

DATE: August 21, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENT: CHALLENGE HEARING HELD

WHEN: TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023 **TIME:** 10:00AM

WHERE: THE MACON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 5 WEST MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, NC 28734.
THE HEARING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD ROOM, FLOOR 3

A CHALLENGE HEARING **WILL TAKE PLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING PANEL APPOINTED BY THE NCSBE**

BOARD MEMBERS: KATHY TINSLEY-CHAIRMAN FOR MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

GARY DILLS-MEMBER

JEFF GILLETTE-MEMBER

JOHN VANHOOK-MEMBER

KIRK STEPHENS-CHAIRMAN FOR THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DETAILS: ON AUGUST 3, 2023 THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS RECEIVED A FORMAL CHALLENGE AGAINST CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER OF HIGHLANDS, NC (OVERTON, TUCKER CHAMBERS) BY A VOTER IN THE SAME MUNICIPALITY (DEREK TAYLOR) REPRESENTING HIGHLANDERS FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT.

THE CHALLENGE QUESTIONS THE CANDIDATES RESIDENCY (**401 N FIFTH STREET, HIGHLANDS, NC 28741**) FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGISTERING TO VOTE AND FILING FOR A MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

ONCE CHALLENGED, THE BURDEN IS ON THE CANDIDATE TO SHOW BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT HE OR SHE IS QUALIFIED TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE.

IF THE CHALLENGE IS BASED UPON A QUESTION OF RESIDENCY, THE CANDIDATE MUST SHOW ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- AN ACTUAL ABANDONMENT OF THE FIRST DOMICILE, COUPLED WITH AN INTENT NOT TO RETURN TO THE FIRST DOMICILE;
- THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW DOMICILE BY ACTUAL RESIDENCE AT ANOTHER PLACE; AND
- THE INTENT OF MAKING THE NEWER DOMICILE A PERMANENT DOMICILE G.S. 163-127.5(B)

THE CHALLENGE HEARING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE

MELANIE D. THIBAUT

