

STOKES COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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November 21, 2016

Mr. Jason Perry, Director
Stokes County Board of Elections
1012 N. Main Street
Danbury, North Carolina 27016

Dear Mr. Perry,

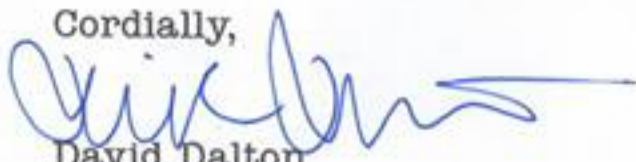
The Stokes County Democratic Party, in light of recent events, requests that the American Legion Building at 436 S. Main Street in King no longer be used as the polling place for the West King precinct.

The Stokes News reported on November 16 that a Pfafftown man was charged by King police with assault with a deadly weapon and careless and reckless driving after a Stokes County man was struck by a truck outside the voting area on election day.

In the newspaper story, Don Holland, the King American Legion commander, is quoted as saying, "He has every right in the world to display what he wants, but in front of an American Legion building with a sign like 'Veterans against Trump' doesn't belong there."

Holland's words express a gross, malignant, and intimidating misunderstanding of the Constitutional, legal, and political principles that govern American elections. Even aside from the criminal charges filed after the events on election day, no voter of any party should be required to enter such a hostile environment to exercise the right to vote or to express completely reasonable political views with words or signs. I am requesting that a new polling place be found before the next election.

Cordially,



David Dalton
Chairman, Stokes County Democratic Party