Statement from Sheriff Bobby F. Kimbrough, Jr.

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While we recognize it is political season, we at the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office resent untrue statements and would like to present the facts once again. We encourage you to fact check us.

Since taking office, we have not released one – not even one – violent criminal back into our community that was requested to be held by ICE. According to an ICE agent, he (Kimbrough) has a "phenomenal working relationship" with us. Currently we have a Task Force Officer assigned to work with ICE on violent crimes, human trafficking, and drug related crimes.

In addition to that, it should be known that Forsyth County and the city of Winston-Salem is THE safest city/county in the state of North Carolina. It is because of the relationship and the balancing act between what is right, what is moral, and what is legal. that these relationships exist.

Do not be drawn in by rhetoric and untrue statements that this is a sanctuary city/county, or urban city/county, but let it be known it is the safest city/county in the state of North Carolina. And it should be known that the District Attorney's office, the ICE office, and the Forsyth County Sheriff's office work together to balance the concerns, needs and safety issues of this county.

The Forsyth County Sheriff's office will continue to serve this community without violating anyone's rights and will do so by doing what is ethical, what is moral, what is legal, and what is right. So please do not be moved by politicians using politricks to effect the relationships that currently exist in THIS county.

Respectfully submitted,

Not the urban sheriff, not the sanctuary sheriff, but the Sheriff elected by the people of Forsyth County: Bobby F. Kimbrough, Jr.

5 things you need to know about voting in N.C.s primary election

Early voting ends Feb. 29!

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Here are some tips to help you vote quickly and easily during the Early Voting period. The primary election will be held on March 3.

1. Your completed registration form must have been mailed (postmarked) or delivered in person to your county's Board of Elections by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7.

2. If you're not sure about your registration status, you can look yourself up at the State Board's voter lookup: demnc.co/lookup. (Pro-tip: once you've entered the required information and clicked on your name, look for "ACTIVE" next to the "status" listing at the top of your voter record. If you're ACTIVE, you're already registered!)

3. Want to know if you're eligible to register? Need a registration form? Find everything here: demnc.co/register.

4. You cannot change your party affiliation when registering to vote during the one-stop Early Voting period. (Per NCGS § 163-82.17. Change of party affiliation.)

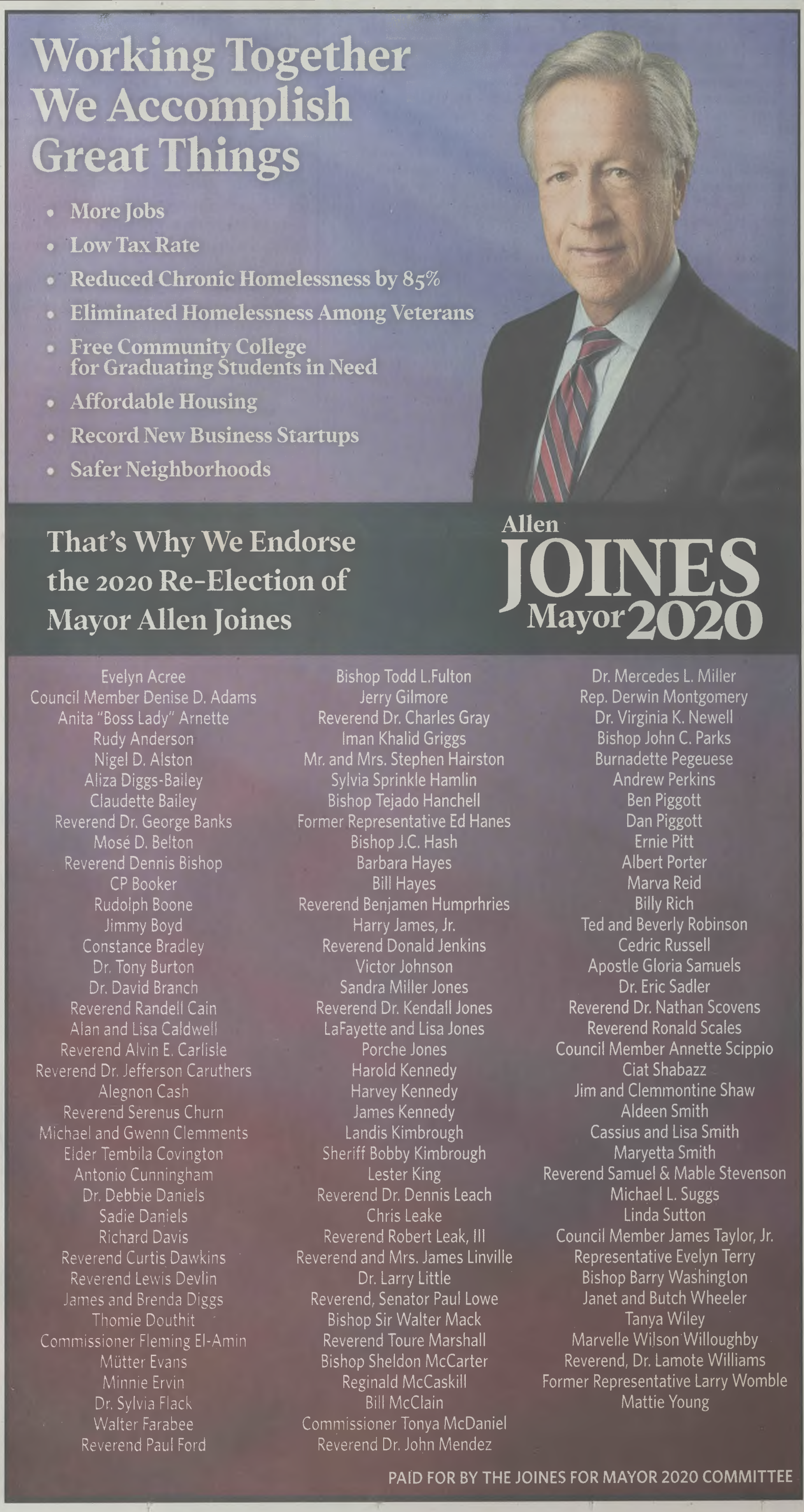
5. You can also register and vote — at the same time — during the 17-day one-stop Early Voting period, through Saturday, Feb. 29. To register at an Early Voting location in your county, find yours here: demnc.co/voteearly/. Please bring ONE of the following documents:

*N.C. driver's license

*Other government photo ID with name and current address

*Utility bill, bank statement, or payroll stub with name and current address

*Student photo ID with a school document showing the student's address

*Any document from any government agency with the voter's name and current address

Have other questions? Call or text our hotline at 1-888-OUR-VOTE - 888-687-8683.