IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 16-1270 (L) (5:15-cv-00156-D)

RALEIGH WAKE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION; JANNET B. BARNES; BEVERLEY S. CLARK; WILLIAM B. CLIFFORD; BRIAN FITZSIMMONS; GREG FLYNN; DUSTIN MATTHEW INGALLS; AMY T. LEE; ERVIN PORTMAN; SUSAN PORTMAN; JANE C. ROGERS; BARBARA D. VANDENBERGH; JOHN G. VANDENBERGH; AMY WOMBLE; PERRY WOODS,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS,

Defendant-Appellee.

On Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

RESPONSE OF DEFENDANT-APPELLEE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO APPELLANTS' MOTION TO ISSUE MANDATE

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The WBOE otherwise takes no position on Appellants' procedural request.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of July, 2016.

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