services are, as you know, common.

For those of you who will be participating in future elections please plan ahead for the early and prompt removal of your political signs. Working together we can all preserve access to our political traditions as well as access to our polling places.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at 336-641-3836.