Citizens group lobbying for bonds

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Together Forward Winston-Salem has been launched to encourage residents to pass the five bond referendum items voters will be asked to consider this fall.

Three community volunteers are co-chairing effort: Steve Strawsburg, Sarah Smith and Walteria Spaulding.

"No matter where someone lives in the city, they will benefit from these bonds," said Spaulding, a longtime community servant who

Mary

Voters

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Democrat

Dickinson said she was

relieved by the ruling but

isn't changing her strate-

Republican Debra Conrad

for the 74th District N.C.

House seat. A longtime

Democratic Party volun-

teer, she's a veteran at can-

vasing local communities

for other candidates. Now

she and her team are going

door-to-door in neighbor-

hoods, including her own,

on her own behalf.

Registration forms are

always at hand during

ing that 2014 won't be a

2010 repeat for Dems. She

never happy," she said.

"It's when there's a high

voter turnout that we win.

I'm always supporting

people voting, and I don't

care what their affiliation

is. If there's high voter

turnout, my side will

working hard to get out

voters

Davenport, the current

Board of Education vice-

chair, is one of six candi-

dates running for three at-

GOP candidates are

too.

John

win."

their

Republican

says people are fired up.

Dickinson is predict-

"My side of the coin is

these canvassing outings.

She's challenging



Spaulding

heads the Music Ministry at Union Baptist Church. "The projects to be funded are prioritized by urgency of need and

include improvements to tions of a volunteer citiroads, parks and greenways, sidewalks, housing, public safety and job creation all across the

The group cites that the City of Winston-Salem, according to recent estimates, faces more than \$709 million in capital projects that current revenues are insufficient to fund. The five separate bonds totaling \$139 million, reflect the priorities set by City Council, input from residents during public meetings and recommendazen committee reviewed the city's needs in 2011. They include funds for new business development. street repair and neighborhood upgrades.

If voters approve all the measures, there will be a 2.5 cent city tax hike, meaning a family with a home valued at about \$127,000 would pay \$32 more a year.

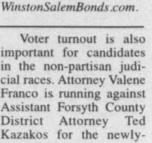
For more information about Forward Together Winston-Salem, go to WinstonSalemBonds.com.

Voter turnout is also important for candidates in the non-partisan judicial races. Attorney Valene Franco is running against Assistant Forsyth County District Attorney Ted Kazakos for the newlycreated 21st District judicial seat.

Franco has a social media presence and her signs are an omnipresence around the city, but she's still making a big push with door-to-door voter registration.

"The farther that you get down the ballot, the more impact that candidate has on your daily life," said said. "... A midterm election is just as important as, if not more important, than one when where the president is on the ballot."

Residents must have voter registration forms at the Forsyth County Board of Elections (which is in the Forsyth County Government Center at 201 N. Chestnut St.) by the end of the business day tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 10). Forms are also available online http://www.co.forsyth.nc.u s/elections/.





CROWDER

Mrs. Lena Belle Thomas Crowder was married to the late Raymond Crowder and

from that union was one devoted daughter, Rayonette J. Crowder.

Eight ministers participated in her home going service. Rev. г McCullough Rev.

Francis Williams, Mt.

Zion pulpit associates; Dr. Telika McCoy Wiggan, Mt. Peace Church Baptist in Raleigh, N.C., Bonnie Laney, Ministries Transformation Church in Lexington, N.C., Elder Robert Edmond, Kimberly Park Holiness Church, Rev. Damian Anderson, associate minister, United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Sir Walter Mack, Jr. Union Baptist Church and Dr. Serenus T. Church, Sr. minister at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, who delivered the eulogy. Other tributes were from Dr. Vivian Burke, Mayor Pro Tempore, Lowman Pauling, neighbor, David Ader, Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools, Dr. Linda Bowman-Hopkins, former student; God-sons Eric Johnson and Clifton Brown; Goddaughters, Aminah Faal Sonko from the Gambia. West Africa; Lolita Douthit-Higgins, Donna

Hargrave and Katrice

Finney; and her sisters Jeannette T. Lewis and Flonnie T. Anderson and extended family Pat and Warren Renwick and Marjorie Plowden.

Musical tributes included songs by Spirit of Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ and their director, Dr. Constance McKoy. She

was a life member of NWOA, Inc.

Her legacy includes church, family, friends, education, career, civic, social, local, national and international accomplishments.

She was referred to as a woman of virtue -Proverbs 31:10 and wore an outfit befitting her style and grace.

Lena took her final ride on a horse-drawn from her carriage beloved church to her resting place.

Her family friends saluted her one more time with the celebratory release of gold and white balloons.

Rayonette Crowder wishes to thank the community, family and friends with special thanks to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church family and Russell Funeral Services.

Lena Crowder was an ordinary woman with an extraordinary life.

> Lovingly submitted The family



Mary Dickinson poses with Roderick Brice, whom she while canvassing in the Vienna Precinct.

Franco

African

Board. He currently repre- Americans, who he says sents District I and thinks have struggled too hard the work he has done on

advantage. He is a frequent presence at schools and prides himself on being available to the public. Davenport is still using traditional election methods - mailers, billboards, yard signs - to

among

get his name before vot-He is hoping for high voter turnout, especially

for the right to simply the board is his greatest ignore it. He wants voters to take time to

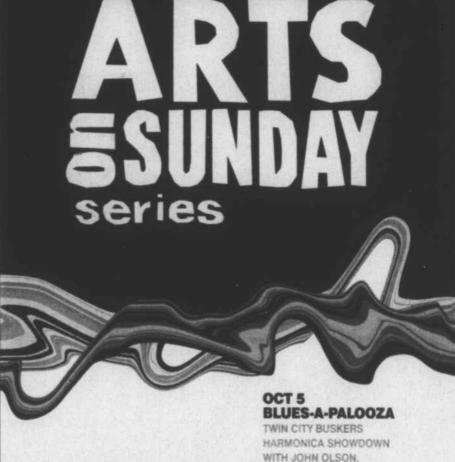
learn about candidates and approach them with an open mind. don't

think you want to give your vote away," he said. "You really want to think about it and

know who you're voting for and make sure you're voting for a person and not just a set of ideas someone has given you."







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