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reforms to the criminal justice system, including developing national guidelines on the use of force by police, new investments in bias training, legislation to end racial profiling and funding for body cameras. She has also pushed for cutting mandatory minimum sentences, particularly for drug offenses, and providing better support to help the formerly incarcerated find jobs after prison.

Campaigning 250 miles south from where Republicans gathered for

the first day of the party's national convention in Cleveland, Clinton poked at Republican nominee Donald Trump's decision not to speak at the NAACP convention.

"My opponent may have a different view but there's nowhere I'd rather be than right here with all of you," she said.

The black vote was a critical part of President Barack Obama's two national victories, and no state - perhaps other than Florida - demonstrates why better than Ohio, where black voters produce troves of Democratic votes in Cleveland, Columbus

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-Hillary Clinton

and Cincinnati, among a few other smaller cities.

Trump's strategy in Rust Belt states like Ohio is to maximize both white turnout and his share of that vote, while presuming that Clinton simply cannot match Obama's perform-

ance in the black community.

"Hillary Clinton's platitudes on gun control and public safety will not ensure an America in which both civilians and law enforcement can feel safe in their own neighbor-

hoods. Donald Trump wants to restore law and order to our communities and Make America Safe Again," said Telly Lovelace, Republican National Committee national director of African American Initiatives.

Clinton's campaign is launching a major voter mobilization drive during the Republican National Convention, with a goal of getting more than 3 million to register and commit to vote in the 2016 election.

"It's not enough to yell at your TV screen. It is not enough to send a nasty tweet," Clinton told supporters at the University of

Cincinnati. "You'll have to get registered and get out to vote in November."

Clinton was introduced by Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown, rumored to be under consideration as a potential vice presidential pick. Clinton is expected to introduce her running mate as early as this week and has been interviewing potential White House partners in recent days.

Associated Press writers Ken Thomas in Washington and Bill Barrow in Atlanta contributed to this report.



Board of Elections Chair Ken Raymond responds to criticism from attendees during the meeting.



JoAnne Allen complains about what she says is the mishandling of her petition to run for mayor.

Voting

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was her preferred early voting site, and was convenient for the surrounding community.

"The only equality we have in America is our one vote," she said. "I want you to please allow us to have our one vote."

Political leaders also advocated for the site like Forsyth County Democratic Party Chair Eric Ellison.

"You have an opportunity to listen to our community and to do what is right, make sure that our young people have an opportunity to cast their votes," he said.

State Senator Paul Lowe, who represents the 32nd district that contains WSSU, said he hoped the board would listen to the outcry for the Anderson Center.

"I think it's important to provide an opportunity for all of our citizens to vote," said Lowe. "It seems like there's an undercurrent to make things more difficult rather than making them easier."

Freshman aren't allowed to park on campus at WSSU, so an on-campus site solved issues they had with transportation to the polls. The Anderson Center acted as an early voting site from 2000-2012. After that, Republican Ken Raymond became BOE chair as boards of elections

These are the sites that the BOE voted to use during early voting:

- Board of Elections
- William Roscoe Anderson Jr. Community Center at Reynolds Park
- Polo Park Recreation Center
- Clemmons Library
- Mazie Woodruff Center
- Kernersville Senior Center
- Lewisville Library
- Old Town Recreation Center
- Rural Hall Library
- Southside Library
- Walkertown Library
- Brown Douglas Recreation Center
- Miller Park Recreation Center
- Harper Hill Commons
- Sedge Garden Recreation Center

Dates: October 27-19, October 31, November 1-5  
Hours: BOE hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on the weekdays. Other sites are open 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on the weekdays. On Saturday, October 29, all sites are open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. On Saturday, November 5 all sites are open 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

in the state - whose majorities are based on the party of the governor - became Republican dominated. Raymond publicly expressed concerns about Anderson Center, stemming from a 2010 incident there where he said a student told him she received class

credit for voting. Raymond filed a complaint at the time, but was never able to find the instructor who allegedly did this. The BOE at the time unanimously found there was no violation since there was no allegation of anything being exchanged for voting for a particular party or candidate.

Raymond gave no reason for the Anderson Center's current exclusion during the meeting. He did respond to commenters using terms like "voter suppression."

"That is absolutely ridiculous," said Raymond. "Sites will be available for everyone throughout the county to have access to sites where they can go and vote."

Stuart Russell said that in 2014 the board unanimously approved a plan he said was "good"

and "balanced" without a WSSU site. He said he believed there were two early voting sites in the approved plan that are within a mile of WSSU that would give students access: the William Roscoe Anderson Jr. Community Center at Reynolds Park and the downtown BOE office.

According to Google maps, the community center is 1.2 miles away from the WSSU Anderson Center and is an additional 23 minute walk via Reynolds Park Road. The BOE is at least 1.6 miles

from there and would be a voter within the jurisdiction. Amin's plan he'll be sub-



Forsyth County Democratic Party Chair Eric Ellison was among the many who asked for WSSU early voting in last week's meeting.

33-39 minute walk.

Another site that wasn't included was Industries for the Blind, which Raymond said he objected to because BOE staff had expressed concerns if there was enough parking there. IFB asked to be a site because it would be convenient for the blind and visually impaired community that works and receives services there. Transportation to get to the polls can be an issue for those who are blind and visually impaired that rely on public transportation or friends and family to get from place to place. IFB is also on El-

mitting to the state board along with Sunday voting, which was also not a part of the approved plan.

Also during the meeting, the BOE once again considered issues with JoAnne Allen's petition to be an unaffiliated candidate for mayor. Allen needs 6,037 signatures by August 6 to get on the ballot. The petition, provided by the State BOE, requires signers to give their name, address, date of birth and signature. This information is then checked against voter registration records to make sure it matches, and that the person is a registered

tion of that contest. Of 3,377 signatures that the BOE said it received from Allen, only 2,321 have met the criteria. Allen disputed 167 discounted names that she said she found registrations for, but the BOE staff only reversed its decision on 27 of them as of last week, with the vast majority still not counting.

Allen also said she'd turned in an additional 23 names, which she accused the BOE of losing. She said that BOE staff who have spent more than 200 man hours on the petition so far, were "incompetent" and had "no credibility."

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Gerrell Wheeler "I do feel that way. My parents told me how it was back in the day, and now it feels like it's coming alive. Sometimes I feel paranoid when police officers are around, and it's a shame that I feel more paranoid than protected."



Jamal Quick "I think it depends on the situation, but when looking at the recent events that have occurred, I feel like they are targeting young black men. Luckily, I have never experienced that, but I feel like in order for things to change, it will have to begin with them. We can march and have all the rallies, but until they change their ways, nothing will change. It begins with them."



Raymond Morgan "Yes and no. Although there have been times when I have been wrongfully stopped by the police, I feel like there are some good officers out there who do their jobs the right way. I don't think it's right to say all officers are bad because that isn't the case."



Willie Smith "Not really. But, it is something that stays on my mind when I am around police officers or when I see a police car. I have had run-ins with the police before, but that was a long time ago."

Prince Carter

"I feel like officers aren't going out and saying 'There's a black man let's kill him,' but, since the beginning of law enforcement in this country, blacks have been targeted. It even goes back to slavery times. They know that to tear down the black community, they must first tear down the black man."



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