

To: Mr. Roy Cooper
Attorney General, North Carolina

From: Ms. Gardenia M. Henley
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Date: July 1, 2011

Subject: Request for Official Investigation and Immediate Action
Ref: 1. My Memo to Gary Barlett, et. al dated December 3, 2010
2. Memo to Linda Sutton, et. al dated February 7, 2011
3. Recorded meetings with Linda Sutton dated 12/3 & 4/11

On December 3, 2010 I meet with Ms. Linda Sutton and presented the Henley Report I, dated February 5, 2011. The findings relate to alleged illegal and unethical conduct within the Forsyth County Board of Elections, (FCBOE).

Please be advised that during my meeting with Ms. Sutton, she admitted that:

- She violated North Carolina State Law, especially relating to *Closed Session Meetings*, and made every attempt to cover it up.
- She knew that the allegations against Director of FCBOE, Mr. Robert Coffman were accurate and true.
- She had spoken to N.C. State Officials on several occasions asking for Mr. Coffman's resignation.
- She would send a letter to N.C. State BOE officials Mr. Gary Bartlett and Mr. Don Wright asking for an investigation into allegations identified in the Henley Report I in which she felt were well-founded.
- She was not clear on her responsibilities or authorities as a chairman of the FCBOE and relied on others to give her direction.

Based on Ms. Sutton's actions and admissions of irresponsible behavior as stated above, please accept this memo as my request for an official investigation and call for Ms. Sutton's removal from office. At this time, another full investigation may not be warranted by the SBI, as my investigative findings are well founded, and the validity of my allegations are without question. I have also verified that during several FCBOE meetings and hearings, Ms. Sutton lied about, covered up and ignored other information in which she knew was true.

I understand that Ms. Sutton has again been chosen as the Chairman of the FCBOE, thus, I am requesting that you take immediate action to assure that the citizens of Forsyth County votes and tax dollars are being spent on representatives of Forsyth County that respect the rights of others, and that those individuals exercise their responsibilities both ethically and legally.

Furthermore, Ms. Sutton was not Forsyth County's/the people's choice for the chairman of the FCBOE position. Again, voter ballots are being ignored. Mr. Beaufort Bailey was clearly selected by the people as the number one choice for the chairman of the Forsyth County BOE. A change was clearly made by the N.C. State Officials and a clear reason as to what happened must

be disclosed. We will not settle for “business as usual.” This is not the time to hide from the truth. This is a defining moment within the history of North Carolina which will either place you as a part of the problem, or as a part of the solution to this clearly exploited fiasco.

Also, please be advised that on December 4, 2010 I discussed the Henley Report I, findings with the Chairman of the N.C. State Board of Elections, Mr. Gary Bartlett and the N. C. State Board of Elections General Council, Mr. Don Wright.

The fact that any officials representing the State of North Carolina with whom I have already spoken to would again consider Ms. Sutton for any position supported by U.S. Tax dollars is corruption at its best. When speaking to all of the individuals mentioned in this document, I was perfectly clear on the allegations presented, I left no room for interpretations. The government officials have stated in their own words, (Ms. Sutton, Mr. Wright and Mr. Bartlett) what I have presented in this memo and in the Henley Report I. I am a life long democrat, I regret presenting this document to you, however, the N.C. Democratic party must be held accountable for their misdeeds, Mr. Roy Cooper, I will not walk away from my assertions.

Finally, I have submitted a copy of the Henley Report No. I, to the Forsyth County Manager, Mr. Dudley Watts. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 336-767-8398. Also the Henley Report I and transcripts of the meetings with Ms. Sutton, Mr. Wright and Mr. Bartlett are available upon request and they can also be found on my website: thepeoplescandidate.org.

I will thank you in advance for your attention. I respectfully ask that you please respond to this memo and my request in writing within 5 days.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Don Wright/GC
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