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Kevyn Creech and Wesley Knott
Wake Democratic Party

Chair Creech and Director Knott -

First off, we want to say thanks for all you are doing to get the Wake Democratic Party ready for the 2024 elections. The increase in organization and the hiring of Wesley Knott have been game changers. The early canvassing numbers have been really impressive and the Wake Dems are truly doing everything possible to get Stein and Harris over the finish line in NC this fall. You should be proud of the work you are doing.

We are writing to encourage you not to endorse between Democrats in local elections in Raleigh this fall. When that was done in 2022, it created a lot of divisions within the Democratic Party that have taken two years to repair and aren't quite there yet. Democrats are divided over housing issues and the Israel/Palestine conflict and we think the *voters* should decide between Democratic candidates, not the Executive Council, who may be less aware of or focused on important Raleigh-specific governance issues. These issues are complicated and hard and hopefully won't last forever.

Not only could the Wake Dems endorsements impact Raleigh in a divisive way, but the Wake Dems making these endorsements could also impact the Wake Dems in a divisive way. We want the Wake Dems to stay united, working together on the State and National elections, and not let the local issues divide us.

Thanks for your consideration on this issue. Again, we are so impressed by the work you do day in and day out. Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

David Meeker, Precinct 01-14 Chair and Impact Circle Member
Former Party Chair Mack Paul
Carter Worthy (GASP)
Former County Commissioner Sig Hutchinson
Former Mayor Charles Meeker
Former Mayor Nancy McFarlane
Former Mayor Smedes York
Former City Councilor Anne Franklin
Former Wake County Dem Chair Jack Nichols
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