

Voter Apathy May Affect Districting Election

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Two rallies designed to expand support for district representation among West Charlotte residents resulted in disappointingly small crowds after considerable planning and publicity by two Westside neighborhood organizations.

A March 31 rally planned by the predominantly white Westside Community Organization (WCO) attracted an audience of only 90. A similar rally, co-sponsored by the Northwest Community Action Association (NWCAA)—a federation of 17 black neighborhood organizations—and the Charlotte Post on April 2,

produced only 28 listeners. Furthermore, election board office data shows that only 15 to 20 percent of voters in the northwest and west historically vote in bond elections. Since this is the area of the city most supportive of districting, a larger turnout will be necessary if victory is to be gained. Southeast Charlotte, the area of the city most opposed to districting, will have an expected voter turnout of 35 percent. If these voting patterns hold true on Tuesday, supporters of 7-4 districting are concerned their effort may have been lost.

In order to offset these developments, WCO president Sam Smith reportedly said his

organization has sent 100 districting supporter into north and northwest Charlotte during the past weekend (April 9-10) in a door-to-door effort to distribute WCO literature that explains district representation and its presumed benefits.

WCO's weekend blitz reportedly focused on Thomasboro, Hoskins and black neighborhoods which Smith noted are the areas where "the most underrepresented people live." People in such areas, Smith reportedly continued, "should have the biggest reason to vote for the (proposed districting) plan..."

WCO attempted to reach

25,000 Westside voters in its weekend effort. Further plans call for distributing pamphlets in a few commercial locations on the eastside and around Eastland Mall and similar locations, telephoning registered voters and forming a speakers bureau to further educate the public about districting.

L.C. Coleman, president of NWCAA, said his organization has received the support of the Charlotte Ministerial Alliance Association. According to Coleman, the clergy association has offered to finance the cost of transporting voters to the polls on April 19, pledged to express support for district representation from their pul-

pits and generally aid in other voter education endeavors.

Both Smith and Coleman expressed concern over the historically low voter turnout record Charlotteans have had for bond elections. This, of course, refers to the Nature Museum's Discovery Place bond and the water-sewer bonds that will also appear on the April 19 ballot. Coleman said, "It is fairly certain, if the voter turnout does not significantly exceed the traditional bond election vote level, district representation will fail to win."

Smith and Coleman's concerns are real since southeast Charlotte is expected to oppose districting.



L.C. Coleman
...NWCAA president

More significantly, Councilman Harvey Gantt warned at a districting rally recently, "If at least 25 percent of registered black don't vote district representation will lose no matter how whites vote."

JCSU Professor Create

Child Development Game

Dr. Bryan E. Robinson, Assistant Professor of Education at Johnson C. Smith University, has created an exciting new educational simulation and child development game for parents, teachers and students of childhood education called MANDALA.

The full-color game, played similar to monopoly, covers the development of the child conception through later childhood by using the "learning by doing" philosophy.

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of the game is to reach MANDALA or develop the whole child.

Dr. Robinson explains that he conceived the idea of creating the game while teaching an early childhood education class at Johnson C. Smith University. "It occurred to me that there should be more creative ways of getting across the students," he said.

It took him about 8 months to develop the game, which he created in cooperation with Ms. Milda Baker, an instructor in early childhood education and director of the early learning center for children at Queens College, Charlotte.

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