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September 4, 2026

Ms. Elizabeth Haddix, Senior Counsel
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VIA EMAIL DELIVERY

Ms. Haddix,

We are writing in response to your letters dated August 13, 2026 and August 21, 2026. Provided below are the Office of the State Auditor's (OSA) responses to each of the matters raised in those letters, as well as the supplemental materials related to American Oversight's records requests numbered NC-AUD-26-0065 and NC-AUD-26-1415.

In your August 13, 2026 letter, you demanded that OSA hire an independent forensic expert to retrieve text messages that Mr. Woodhouse deleted from his personal cell phone while employed by OSA. While we acknowledge that several text messages constituting public records were deleted from Mr. Woodhouse's phone, hiring a forensic expert would be fruitless because OSA does not have custody of Mr. Woodhouse's cell phone. Further, OSA does not possess the legal authority to seize a private citizen's personal cell phone to search for potential public records. Doing so would raise serious concerns under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as well as Article I, Section 20 of the North Carolina Constitution.

Instead, the Public Records Act (PRA) provides the appropriate avenue for retrieving public records, which is to demand them from the individual who has possession of them. *See* N.C.G.S. § 132-5. As explained in our August 6, 2026 letter, OSA has made such a demand of Mr. Woodhouse. This demand, along with the other measures taken by OSA to retrieve copies of public records from Mr. Woodhouse's phone prior to his resignation, satisfies OSA's obligation under the PRA.

Mr. Woodhouse has responded to OSA's August 6, 2026 demand, and we are currently reviewing the documents he sent. Any that is determined to be public record will be provided to you once our review process is complete.

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Your August 21, 2026 letter states that NC-AUD-26-1415 asked for all responsive electronic messages sent or received by OSA employee Kelly Mann. That is not accurate. American Oversight's original request in NC-AUD-26-1415 asked in part for written communications from "Assistant State Auditor Kelly *Horton*." OSA noted in our original email production in response to NC-AUD-26-1415 on July 15, 2026 that no one named Kelly Horton was employed by OSA. American Oversight did not clarify that it intended NC-AUD-26-1415 to pertain to Kelly Mann until your August 21, 2026 letter. With this clarified, we are now processing your request for Kelly Mann's written communications that are responsive to NC-AUD-26-1415, and we will produce any responsive public records once our review process is complete.

Your August 21, 2026 letter also lists three specific text message exchanges not included in our prior productions: (i) May 29, 2026 texts between Dallas Woodhouse and Jay Delancy, (ii) texts between Kelly Mann and Dwight Williams, and (iii) texts between Mitchell Whitley and Gary Mastin. With regard to each of these specific items:

- Copies of the May 29, 2026 texts between Mr. Woodhouse and Mr. Delancy are attached. We acknowledge that these texts do not include the message obtained from Mr. Delancy that was purportedly sent from Mr. Woodhouse to Mr. Delancy on May 29, 2026 at 12:55 PM that was included in Lee County's production attached to your July 22, 2026 email. Nevertheless, the attached texts include all text messages between Mr. Woodhouse and Mr. Delancy that are in OSA's possession.

- Copies of texts between Mr. Whitley and Mr. Mastin are also attached. We note that these texts are not responsive to either NC-AUD-26-1415 or NC-AUD-26-0065 due to the identity of the parties to the text messages, which is why they were not included in our initial production. Notwithstanding this, however, we are now producing them in response to your August 21, 2026 letter in the interest of full disclosure.

- As noted above, we are currently working on your request for Ms. Mann's written communications responsive to NC-AUD-26-1415 and will produce those records once available.

Your letter also lists a series of texts produced in response to NC-AUD-26-0065 and NC-AUD-26-1415 and requested uncropped and complete copies of each. These messages were cropped in our production in order to withhold messages that were either (1) non-responsive to the respective requests, (2) personal in nature and therefore not a public record under the PRA, or (3) confidential as personnel information under N.C.G.S. § 153A-98. We have treated your request for uncropped copies of these text messages as a new public records request and have provided them as attachments to this letter. All messages that constitute public record are unredacted, but please note that we have redacted information from some of the attached text messages for the reasons stated above. Specifically, we have redacted messages for the following reasons:

  - NC-AUD-26-1415-B-000010 – Redacted a text from Brian Levecchi to Dallas Woodhouse and a text from Dallas Woodhouse to Brian Levecchi as personal and not sent in connection with the transaction of public business, and therefore outside the definition of public records in N.C.G.S. § 132-1(a).
  - NC-AUD-26-1415-B-000014 [no redactions]
  - NC-AUD-26-1415-B-000018 [no redactions]
  - NC-AUD-26-1415-B-000019 [no redactions]

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- NC-AUD-26-1415-B-000021 – Redacted texts between Dallas Woodhouse and Kelly Mann as personal and not sent in connection with the transaction of public business, and therefore outside the definition of public records in N.C.G.S. § 132-1(a).
- NC-AUD-26-1415-B-000022 – Redacted texts between Dallas Woodhouse and Kelly Mann as personal and not sent in connection with the transaction of public business, and therefore outside the definition of public records. N.C.G.S. § 132-1(a). Redacted the phone number of David Rogers.
- NC-AUD-26-1415-B-000035 [no redactions]
- NC-AUD-26-1415-B-000037 [no redactions]
- NC-AUD-26-1415-B-000055 – Redacted part of a text from Dallas Woodhouse to Kirk O'Steen as personal and not sent in connection with the transaction of public business, and therefore outside the definition of public records in N.C.G.S. § 132-1(a).
- NC-AUD-26-1415-B-000056 – Redacted texts from Dallas Woodhouse to Kirk O'Steen as personal and not sent in connection with the transaction of public business, and therefore outside the definition of public records in N.C.G.S. § 132-1(a).
- NC-AUD-26-0065-A-000829 – Redacted personal information sent by Crystal to Dallas Woodhouse, phone numbers of John Noce and Joseph Trivette, and personnel information about a county employee made confidential under N.C.G.S. § 153A-98.
- NC-AUD-26-00650A-000830 – Redacted personnel information about a county employee made confidential under N.C.G.S. § 153A-98 and the phone number of Minnie Johnson.
- NC-AUD-26-0065-A-000833 – Redacted personnel information about a county employee made confidential under N.C.G.S. § 153A-98.
- NC-AUD-26-0065-A-000840 [no redactions]
- NC-AUD-26-0065-A-000842 – Redacted texts between Dallas Woodhouse and Jaime Getty that are personal and not sent in connection with the transaction of public business, and therefore outside the definition of public records in N.C.G.S. § 132-1(a).
- NC-AUD-26-0065-A-000843 – Redacted texts between Dallas Woodhouse and Jamie Getty that are personal and not sent in connection with the transaction of public business, and therefore outside the definition of public records in N.C.G.S. § 132-1(a).
- NC-AUD-26-0065-A-000844 – Redacted texts between Dallas Woodhouse and Jamie Getty that are personal and not sent in connection with the transaction of public business, and therefore outside the definition of public records in N.C.G.S. § 132-1(a). In the final redacted text, we redacted the address and phone number of Jamie Getty's law firm.
- NC-AUD-26-0065-A-000845 – Redacted texts between Dallas Woodhouse and Jamie Getty that are personal and not sent in connection with the transaction of public business, and therefore outside the definition of public records in N.C.G.S. § 132-1(a).
- NC-AUD-26-0065-A-000849 – Redacted texts between Dallas Woodhouse and Jamie Getty that contain personnel information about a county employee made confidential under N.C.G.S. § 153A-98.
- NC-AUD-26-0065-A-000850 [no redactions]
- NC-AUD-26-0065-A-000851 [no redactions]
- NC-AUD-26-0065-A-000857 – Redacted texts between Dallas Woodhouse and Jamie Getty that contain confidential personnel information about a county employee made confidential under N.C.G.S. § 153A-98. Redacted an additional text that is personal and

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not sent in connection with the transaction of public business, and therefore outside the definition of public records in N.C.G.S. § 132-1(a).
    - NC-AUD-26-0065-A-000864 [no redactions]

We have also attached the following records, which were inadvertently omitted from our prior productions in response to NC-AUD-26-1415:

- A June 3, 2026 email from Angela Hawkins to Dallas Woodhouse, copying Kelly Mann, with attachments, which is responsive to NC-AUD-26-1415.
- Text messages between Dallas Woodhouse and Jay Delancy that are responsive to NC-AUD-26-0065.
- Text messages between Dallas Woodhouse and Auditor Boliek that are responsive to NC-AUD-26-1415.

Your letter also requests statements from all OSA personnel involved in searches of Auditor Boliek and Ms. Mann's devices for records responsive to NC-AUD-26-1415. As has been previously explained, OSA's Legal Affairs Division is responsible for processing public records requests on behalf of OSA, and the standard procedure for searching for and reviewing records was followed in fulfilling this request. To the extent it is helpful to understand how we followed our standard procedure in this specific instance, OSA's Legal Affairs Division held an in-person meeting with Auditor Boliek and discussed the scope of NC-AUD-26-1415 with him. Auditor Boliek then searched his phone for messages responsive to the request and provided the Legal Affairs Division with the responsive text messages attached to this email. While he did so prior to our production on August 6, 2026, those texts were inadvertently left out of that production due to the speed at which we were required to conduct the search for and review of records responsive to NC-AUD-26-1415 in order to meet your requested deadline. With regard to Ms. Mann's text messages, as noted above, we are now processing your request for her communications that are responsive to NC-AUD-26-1415, since we now understand based on your August 21, 2026 letter that your request related to written communications of Kelly Mann rather than "Kelly Horton."

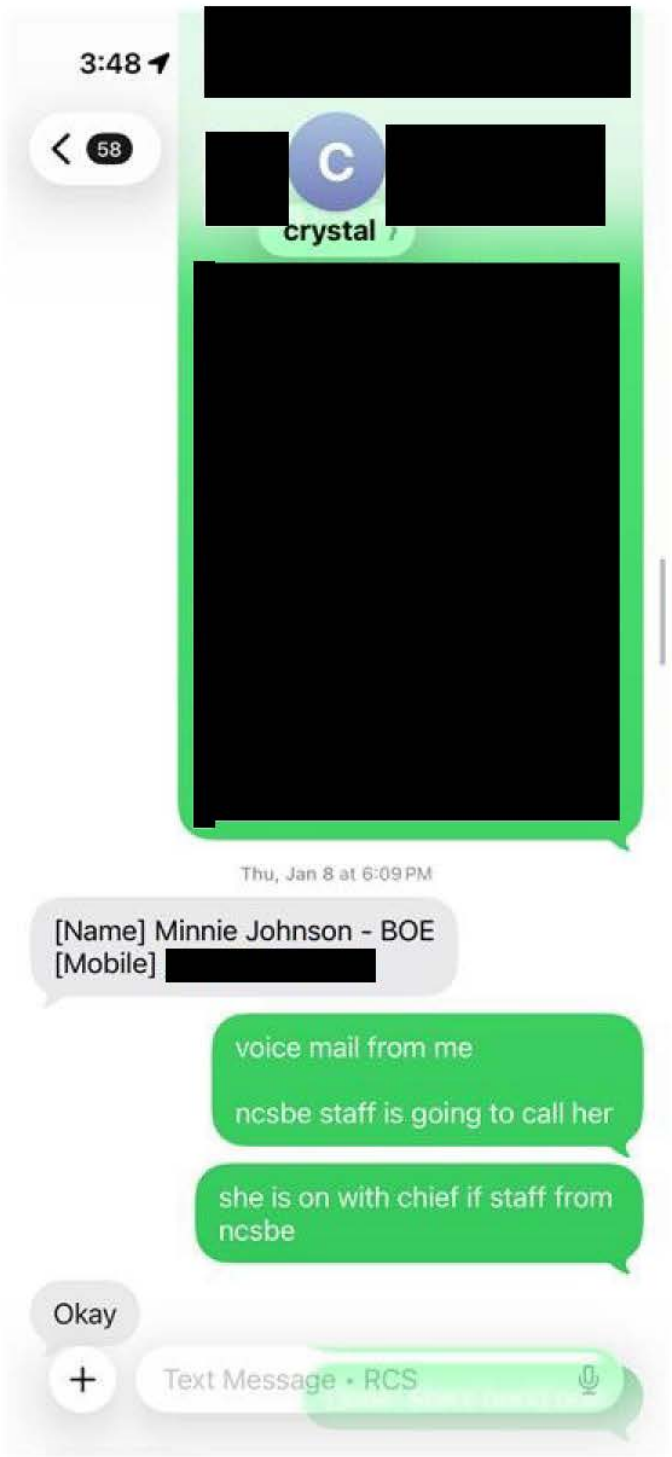
Finally, we appreciate and share your desire to avoid litigation. We are working through the remainder of the open records requests that American Oversight has submitted to OSA and will forward responsive records to you once our searches are complete. Please let us know if you have any further questions related to NC-AUD-26-0065, NC-AUD-26-1415, or the other outstanding requests submitted by your office.

Sincerely,

Wesleigh Stout

Wesleigh Stout, General Counsel
North Carolina Office of the State Auditor

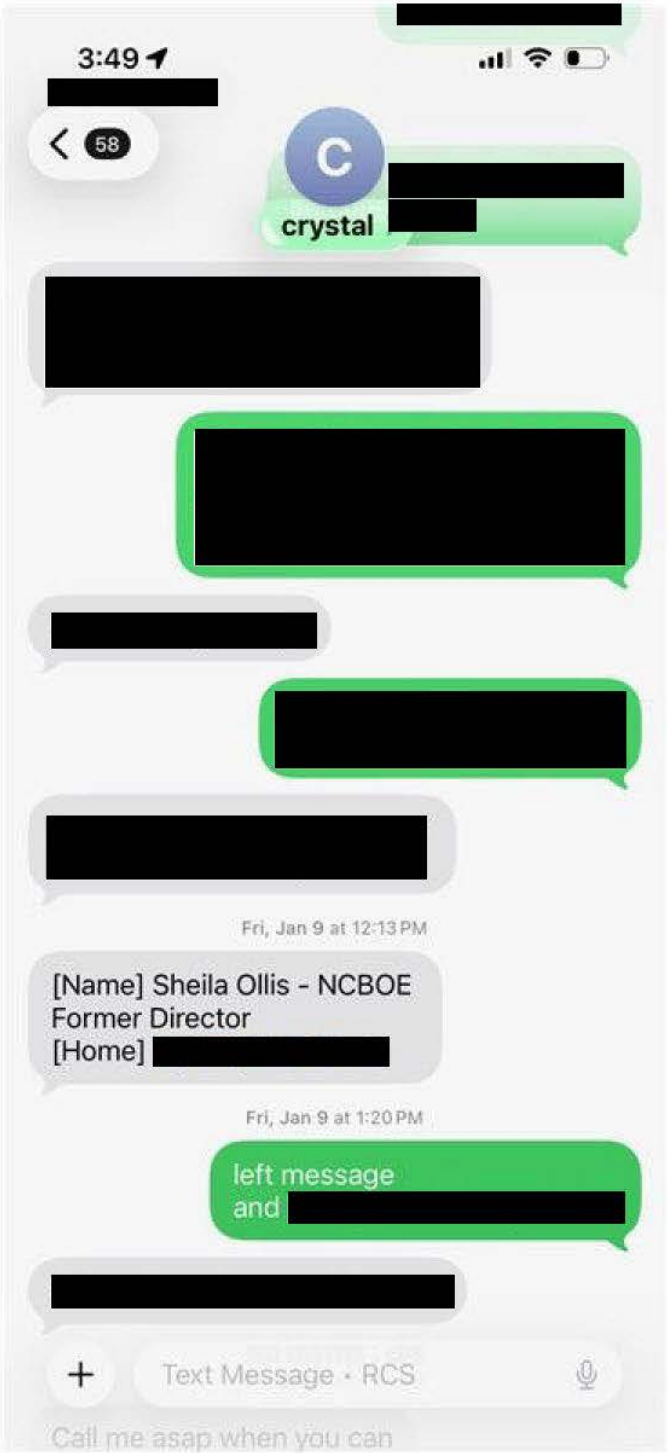
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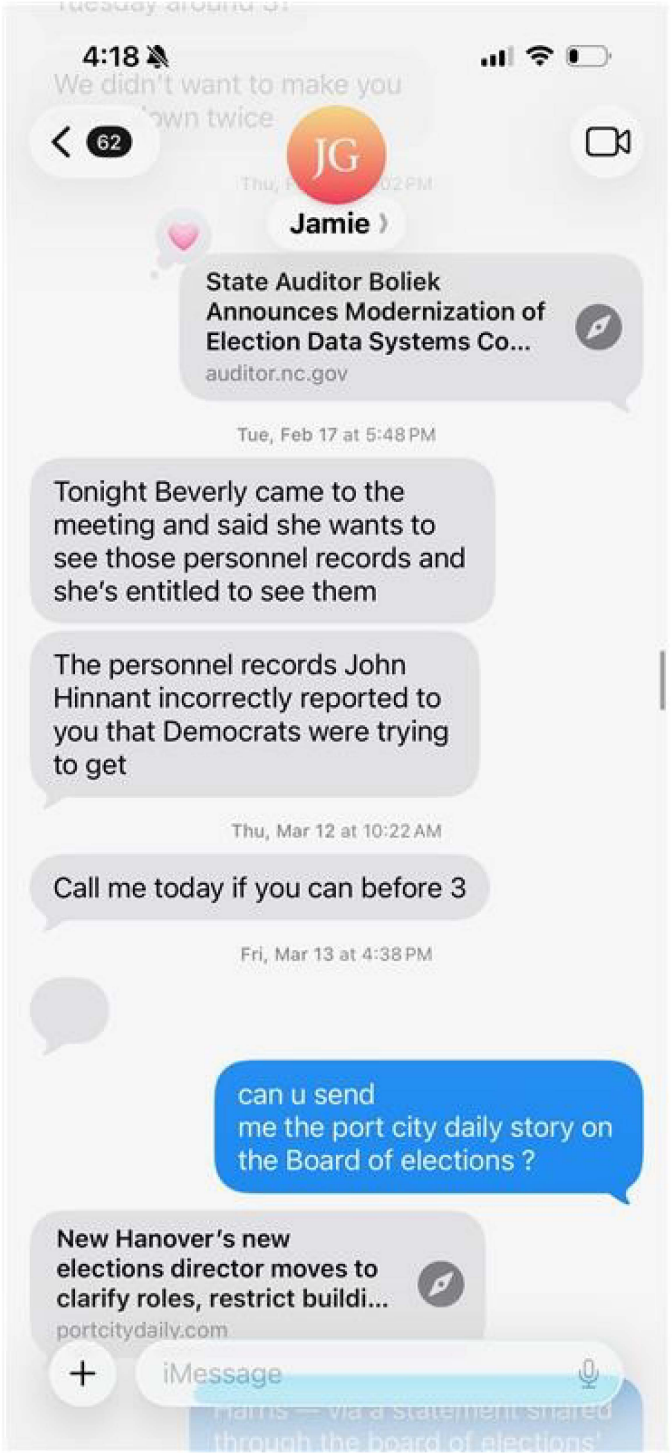
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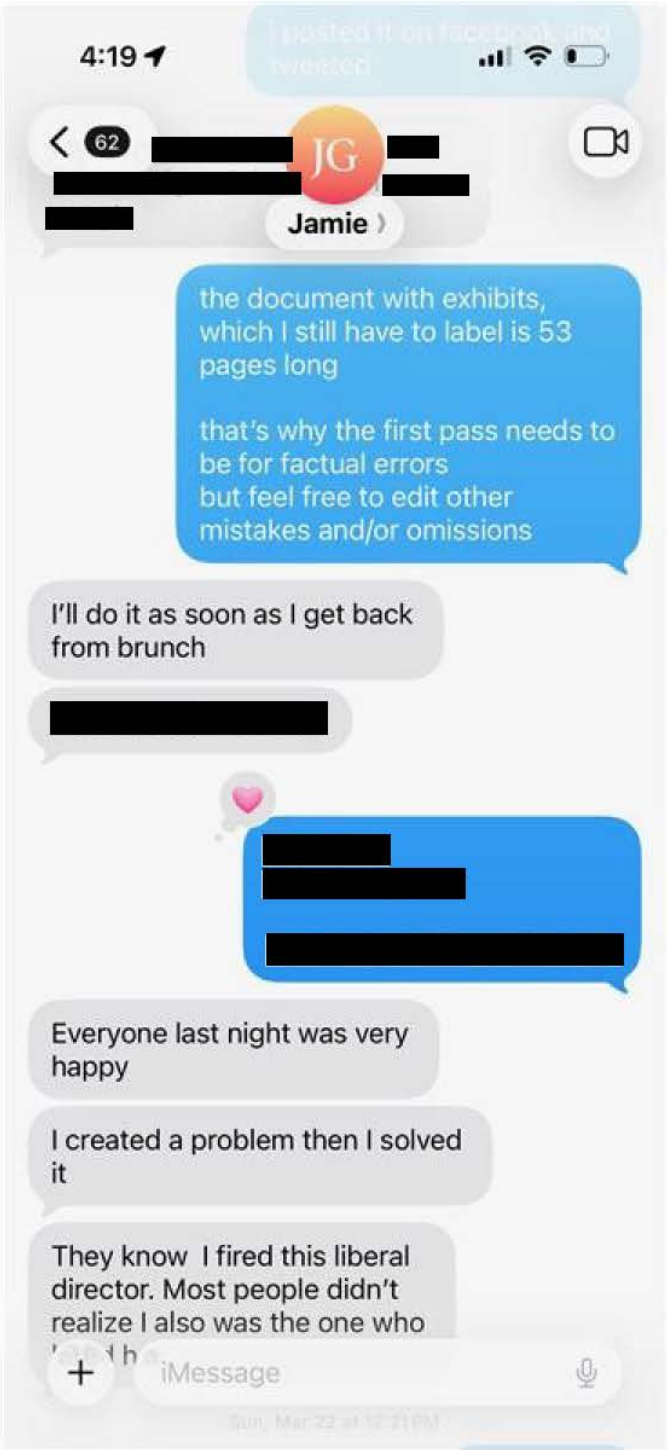
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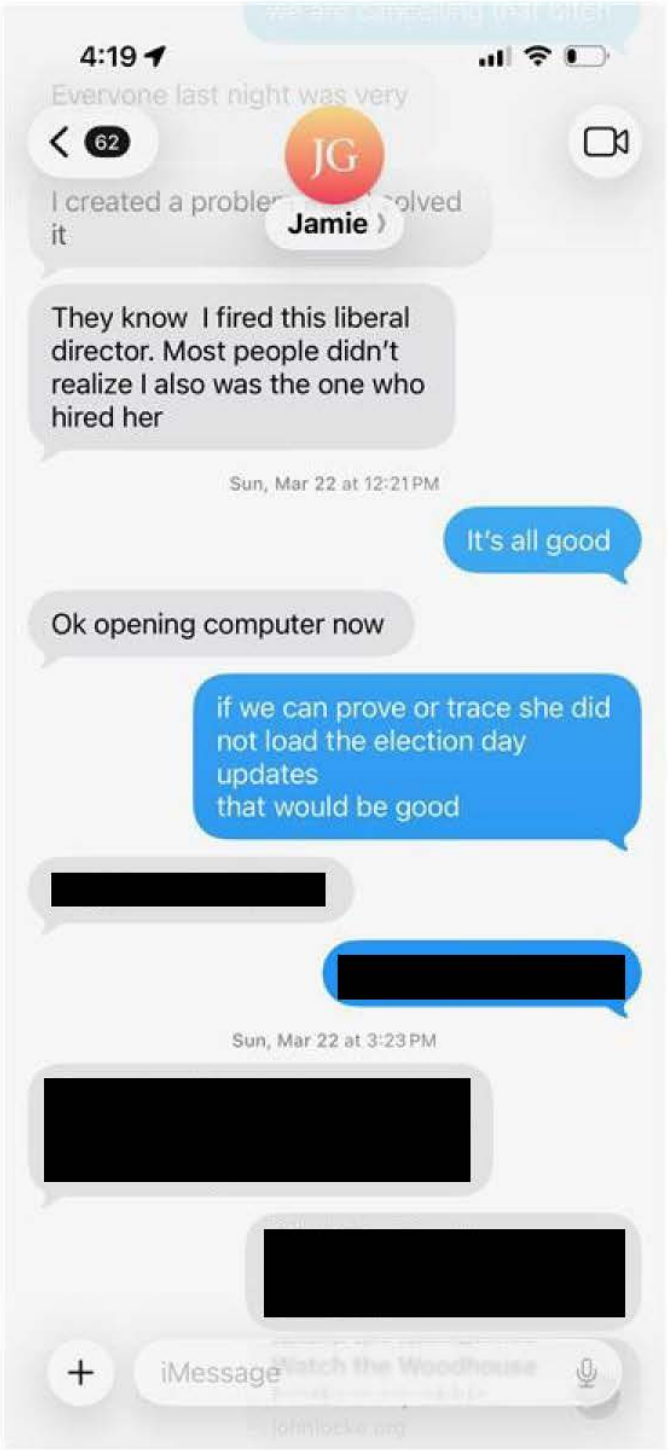
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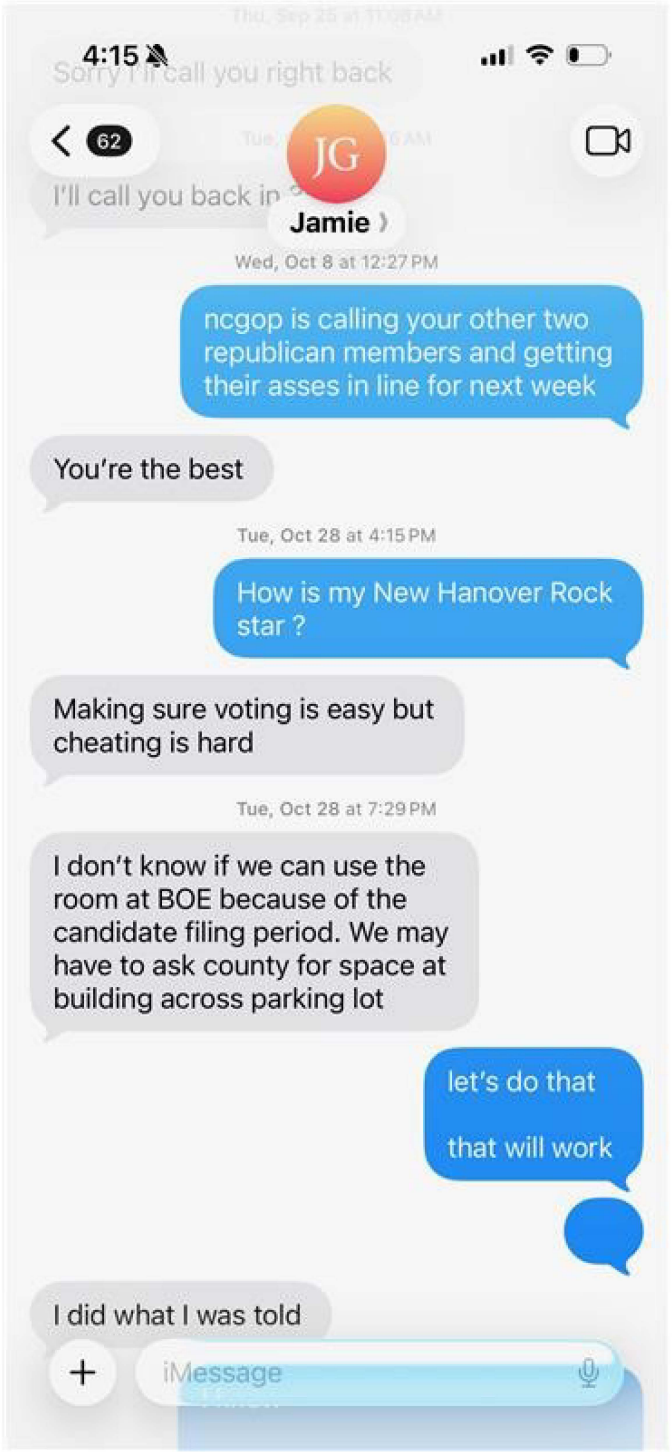
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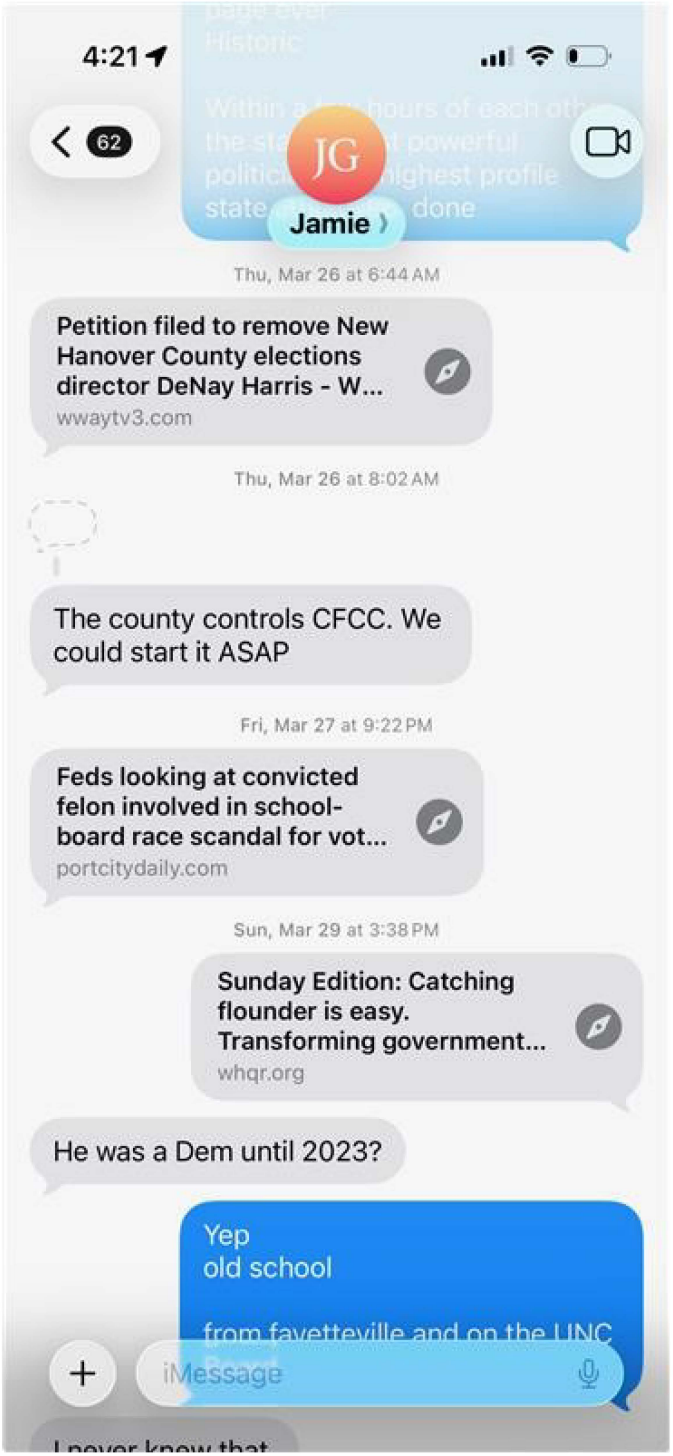
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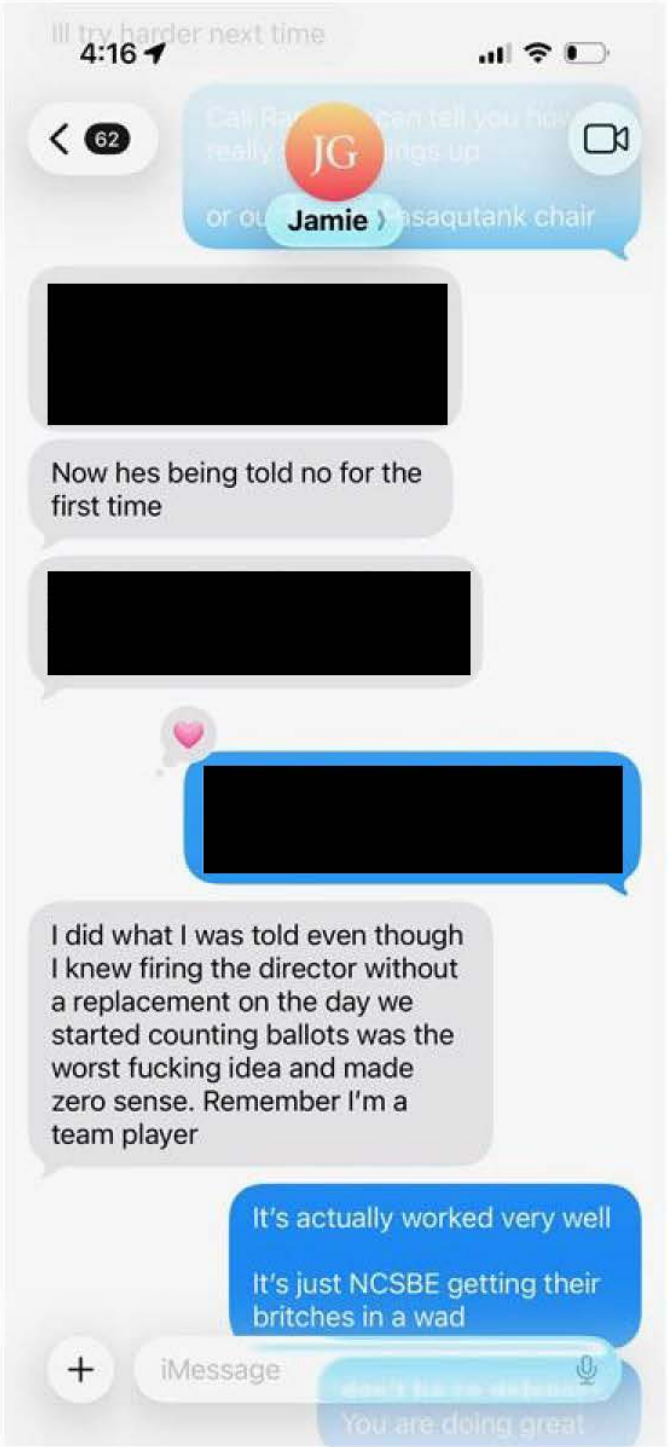
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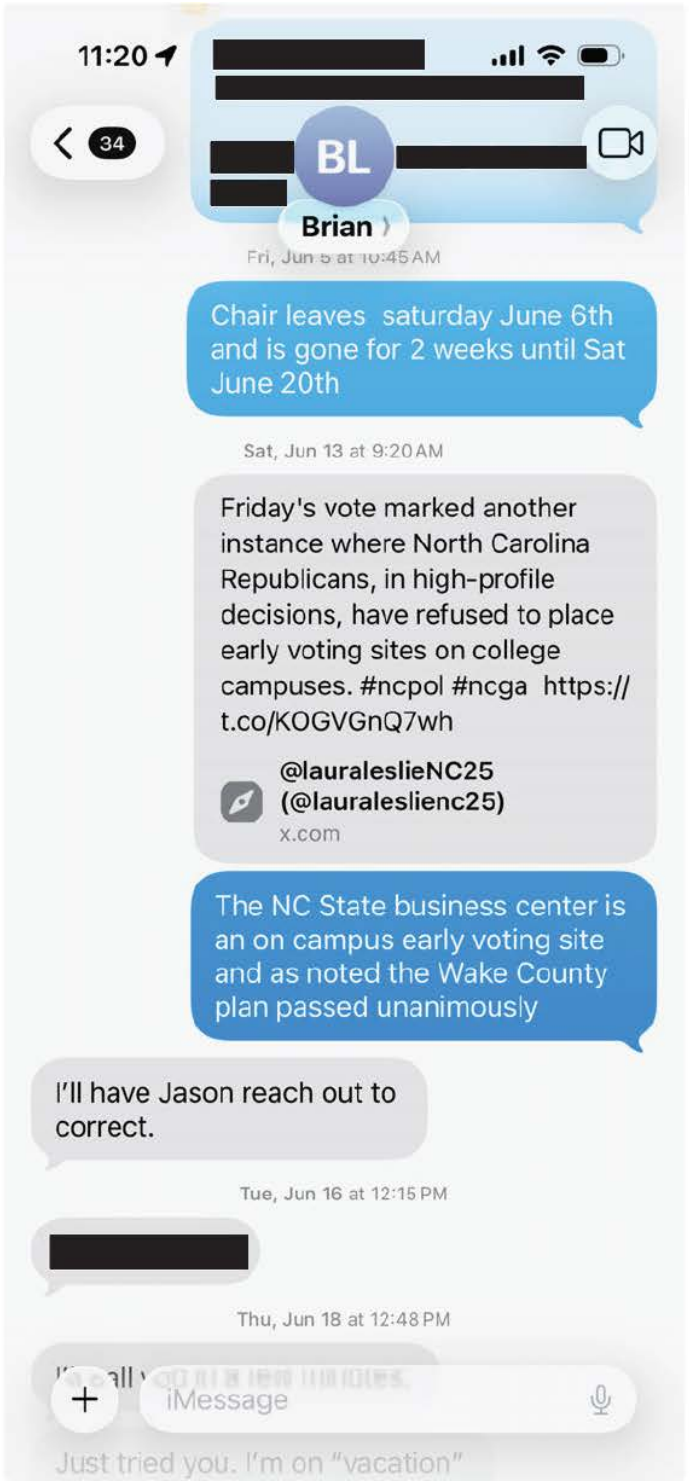
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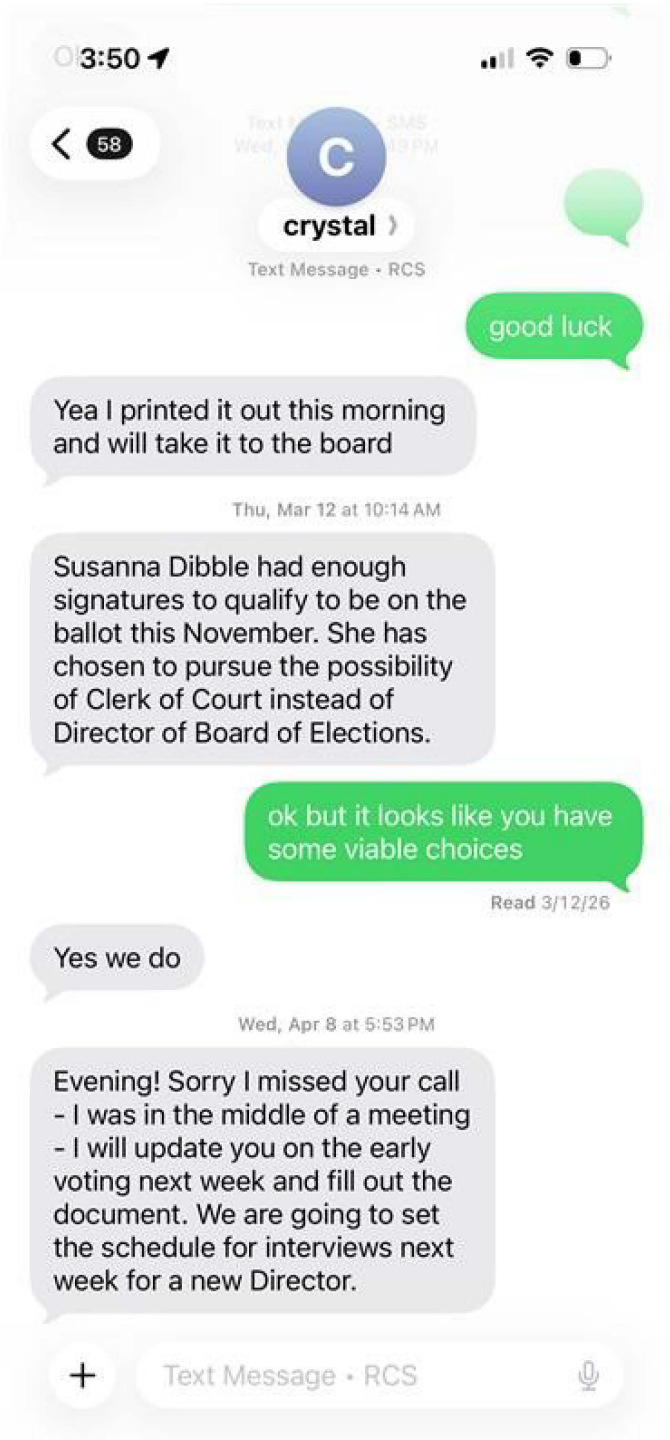
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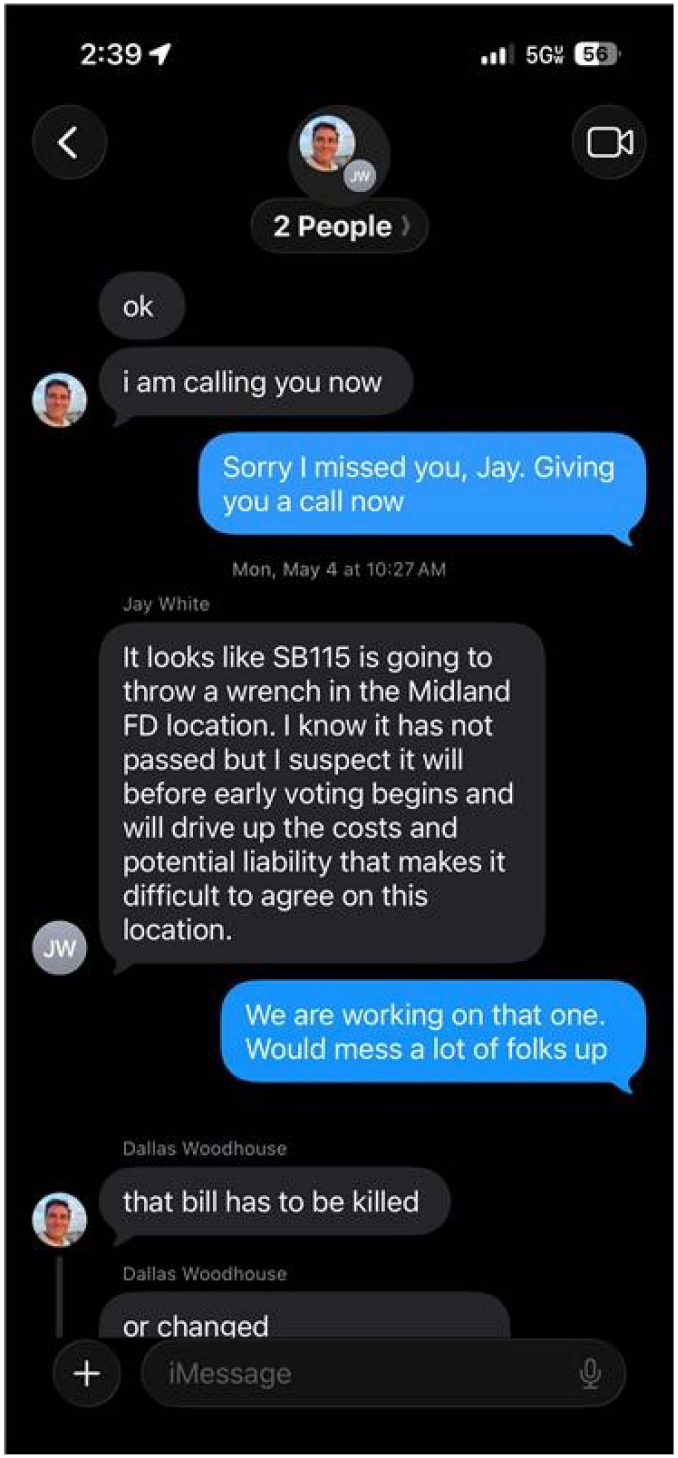
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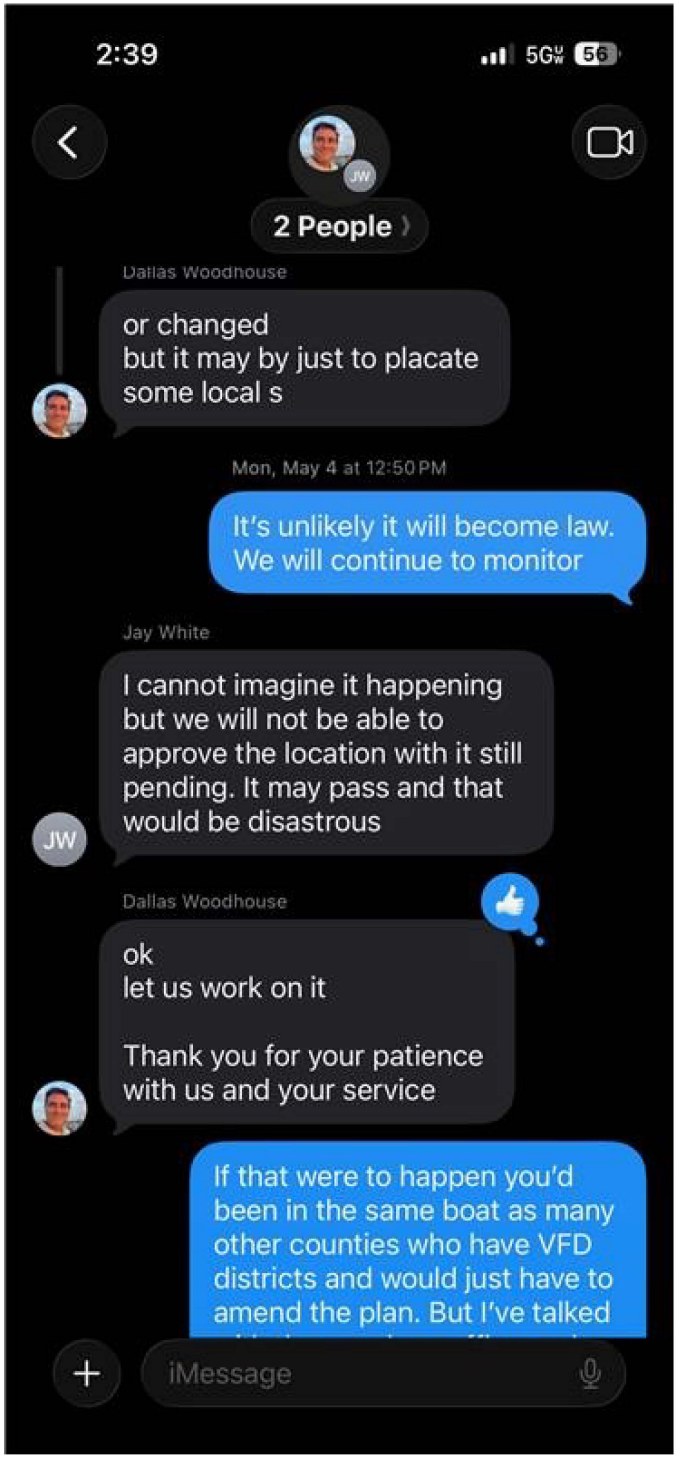
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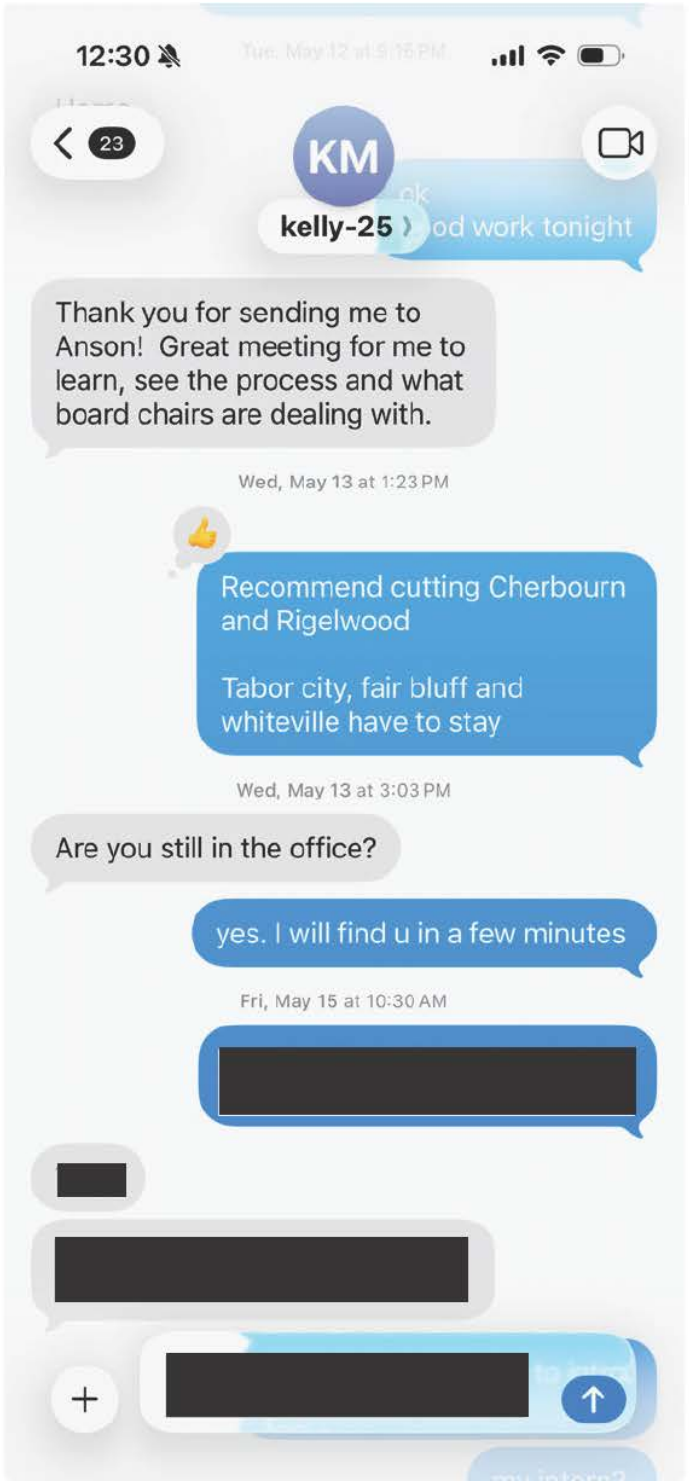
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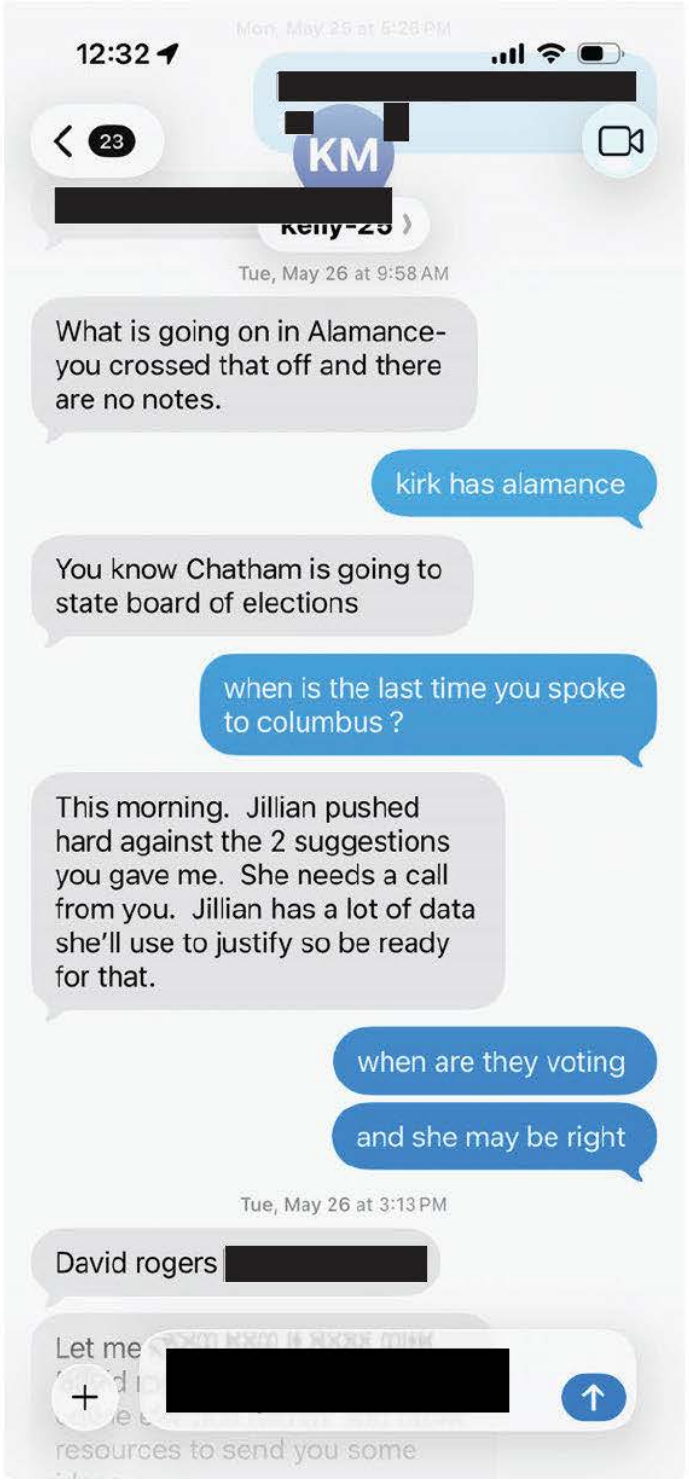
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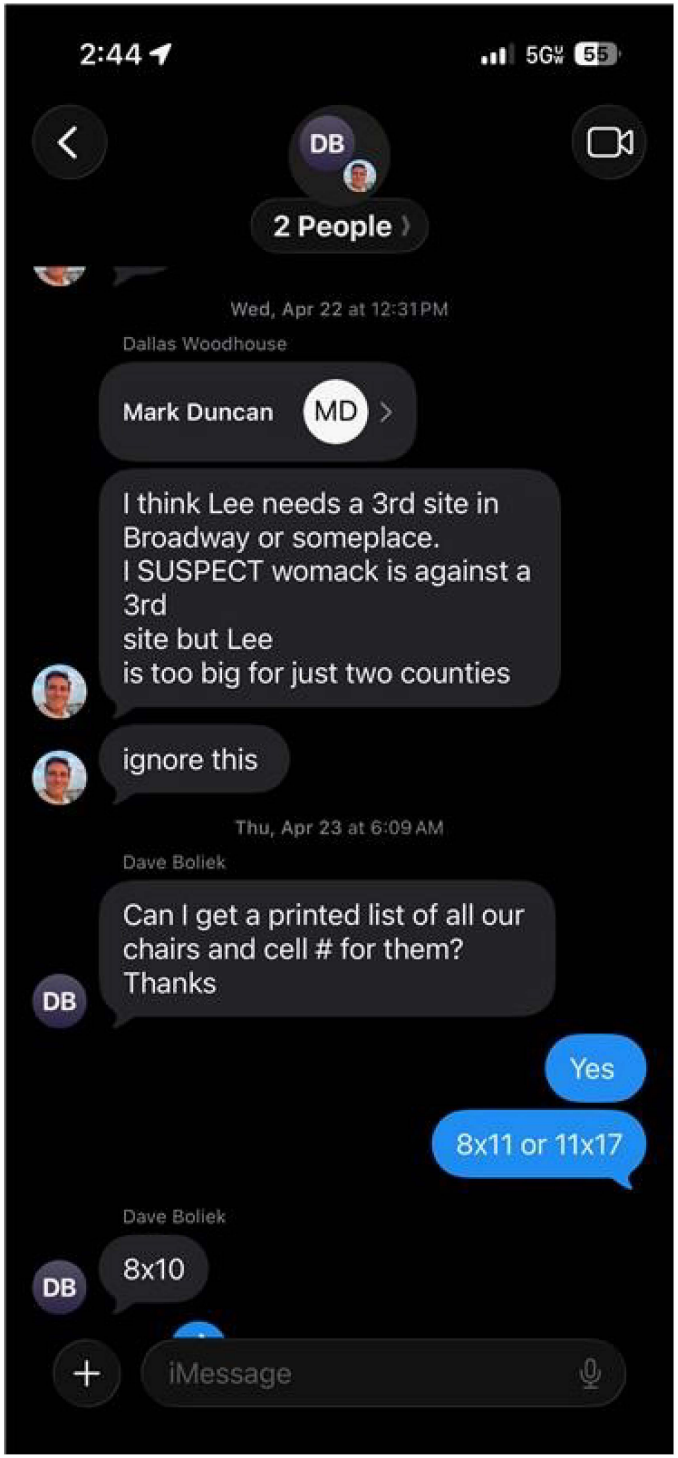
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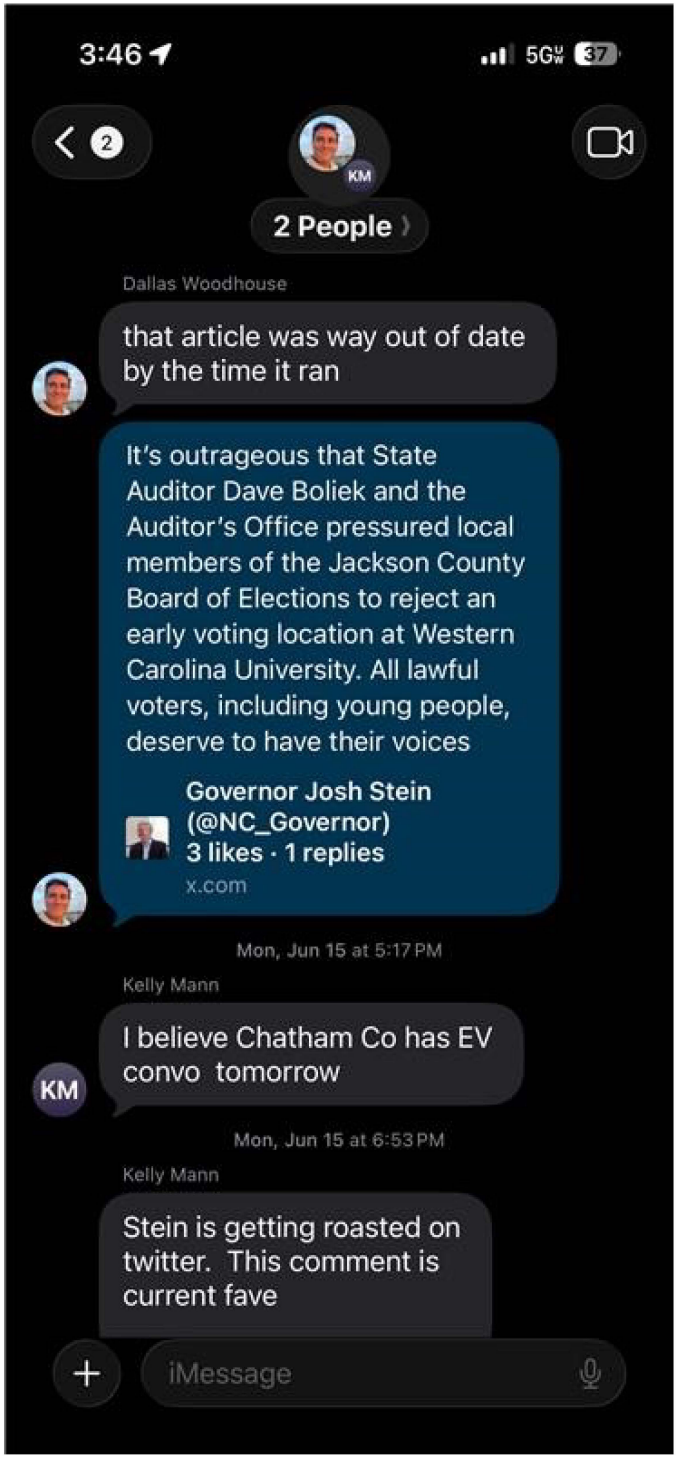
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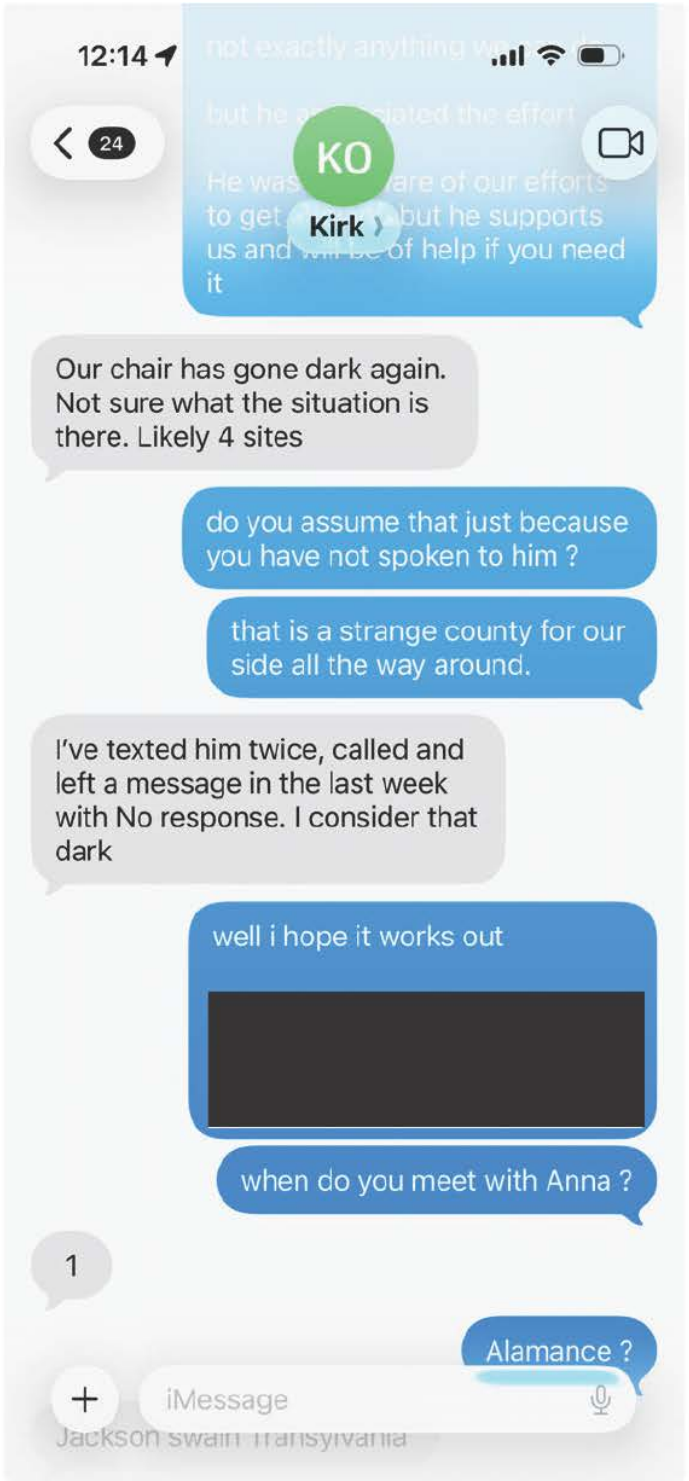
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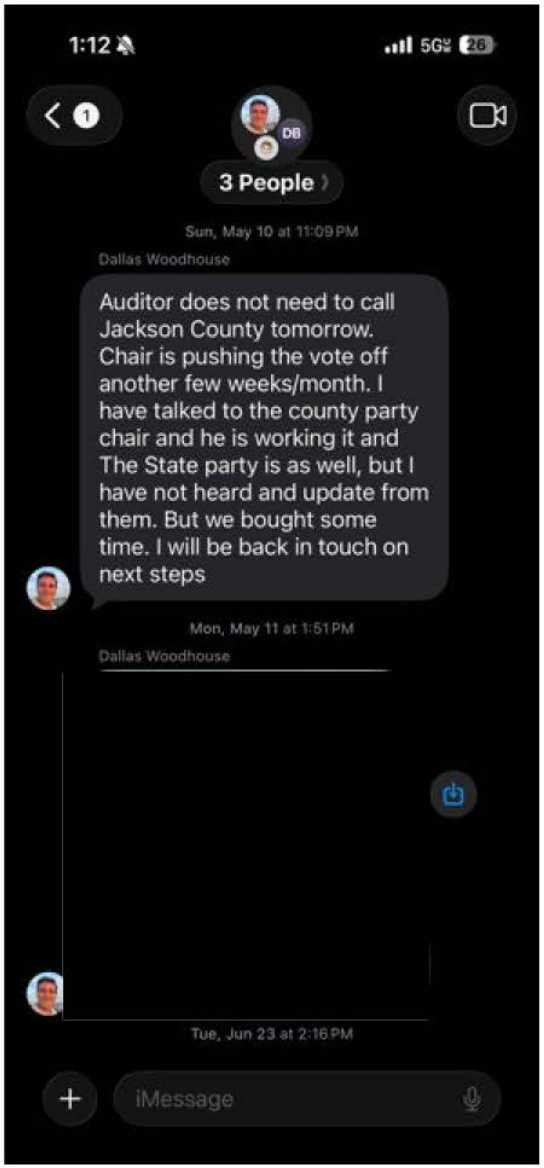
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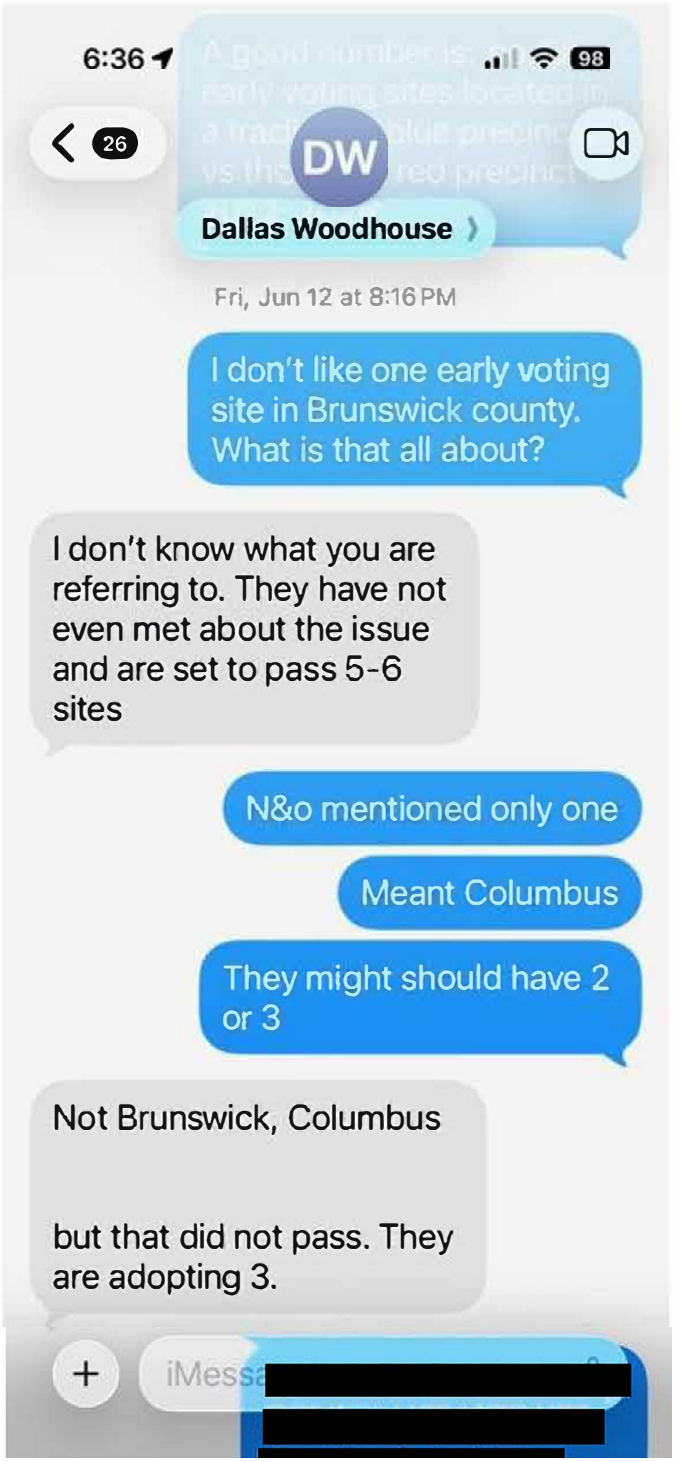
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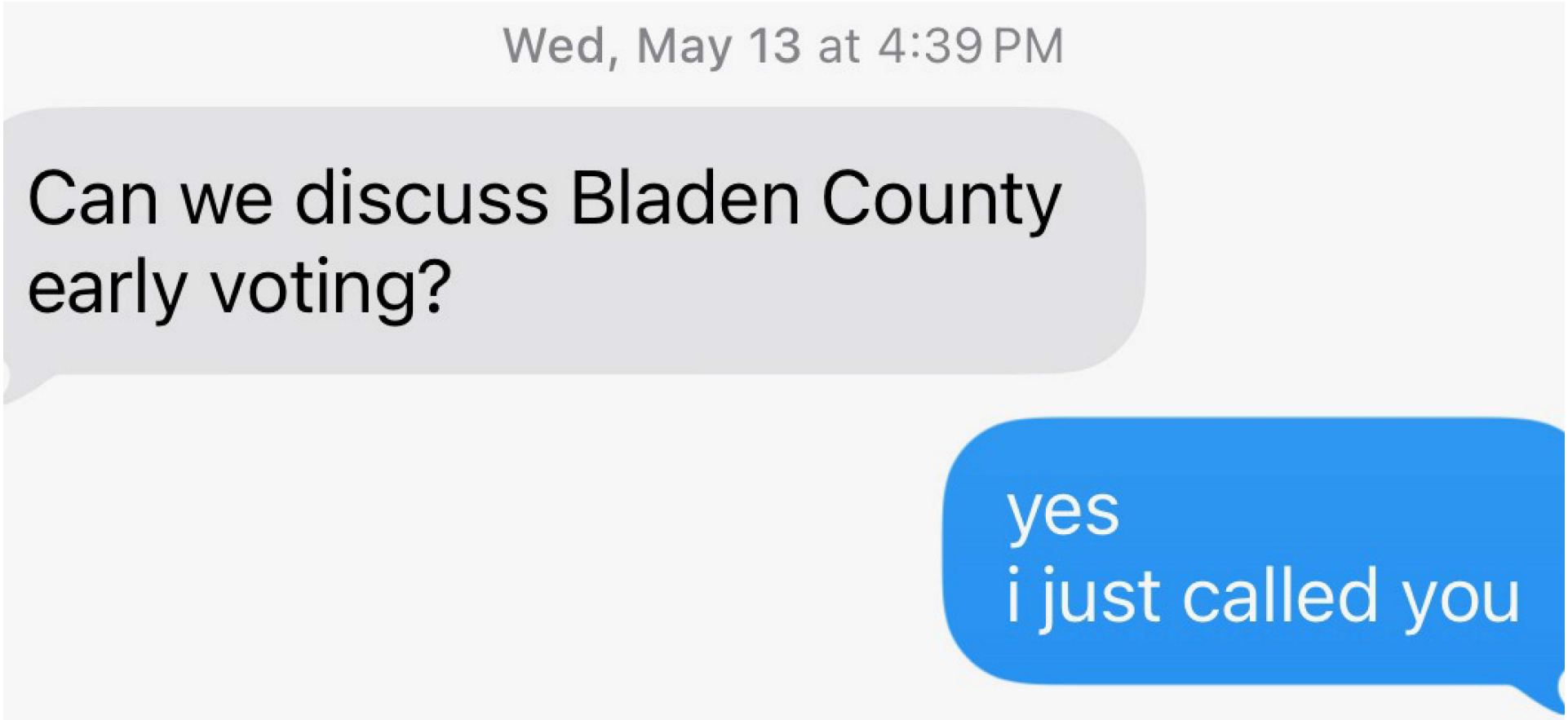
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Fri, May 29 at 2:53 PM

I think we are in one accord on this. 8 to 5 seems consistent with the rest of the week, doesn't it?

the mandatory m-f is 8 to 7:30

but this is good

Read

Fri, May 29 at 4:02 PM

100% agree. Thanks!

Yesterday 9:30 AM



iMessage

NC-AUD-26-0065-B, 26-1415-C-000026

12:01

Awesome! Were you able to
m?

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Jay

no

I meant to ask you how you knew... Or how anybody would know... Whether or not SDR vote voters favored Trump or the Democrat Democrats.

I think that data is extractable or estimable

Did you mean to say early voting? SDR is a subset of that group and I cannot imagine any legal way to figure out how the SDRs alone voted.

I have him a chance to correct the record, but he hasn't answered yet.
(Voice texted with glitches)

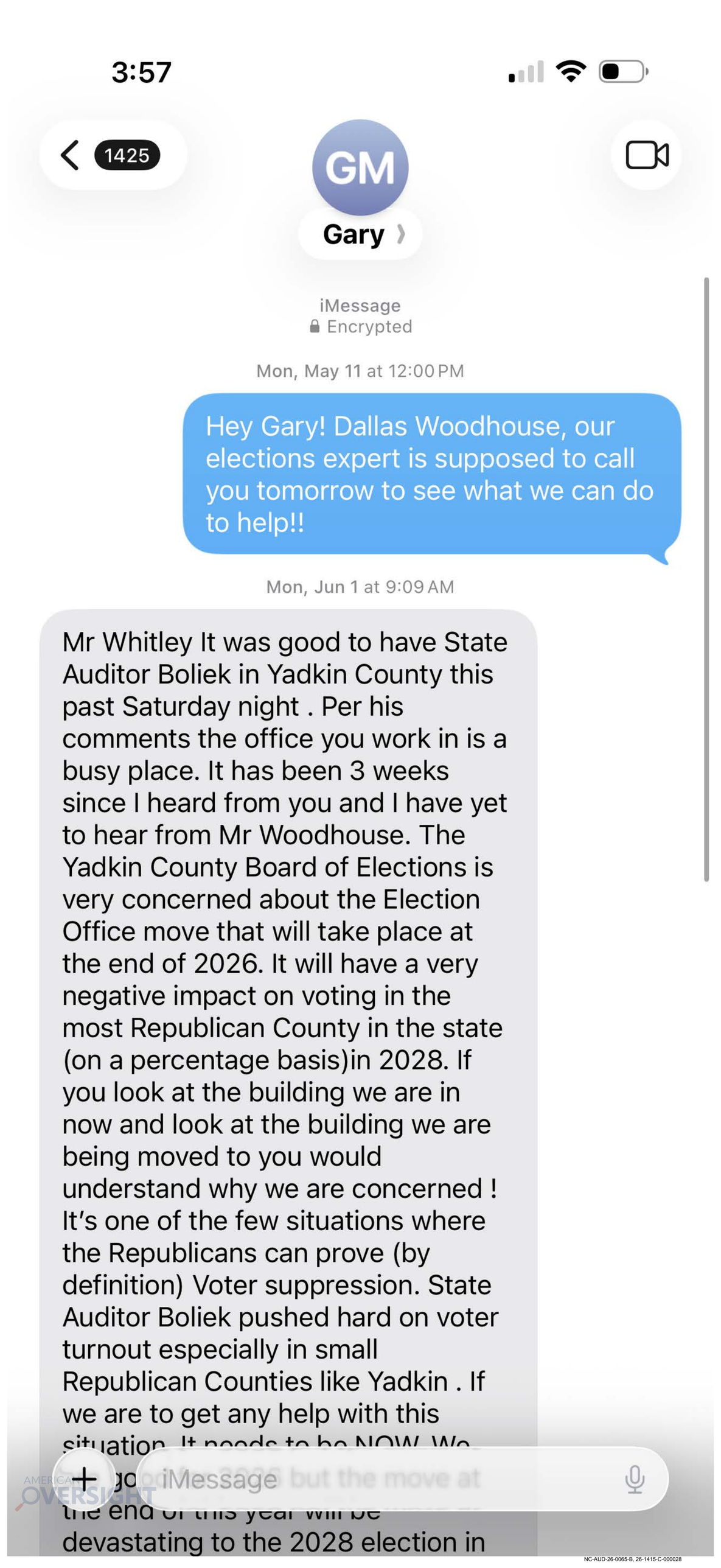
Told to Jim

Look that's my understanding perhaps it's estimation. Also we are not involved

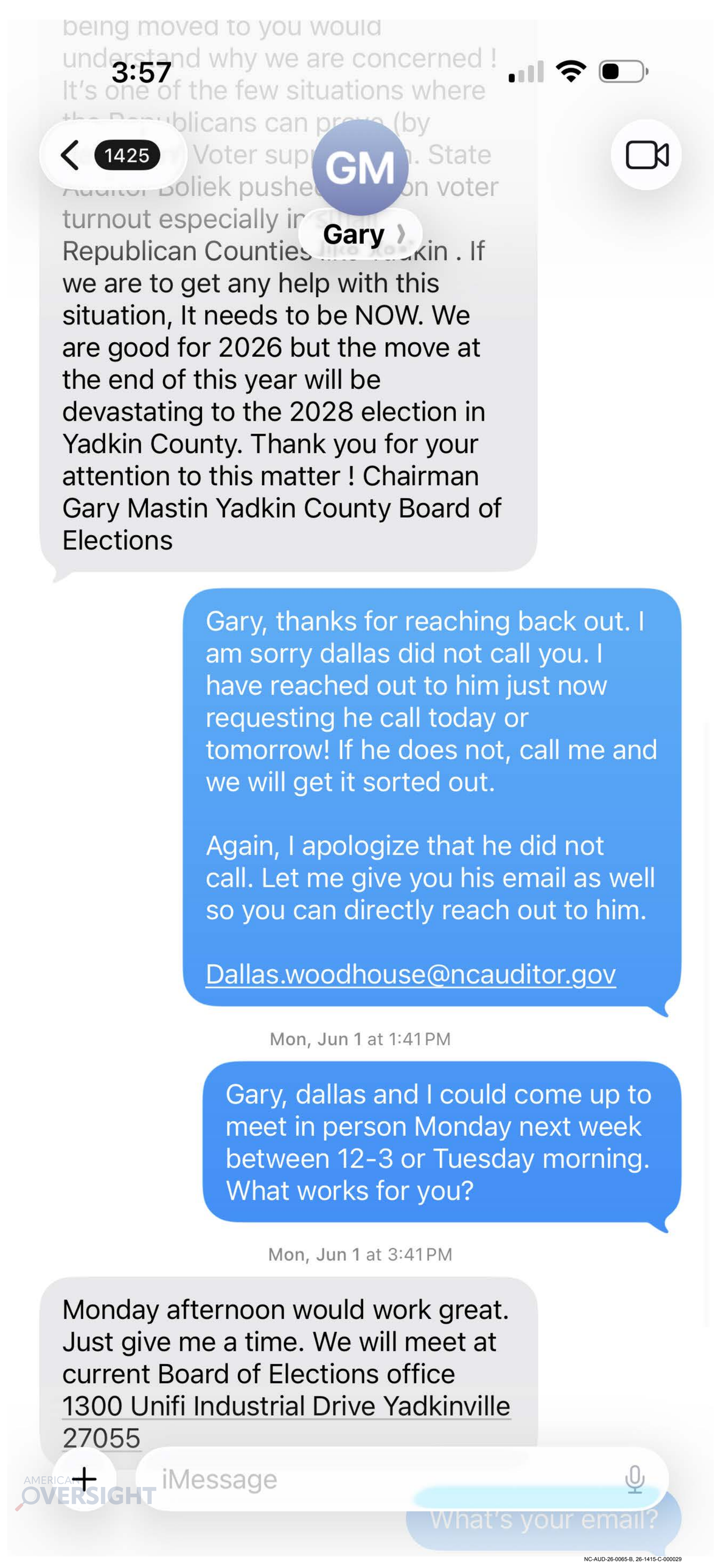
I would love to know the source of that information.

+ iMessage

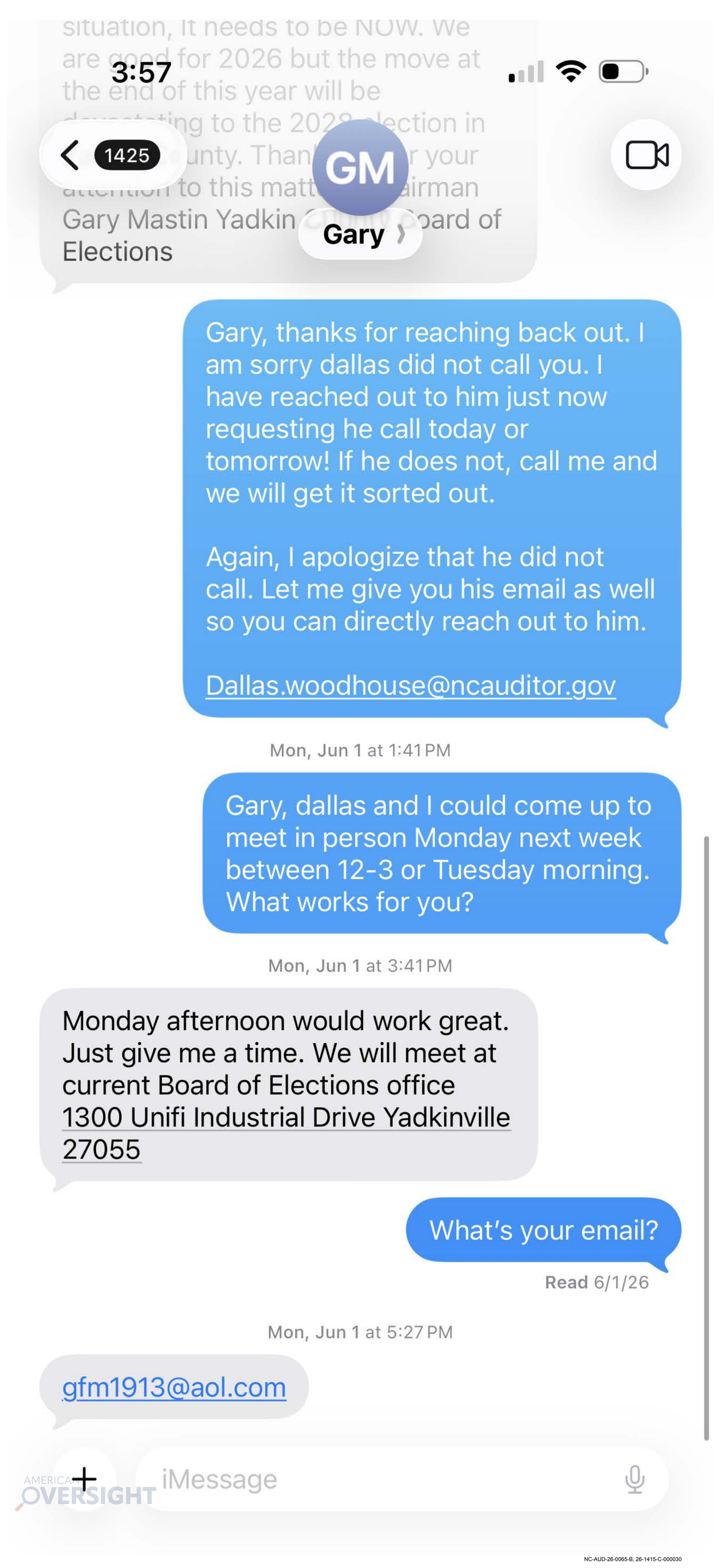
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12:01

Look that's my understanding perhaps it's estimation. Also we are not involved

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I would love to know ource of that information

Jay

It's not that important

Yes it's a combination of pre-election campaign data work and post election survey

Thanks

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From: Angela Hawkins
To: Dallas Woodhouse
Cc: Kelly Mann
Subject: Wake County EV Data
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 11:01:44 AM
Attachments: [redacted]

Attached are two documents with Wake County BOE Early Voting turnout by day.

If looking at Sunday turnout, the comparison must be done by voters per day or hour. Early Voting on Sundays is 5 hours in Wake county.

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2026 Primary Election Early Voting Period			
Day	Hours Open	Total Votes	Average Votes Per Hour
Thursday	11.5	2,863	249
Friday	11.5	3,399	296
Saturday	7	2,143	306
Sunday	5	1,075	215
Monday	11.5	3,257	283
Tuesday	11.5	3,363	292
Wednesday	11.5	3,260	283
Thursday	11.5	3,137	273
Friday	11.5	3,695	321
Saturday	7	2,734	391
Sunday	5	1,873	375
Monday	11.5	3,456	301
Tuesday	11.5	4,059	353
Wednesday	11.5	5,122	445
Thursday	11.5	4,412	384
Friday	11.5	9,597	835
Saturday	7	10,593	1,513

2024 General Election Early Voting Period			
Day	Hours Open	Total Votes	Average Votes Per Hour
Thursday	11.5	30,840	2,682
Friday	11.5	31,445	2,734
Saturday	7	19,557	2,794
Sunday	5	14,154	2,831
Monday	11.5	31,794	2,765
Tuesday	11.5	31,670	2,754
Wednesday	11.5	30,553	2,657
Thursday	11.5	29,964	2,606
Friday	11.5	31,223	2,715
Saturday	7	17,855	2,551
Sunday	5	13,502	2,700
Monday	11.5	31,151	2,709
Tuesday	11.5	30,204	2,626
Wednesday	11.5	29,839	2,595
Thursday	11.5	27,987	2,434
Friday	11.5	37,077	3,224
Saturday	7	27,260	3,894

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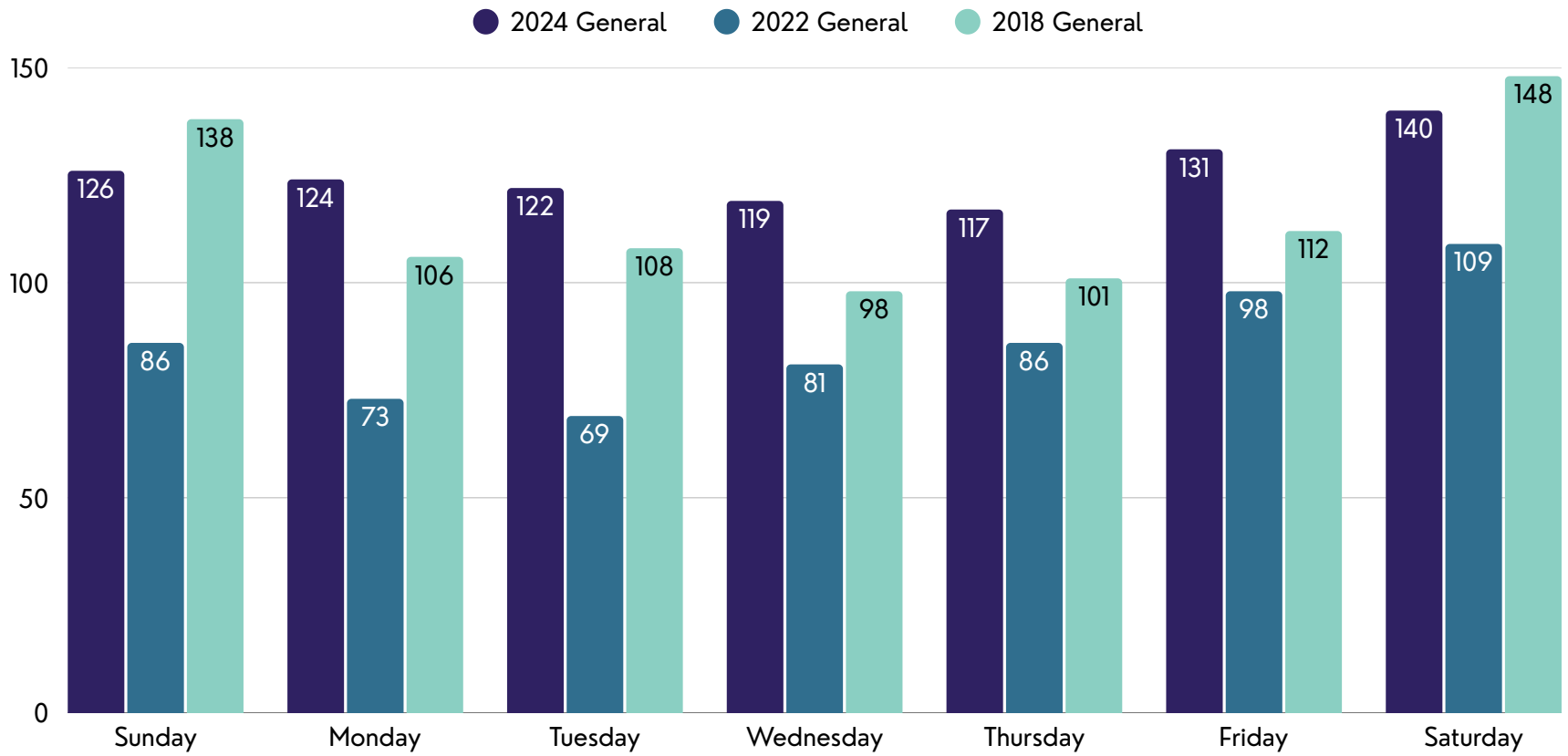
ELECTION	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2024G Total	27,661	62,948	61,876	60,397	88,807	99,750	64,680
2024G Per Day	13,831	31,474	30,938	30,199	29,602	33,250	21,560
2024G Per Day/Hour	2,766	2,737	2,690	2,626	2,574	2,891	3,080
2024G Per Day/Hour/Site	126	124	122	119	117	131	140
2022G Total	12,853	25,119	23,722	28,029	44,639	50,596	34,206
2022G Per Day	6,427	12,560	11,861	14,015	14,880	16,865	11,402
2022G Per Day/Hour	1,285	1,092	1,031	1,219	1,294	1,467	1,629
2022G Per Day/Hour/Site	86	73	69	81	86	98	109
2018G Total	13,800	25,471	25,868	35,194	36,455	40,444	25,127
2018G Per Day	6,900	12,736	12,934	11,731	12,152	13,481	8,376
2018G Per Day/Hour	1,380	1,061	1,078	978	1,013	1,123	1,478
2018G Per Day/Hour/Site	138	106	108	98	101	112	148

Data is sourced from unofficial daily turnout reports submitted by Early Voting Sites

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EARLY VOTING STATISTICS

General Election Per Day/Hour/Site Compared



2024 General Election
Busiest Days
1. Saturday
2. Friday
3. Sunday

2022 General Election
Busiest Days
1. Saturday
2. Friday
3. Tied Sunday & Thursday

2018 General Election
Busiest Days
1. Saturday
2. Sunday
3. Friday

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