

City of High Point

*Municipal Office Building
211 South Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27261*



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 3, 2013

9:00 AM

Special Called Meeting

Council Chambers

City Council

*Bernita Sims, Mayor
Britt W. Moore, Mayor Pro Tem
James C. Davis, Foster L. Douglas
Jason P. Ewing, Jeffrey J. Golden,
Judith P. Mendenhall, Rebecca R. Smothers,
Jay W. Wagner*

ROLL CALL, PRAYER, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**[130262](#)

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ADJOURNMENT

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Signed this 30th day of September, 2013


Rebecca R. Smothers (At-Large)


Judy Mendenhall (Ward 3)

After considering everything that has been said and written in recent months I am against a vote to remove the Mayor from office. I am opposing this vote for several reasons. First and foremost it will not remove the Mayor from office and it can only serve to divide this council and this community. I am opposed to voting on issues for the sake of public record. I prefer to vote when there is an action to be taken. I understand that everyone on this council has received pressure from their constituents to address the private affairs of the Mayor. Every one of us has had the chance to make private and public statements. Most of us have taken the opportunity to do so. This makes it perfectly clear with the citizens where we stand. It is my opinion that this vote will only fuel the media frenzy and bring into questions this councils ability to handle the affairs we were elected to oversee.

I am against any procedure that will remove an elected official without direct input from the people who put them in office. I recently read a quote from one of my co-council that said "the decision to call for a motion to remove the Mayor was in response to statements made by the Mayor in close session". Am I to believe that this motion is driven by the citizens of high point or because someone felt insulted? If we can gather support to vote and have elected officials removed from office every-time we are insulted then we have created a new set of problems. It is not our position to use mock votes to change or sway public opinion. These issues should be settled at the poles during the election period. We as council need not attempt to change who the citizens want to serve on their behalf.

I am by no means saying that is what happen but I do believe there are some who may perceive it that way. I also believe that this opens doors for council to use public meetings to address private issues and plant seeds for removal of other elected officials. This is a practice we should afford at all cost. Council member Smothers who made the motion stated previously that public statements have already been made and the vote will serve no purpose.

I am by no means condoning the way the Mayor handle her personal affairs. I feel she could have been more forthcoming with information. I think the Mayor could

have been more transparent even though there was nothing in place that required her to do so. This may have lessened this media frenzy and allowed council to focus on issues that we were elected to address. This is why I am against a vote that will not produce any positives; and has the potential to create more problems. I cannot and will not support the motion to remove the Mayor from office.

Dear Fellow Citizens of High Point,

Our city and this council find ourselves in an unfortunate and difficult position. I take no joy in the actions we are having to take. Over the past weeks and months there has been a lot of coverage concerning some personal issues involving two members of this council. And these issues are personal, which I believe we all understand. I also believe that those who are following these circumstances understand that there are legal limits to the actions that this council can undertake.

It is difficult for me to go anywhere without our Mayor's circumstances and her handling of them being a topic of conversation, and I fully understand that. It has become a distraction and disruption to the constructive governing that we need to face the issues of running our city. People are concerned and frustrated. I have received large amounts of emails and phone calls, and had numerous face-to-face discussions with citizens from all over our city. Overwhelmingly they have expressed their displeasure. It is very clear to me that their grievance is not personal, partisan or racial. It is principle. ^{MANY OF THE} The good people of High Point feel that our highest office has been compromised. We live in a time when there is little faith and trust in our federal government. Although there is a sentiment that there is very little we as individuals can do about that, I think we want to believe that on the local level it can be different. In as much, there is now a lack of credibility and trust in this council and many are asking for resolution and a change.

My take on being an elected official may differ from some. I think we on council agree that when we vote and make decisions concerning our city, we do it individually but we also know that we do it representing those that put us here. We also realize that our decisions have collective consequences to all citizens. There are expectations that come with being in this position. Now here is where I may differ. I believe it is fair and reasonable for citizens to judge my actions, both professionally, and yes, personally. And they certainly reserve the right to express their feelings, whether I agree with them or not. It is that judgment that is a basic tenant for a civil society.

Over the past few weeks, there have been several occasions where unfounded accusations have been made against the majority of this council. To date there has been no proof, further discussion or reconciliation to these allegations. This hangs heavy when we are together and undermines the integrity, respect and confidence of the council as a whole.

Today a motion is being presented asking for the resignation of our Mayor. By far, this is the toughest decision I have had to make as a member of this council. But based on all that has transpired and the fact that much is left to be resolved, I believe it is my responsibility to the citizens of High Point and those who have reached out to me to support this motion. It will put this council on public record in accordance with what I believe most citizens want, and bring some closure as far as the council is concerned. After it is done, hopefully we can move forward together in these very serious and challenging times and do the business we were elected to do in a fashion with which the majority of the citizens of High Point will be pleased.

Respectfully,

 Britt W. Moore
City Council At-Large

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Remarks by Jay W. Wagner

It is with great concern and apprehension that I address my remarks to, not just the Mayor, but all of my colleagues on City Council today. It is regrettable that events have placed us in the position of sitting in judgment of another member of this body. However, it is a responsibility of leadership that requires us to do so.

Some may question the necessity of Council's action today, or even its usefulness.

It has been said that it is "much ado about nothing," and that the events that brought us to this point are purely personal and should be ignored. In accessing these statements and their effect on the need for our action today, I think it would be wise to note that we are not mere employees hired to do a job. We are public servants who were chosen by our fellow citizens and placed in a position of leadership. We act as their proxy. We sought these positions, and being held up as an example to our citizens is both our reward and our burden.

Our job performance is not only judged by our public actions and our ability to make decisions affecting the public, but also by the example we set as we carry out our duties and responsibilities as citizens. Not being able to make ends meet, which is a difficulty familiar to many of our citizens, is a purely personal problem, but particularly when that difficulty involves an elected official and is manifested through allegedly illegality, not paying utility bills to the city in a timely manner, and not paying taxes, it is no longer purely personal. To accomplish its mission, our city government relies on our citizens to pay their taxes and utility bills on time. The Mayor's failure to do so over an extended period of time violates the public's trust, shows a failure to lead by example, and creates an impression among many citizens that a double standard exists.

This situation now overshadows nearly all of the work we do as a council as well as your ability to effectively act as a representative of the city. It is literally the first thing I get asked about everywhere I go in our city. The citizens of my ward from all walks of life take this matter very seriously. The overwhelming majority of those I have had contact with are embarrassed by it, and are worried about its effect on the public perception of our city. Nearly all of them have told me that they think the Mayor should resign. For all of these reasons, I must support the resolution asking for the Mayor's resignation. However, I do not relish the opportunity because I know that this issue has the potential to divide our community and, therefore, this is a sad day for High Point.

Lastly, I would like to speak briefly about how we move forward as a Council after this vote. I understand that it is your announced intention to continue as Mayor despite this resolution. That is your decision to make.

I am already receiving calls and emails from people seeking to use this controversy to fan the flames of racial prejudice and class envy. That sort of talk has no place in our city, and does not reflect the sensibilities and beliefs of the vast majority of our citizens.

Civility is a trait all too lacking in the political discourse of our time. One needs only to look to Raleigh or Washington for endless examples of hyperbole and the politics of personal destruction. Moving forward, we have an opportunity and an obligation to be an example to our citizens of civility in our dealings with one another. We can disagree without being disagreeable, and deal with each other as individuals.



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Posted this 30th day of September, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk



YOUR VIEW

Councilmen: Mayor Sims and Douglas please resign

Citizens of High Point. I write to you today with a heavy heart. Many of you have lost confidence in your city's leadership team. Over the past few months, media coverage has informed us all of issues of personal concern with Mayor Sims and Councilman Douglas. I personally have had an enormous amount of conversations with citizens from Ward 5 and all parts of our great City. I have said from the beginning, these issues were personal in nature and would not become a distraction from the job you elected me to do. I can no longer stand behind that statement as it has become a major distraction. These issues cast a shadow, question the character and the credibility of us all. The confidence and support of the citizens of High Point are necessary for effective government and the City Council is obligated to attempt to restore such confidence when it has been compromised. This lack of confidence in City Government will persist as long as Mayor Sims and Councilman Douglas remain in office. I would add that no one has been charged with a crime and I have no authority or part in his or her issues. Many of you question why there has been no public acknowledgment by the two elected leaders or by others of us on Council. Some think that other members of Council or city leadership are accepting of this behavior or perhaps we want to sweep this under the rug. During my campaign, I pledged to be your voice on Council. I have heard your resounding and overwhelming responses as how our city and leadership are being displayed for the entire world to see. Today, I'm going to do the job you elected me to do. Your voice has told me to ask for the resignations of Mayor Sims and Councilman Douglas. This is an uncomfortable request but a necessary task to help our City move forward. Mayor Sims and Councilman Douglas have always treated me with respect and professionalism. I harbor no ill will towards either of them. So, with a heavy heart, Mayor Sims and Councilman Douglas, do what's best for our City and our citizens, please resign!

Councilman Jim Davis
Ward 5

'I have no intentions of vacating my office as mayor'

To the citizens of High Point: I have read the letters forwarded to the Enterprise regarding my service on this council and the recommendation and request from several Council members to resign as Mayor of this city. On Nov. 6, 2012, I was elected to the position of mayor of the City of High Point by 33 percent of the voters in a general election. Voters, who cast their votes for me, knew of my service to this community for the past 10 years and had confidence in my ability to lead this city.

I understand the need to bow to pressure from your constituents regarding an issue

because I have been there. I also understand that my fellow council members are looking forward to 2014 and the municipal elections. As council member Smothers has said in her communiqué, council does not have the authority to unseat me from my elected position. While Smothers expresses disappointment concerning what she and others believe will be my legacy, she nor the other members of council will define what my legacy will be. I have no intentions of vacating my office as mayor based on letters from High Point City Council members or motions to step down.

—Bernita Sims
Mayor

There have been few conversations between myself and the council regarding any of the issues that have been played out in the media. My personal life is my personal life. I have consistently since taking the oath of office performed the duties of this office in a manner that is consistent with my peers.

I will continue to fulfill my obligations to this community regardless of the feelings of my fellow council members. Until we can have honest dialogue and discourse regarding our community and the machinations that have ensued, I see no need to bow to the pressure of fellow elected officials concerning this matter. I have been advised by many to stay the course. This is my intention. As a true believer in the word of Jesus Christ, these adversities that I face will only make me stronger. There will be glory after this.

Mayor Bernita Sims

'Asking Sims, Douglas to step down is the choice I have to make'

To the citizens of High Point: For each of us there are times in life when we deal with difficult situations or have to make tough choices. Sometimes our decisions are not the wisest and often the situations are not of our own making but instead confront us. Those of us who are elected to serve this community face those hard decisions frequently. For me nothing I have experienced in the years I have served has been as tough to deal with and in many ways as sad as witnessing the events of the past few months. I have no hard feelings for either Mayor Sims or Councilman Douglas. I wish in the deepest part of my being that these circumstances were different. Unfortunately for all of us this is not the case.

Asking two elected officials (for whom I bear no animosity) to step down certainly is not an easy decision. Yet I believe it is the choice I have to make. During these past weeks we have dealt with the city's business but have not faced the issues causing so much concern among us as Council members and the community as a whole. While these issues are personal in nature, the fact that the two people dealing with them are elected officials removes them from the realm of the private and makes them public and nothing anyone can do or say will change that fact.

I am also sorry that for some reason both the Mayor and Councilman Douglas seem to believe that certain city staff or Council members have been responsible for the media coverage that has occurred. I have no personal knowledge of any such occurrence nor do I believe it to be true.

I regret that these issues exist, but unfortunately they do and Mayor Sims and Councilman Douglas have to face that fact. The problems facing the Mayor and Councilman have been with us as a Council when we meet to conduct business and we have tried to ignore them. I do not believe we can continue to do so and function effectively. The situation has been caused by the actions of two members of Council and the silence of the remaining seven members seems to some to imply that it is being condoned by the group. For this reason I have decided to make this statement.

Overwhelmingly I have been confronted by citizens who believe that these two officials should no longer be entrusted to make decisions affecting our community. People are upset, disappointed, frustrated, and embarrassed for our city. I share their feelings. It is my hope that both Mayor Sims and Councilman Douglas, understanding that their continued service is creating tension and unrest in our city in addition to the strain it is putting on Council's ability to act in a manner appropriate to leadership of this city, and because they too care about our community, will step down. I truly believe it is the honorable action for them to take.

Judy Mendenhall
City Council, Ward 3

'I plan to make a motion asking Bernita Sims to resign'

Ward 5 Council member Jim Davis has published a statement that summarizes the difficulty that Council members have experienced in dealing with the personal issues of the Mayor and Councilman Douglas. Efforts to govern with civility and respect an individual's private matters have led some citizens to think that the other members of Council were condoning the situation. That is not true and Mr. Davis spoke to that point clearly.

At the end of our last City Council meeting on September 16, Mayor Sims called for a closed session to discuss personnel issues. She made statements in that session that, to me, clearly indicated that Mayor Sims lacked respect and confidence in Council members, though nobody was identified. I believe our ability to work as a team has been seriously damaged by the Mayor's comments to us and creates a barrier that can compromise effective governing. When this is combined with the public's perception that Council members are not concerned about the negative press generated by her unresolved personal issues, a solution is

needed.

The lack of communication and explanation by Mayor Sims as well as the absence of resolution had challenged the stability and credibility of our government. I felt a plan of action was needed.

I called Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council members Davis and Mendenhall on Tuesday morning, Sept. 17, and told them that I planned to make a motion asking Bernita Sims to resign. I also told them that I was contacting each member to advise them of that motion. I also talked to Wagner and Ewing. Councilman Ewing told me that he would second the motion asking Ms. Sims to resign. I had planned to contact Mr. Golden as well. Then, I would tell Mayor Sims of my decision.

On Wednesday, the 18th, Councilman Davis advised that he was submitting a statement to the Enterprise. I fully support Mr. Davis' statement. I still believe that a motion to ask Ms. Sims to resign will pass.

But, the only purpose a public vote will serve is to create a public record that she has been asked to step down; it does not guarantee that she will.

I have no personal animosity toward Ms. Sims. I am sorry that she has had to endure the embarrassment of public scrutiny of her private problems. However, that is the reality if a person is elected to public office.

And, I am truly disappointed that personal issues will define her term as Mayor of High Point.

Rebecca R. Smothers
City Council – At-large

'It is time to take public action'

Over the past couple months, we have all read of the financial dilemmas in the personal lives of Mayor Sims and Councilman Douglas. Citizens have approached me when in public and I have also received a number of phone calls and emails in regards to these matters. You have communicated your concerns for the negative press that is fogging our city's image and also the desire to see the mayor and Councilman Douglas be relieved from duty. I had hoped that as this distraction continued to snowball, Mayor Sims and Councilman Douglas would make the difficult decision to resign from office of their own accord. As elected officials, we have a responsibility to lead by example, and make decisions that have the city and its residents' best interest in mind. I believe that the mayor and councilman's inaction has led council to make the difficult decision for them, asking for their resignation at one of our upcoming council meetings. I have no personal qualms with Mayor Sims or Councilman Douglas, but feel that it is time to take public action. We can no longer sit idle while the integrity and competency of the entire council is degraded for the action of two.

Jason Ewing
Ward 6 Councilman

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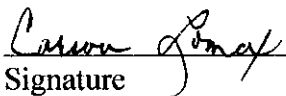
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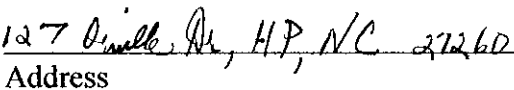
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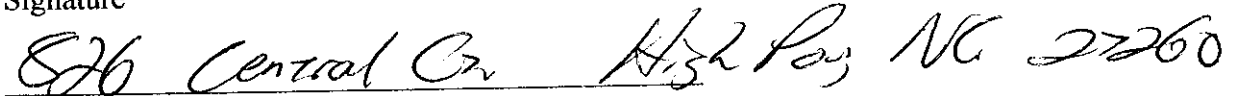
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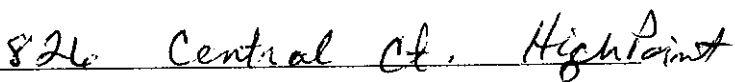
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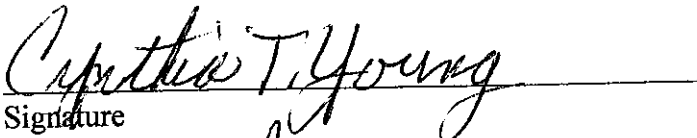
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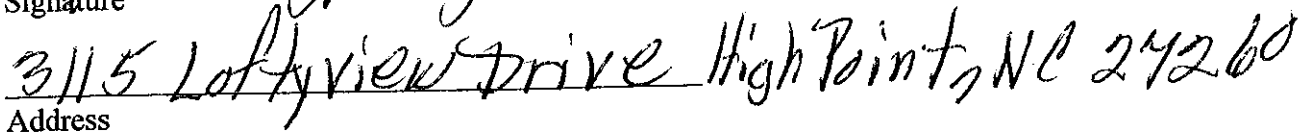
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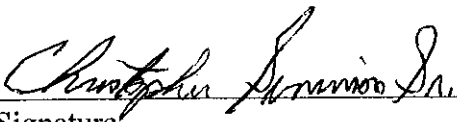
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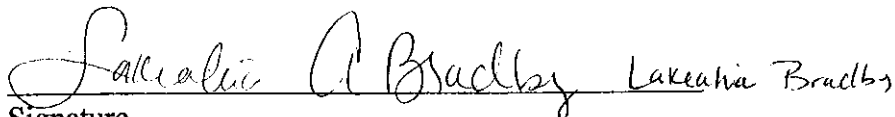
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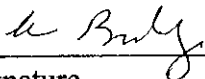
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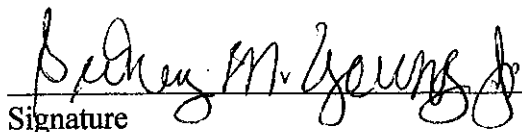
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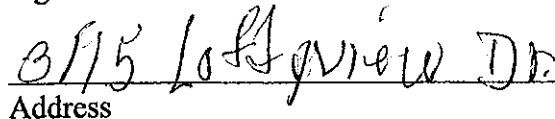
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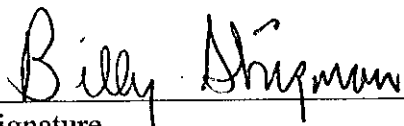
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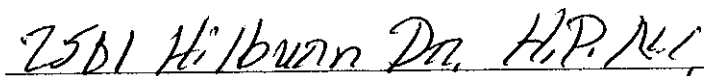
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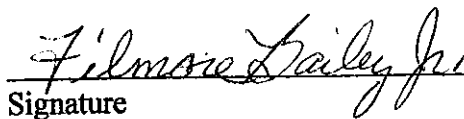
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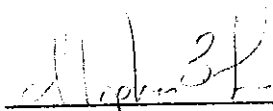
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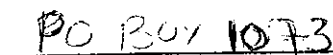
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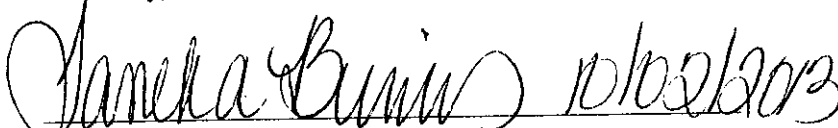
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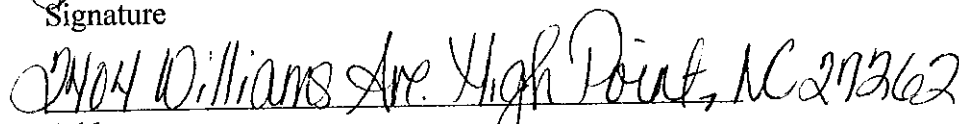
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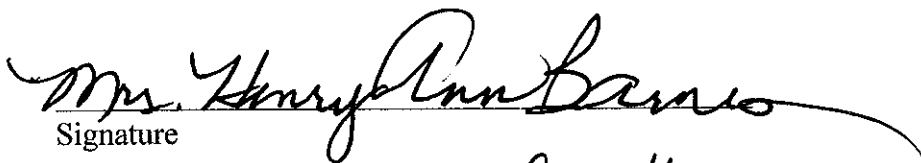
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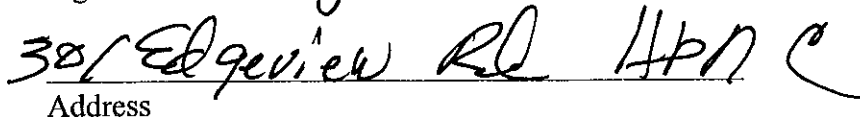
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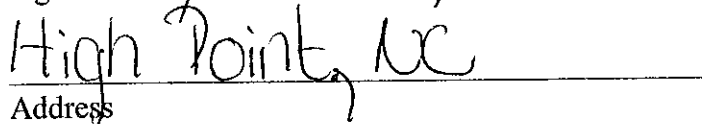
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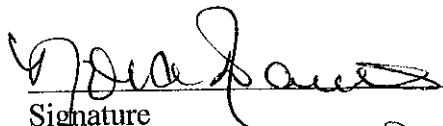
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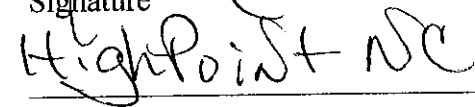
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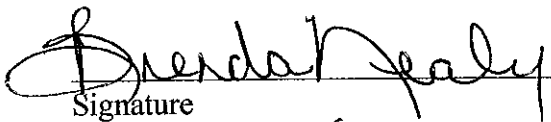
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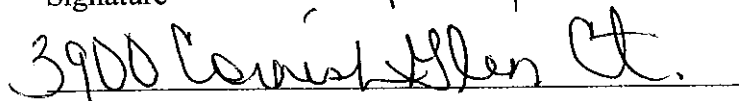
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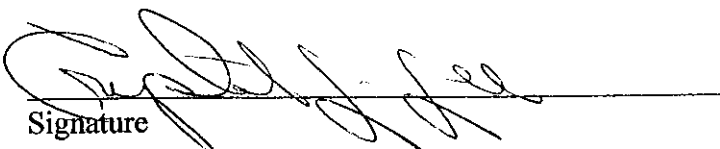
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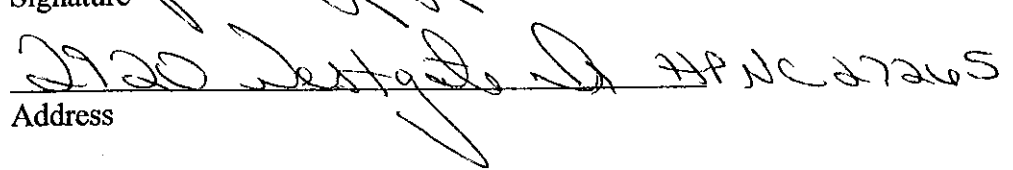
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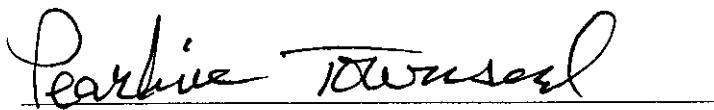
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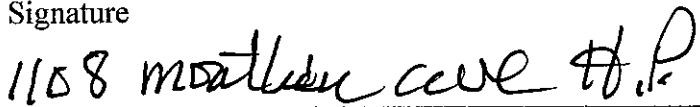
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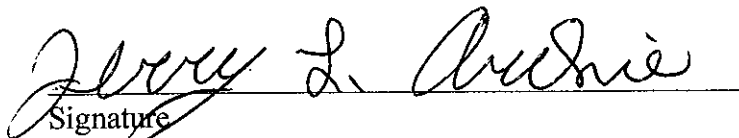
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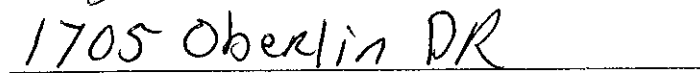
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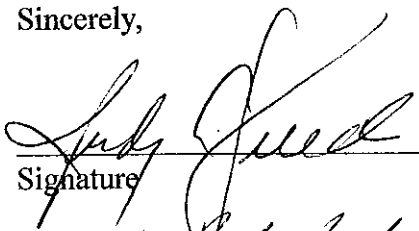
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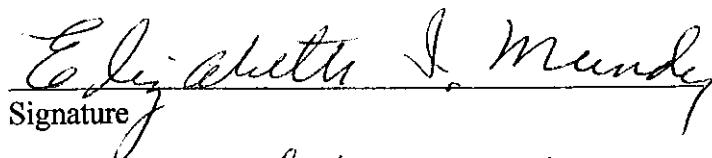
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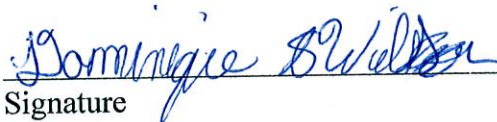
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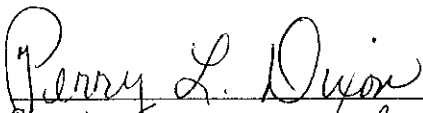
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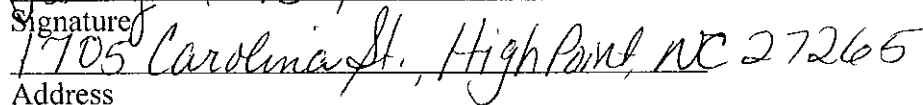
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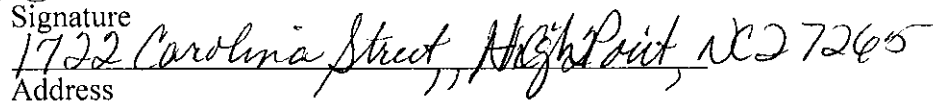
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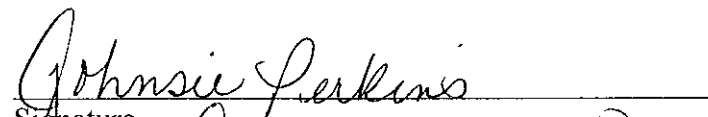
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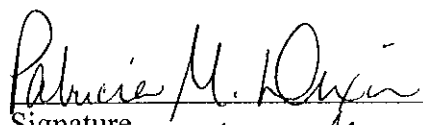
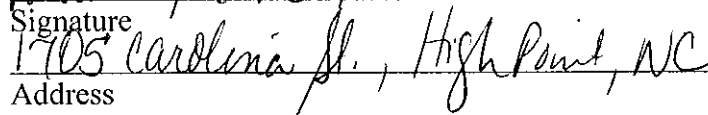
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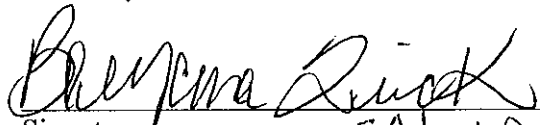
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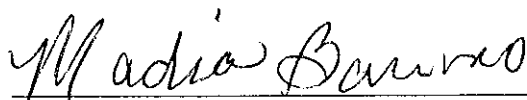
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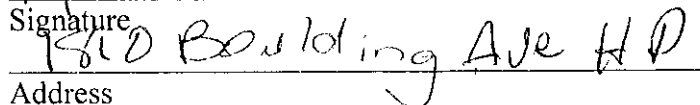
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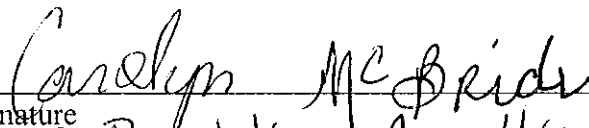
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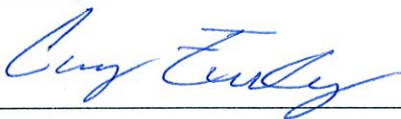
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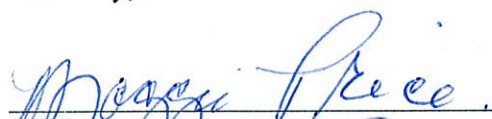
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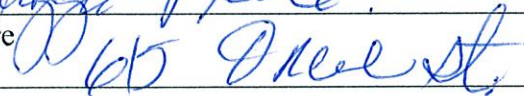
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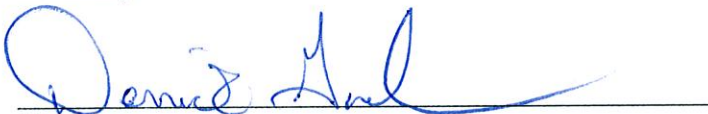
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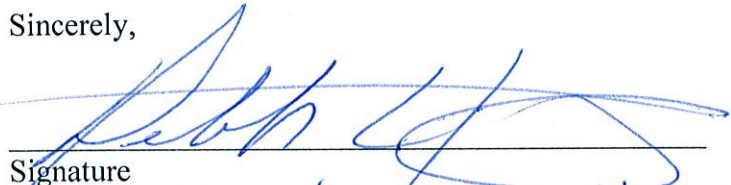
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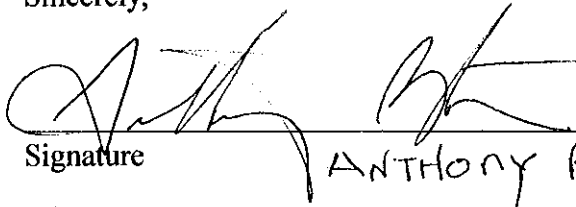
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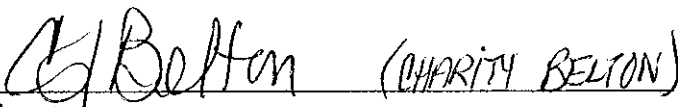
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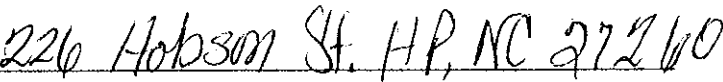
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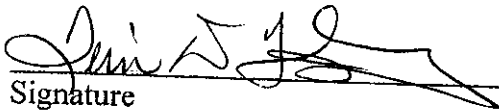
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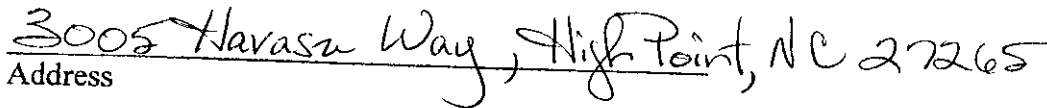
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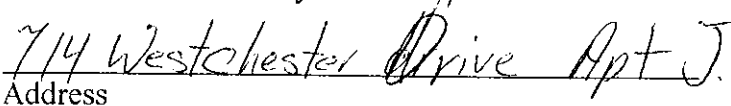
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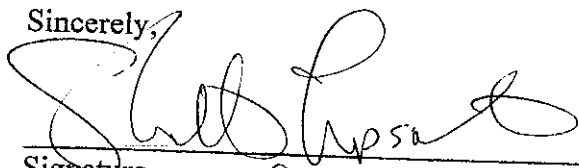
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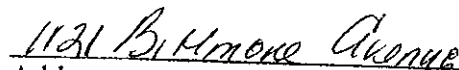
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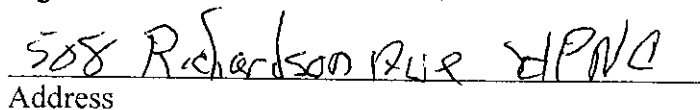
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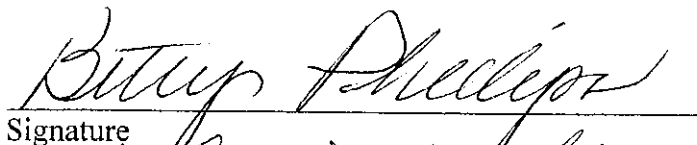
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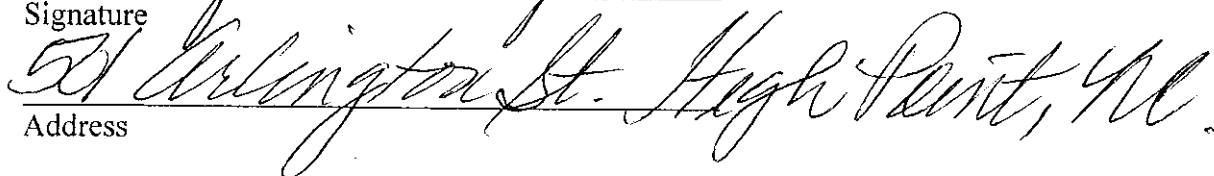
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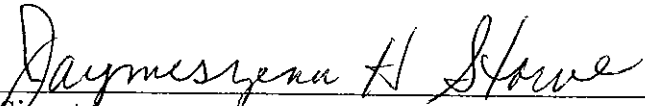
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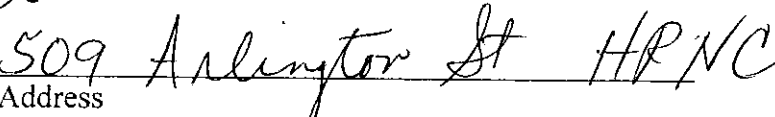
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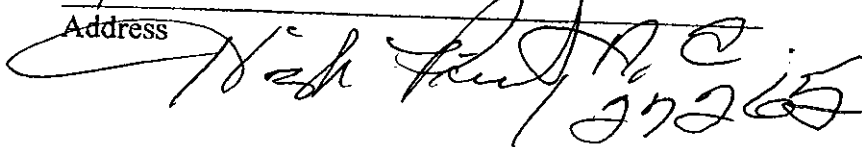
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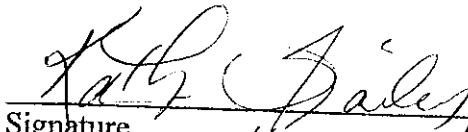
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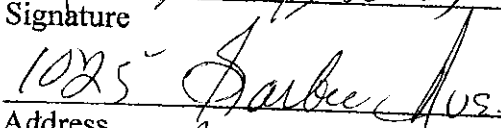
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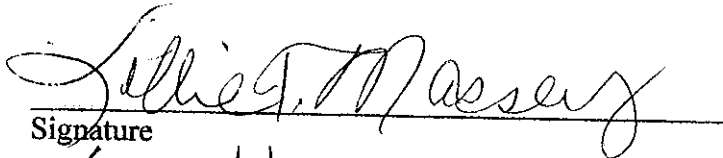
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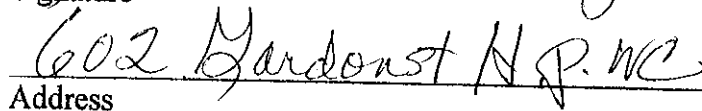
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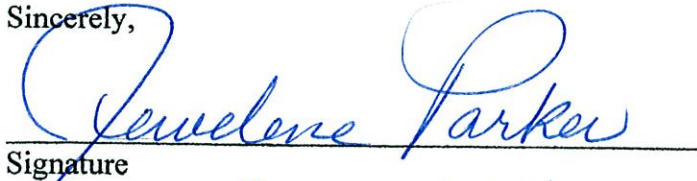
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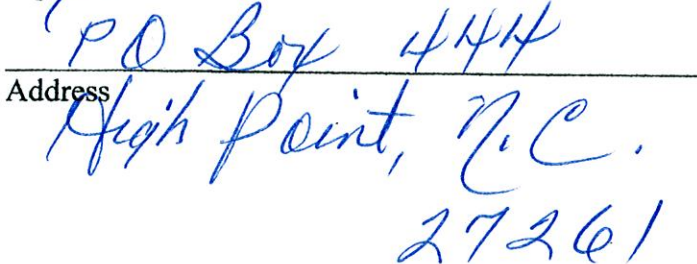
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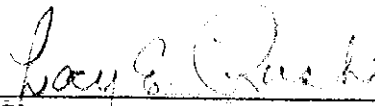
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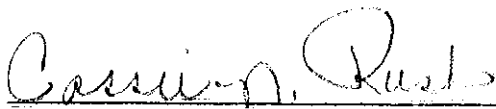
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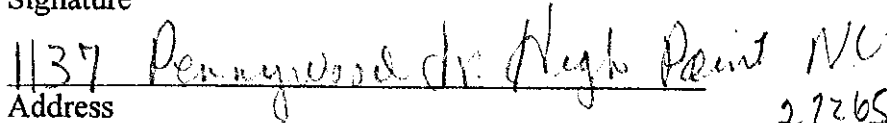
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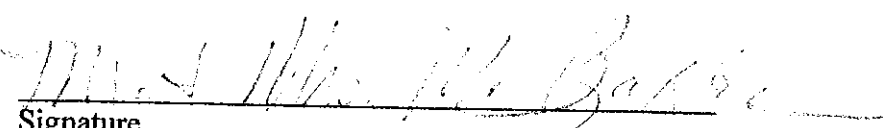
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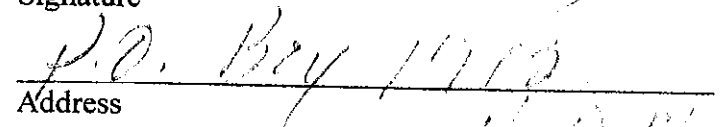
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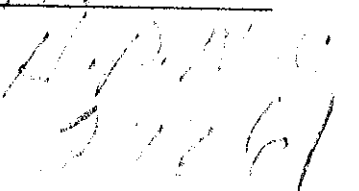
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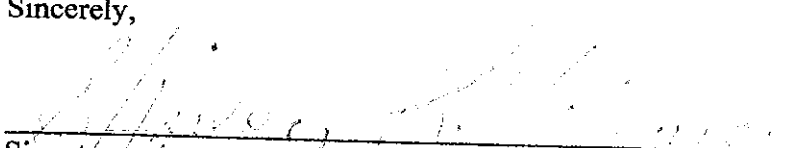
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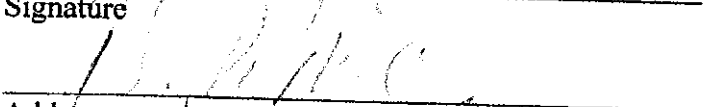
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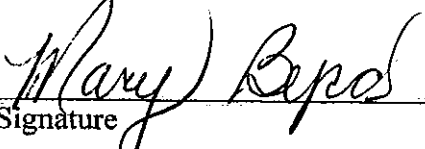
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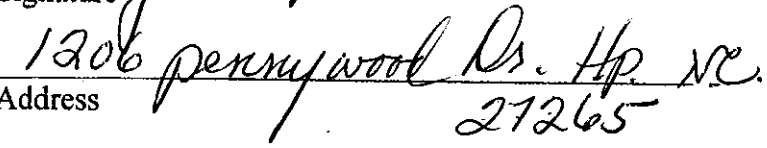
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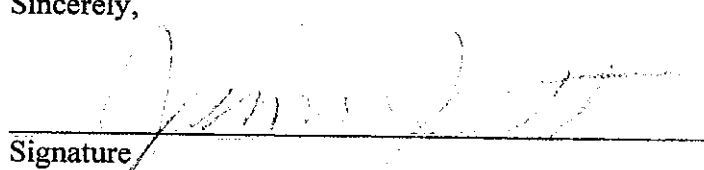
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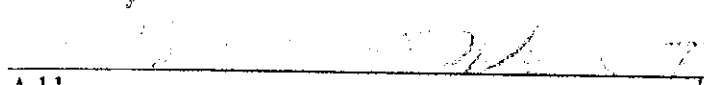
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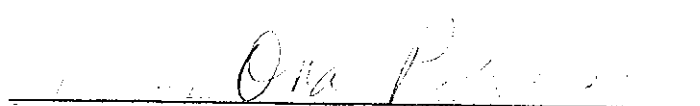
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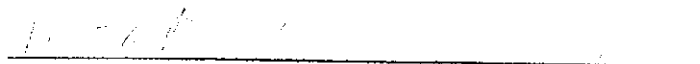
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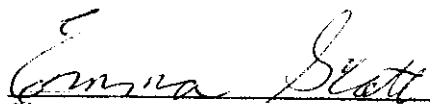
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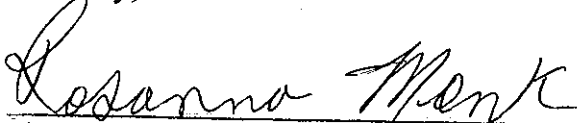
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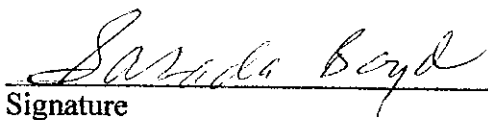
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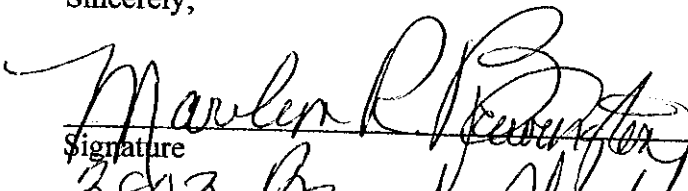
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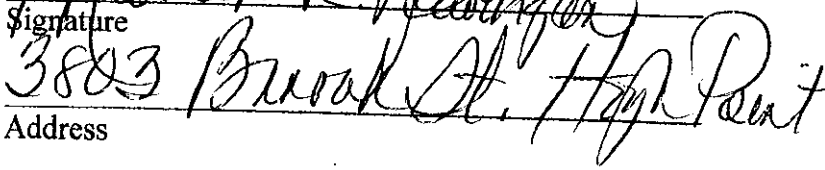
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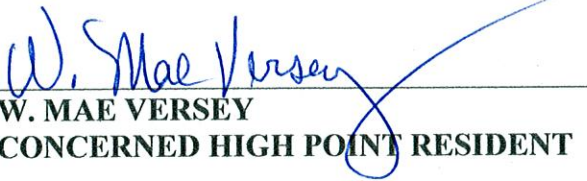
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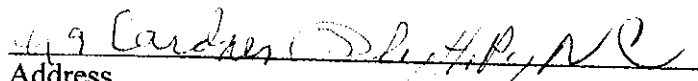
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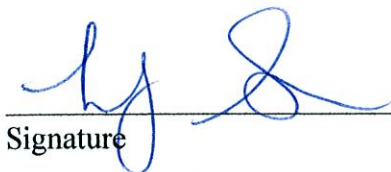
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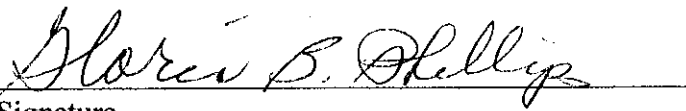
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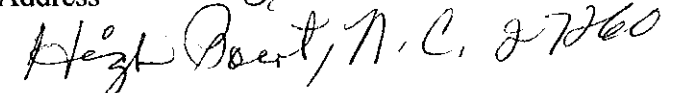
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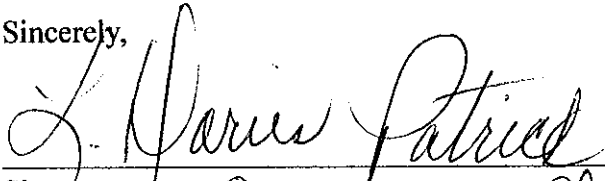
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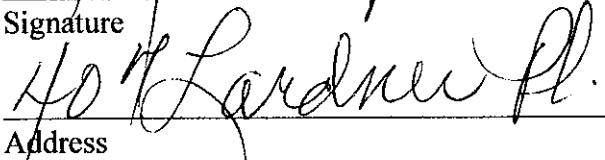
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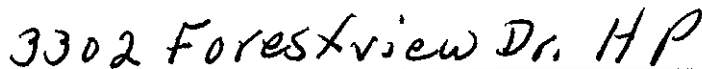
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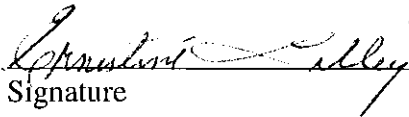
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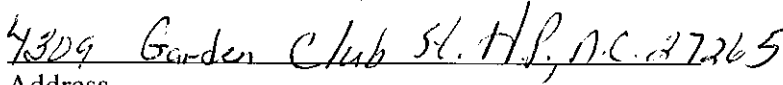
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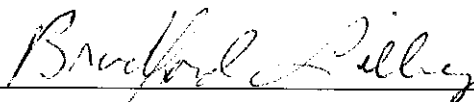
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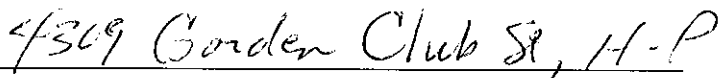
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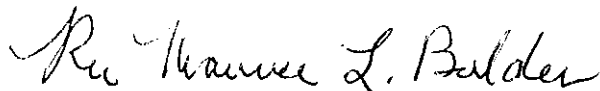
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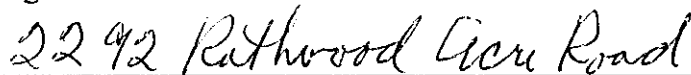
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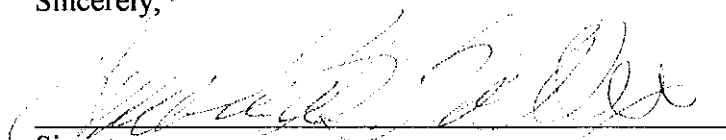
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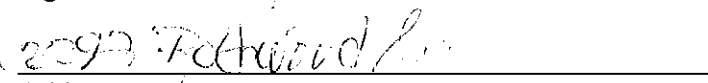
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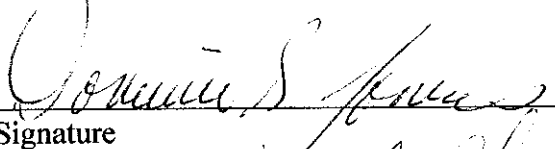
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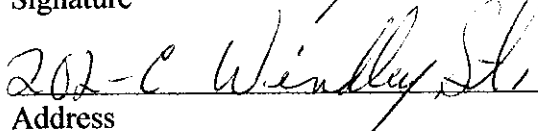
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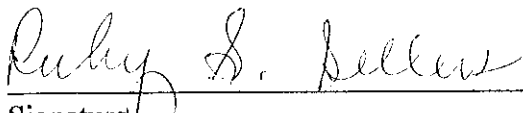
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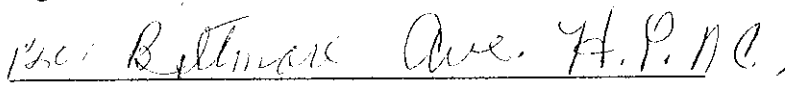
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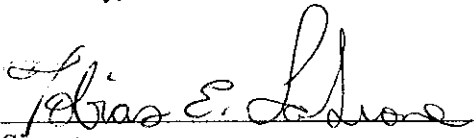
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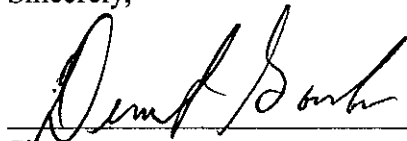
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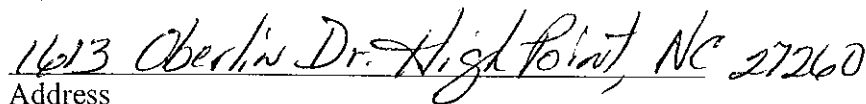
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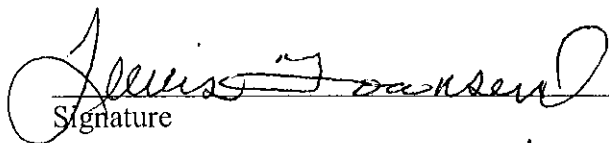
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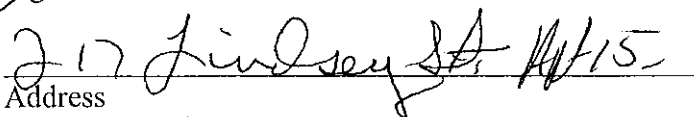
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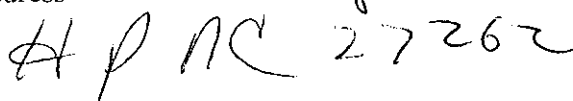
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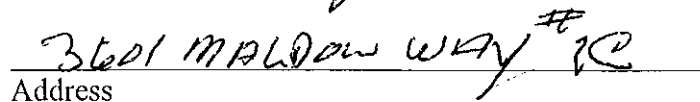
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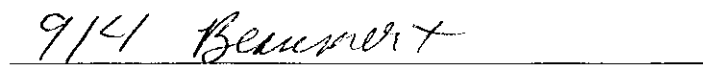
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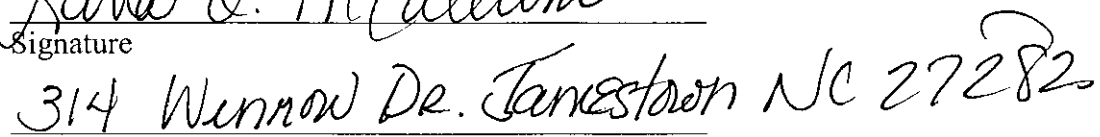
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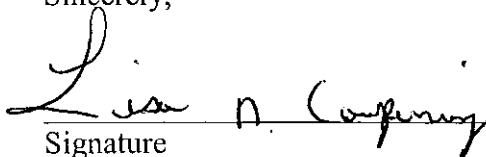
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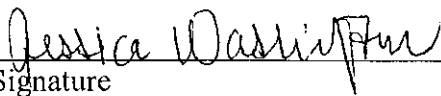
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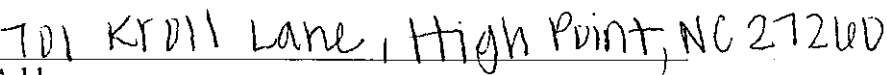
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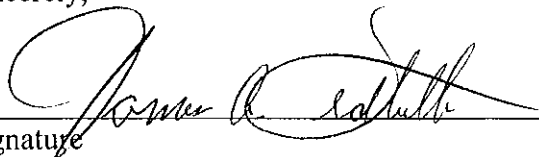
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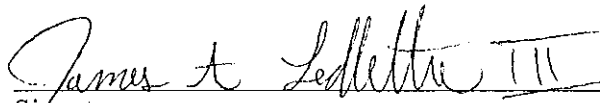
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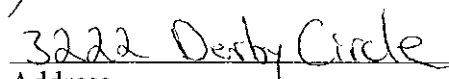
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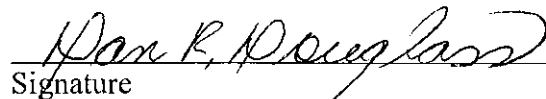
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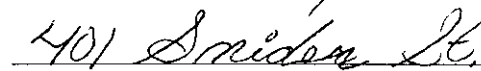
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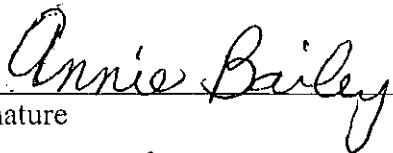
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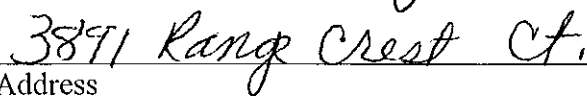
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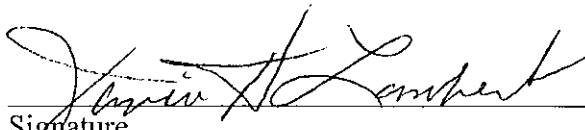
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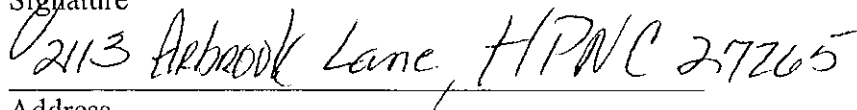
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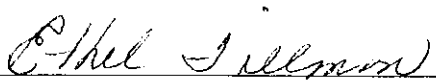
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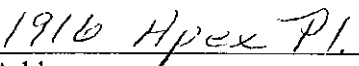
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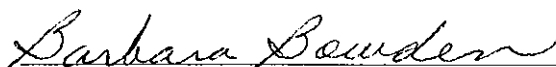
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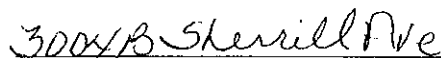
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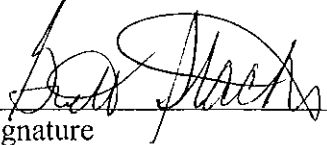
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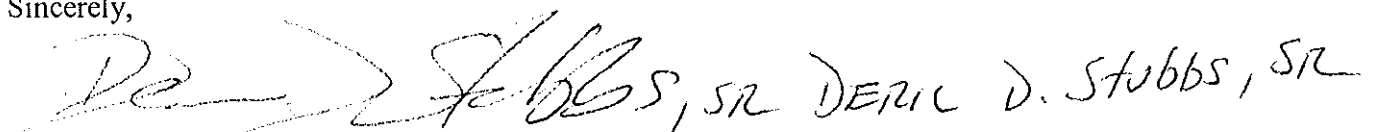
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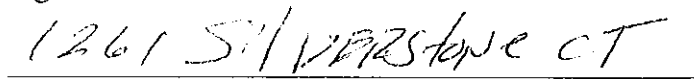
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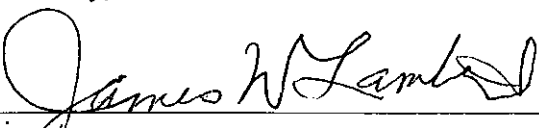
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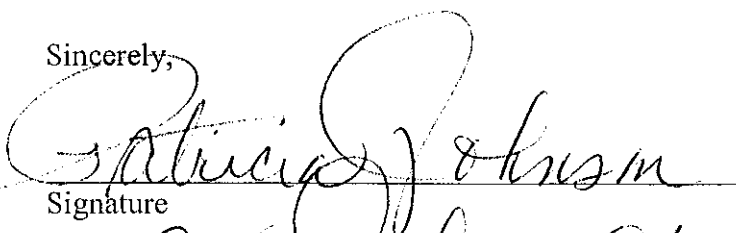
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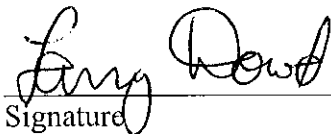
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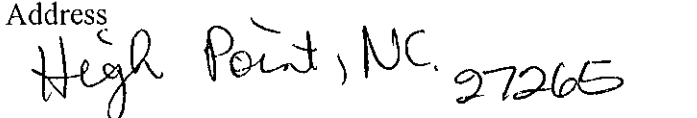
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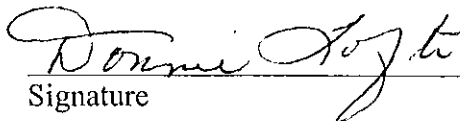
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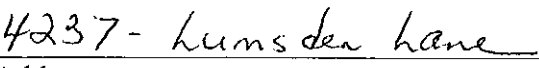
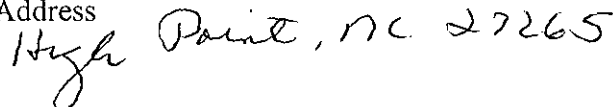
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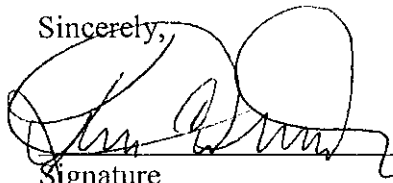
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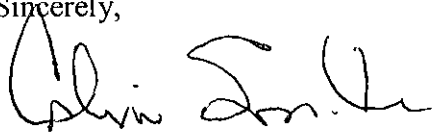
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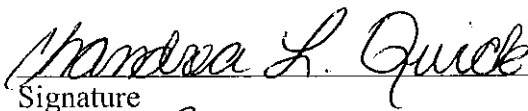
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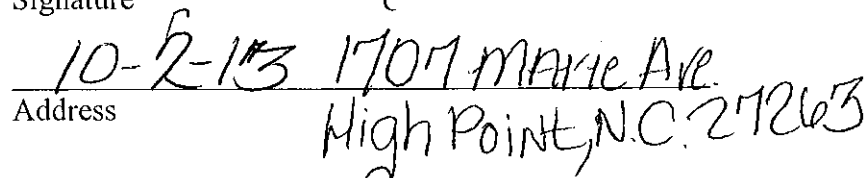
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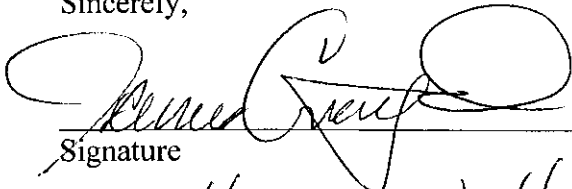
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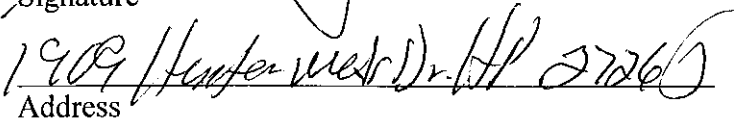
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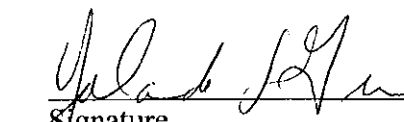
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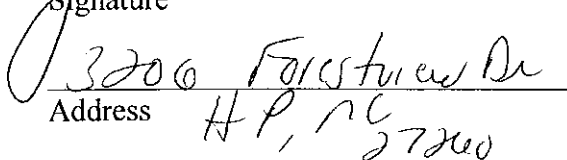
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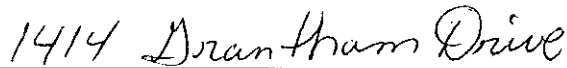
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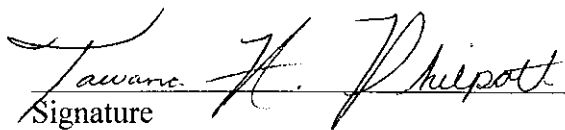
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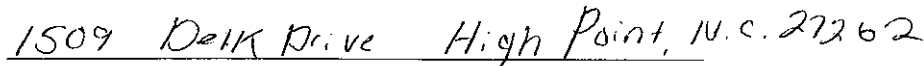
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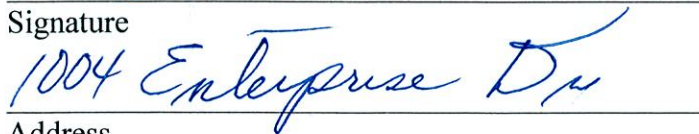
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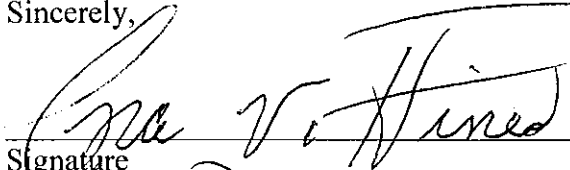
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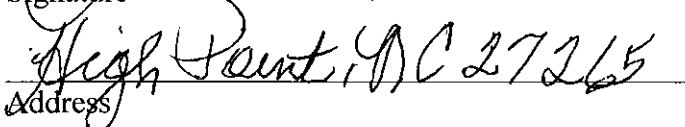
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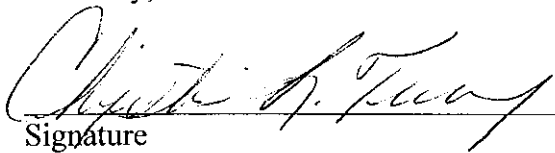
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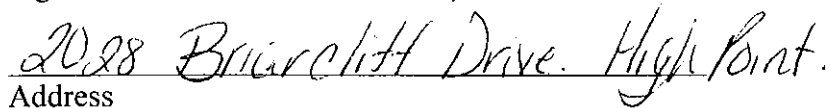
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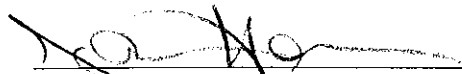
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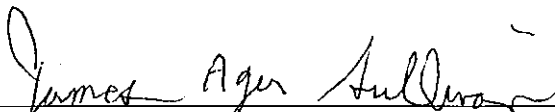
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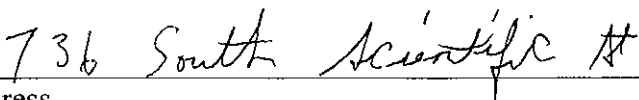
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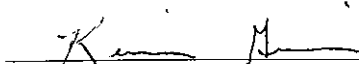
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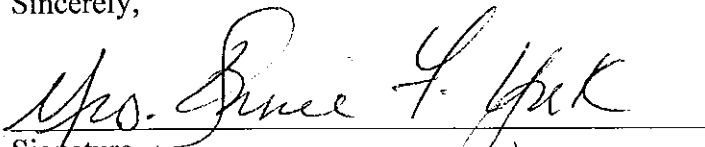
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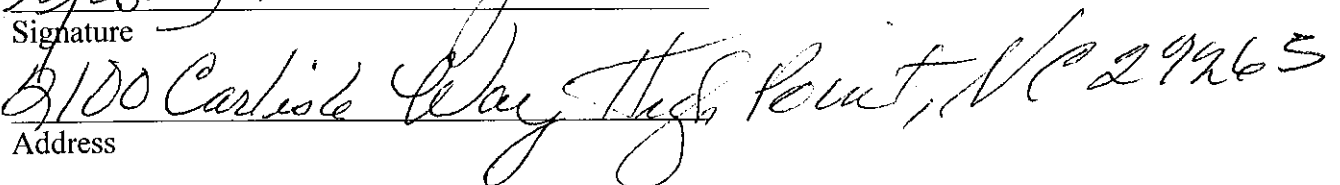
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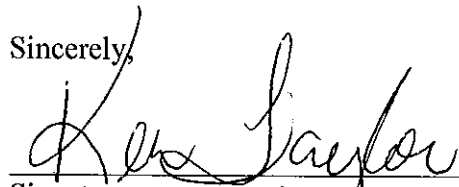
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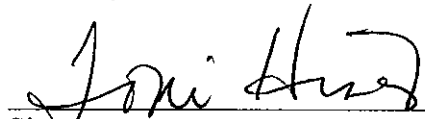
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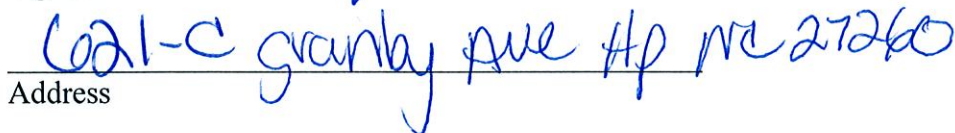
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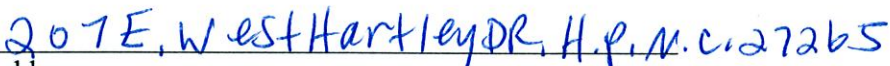
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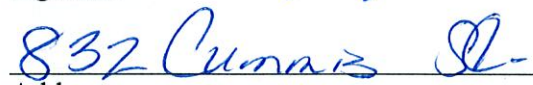
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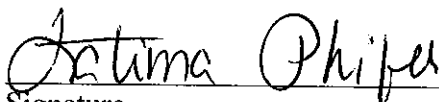
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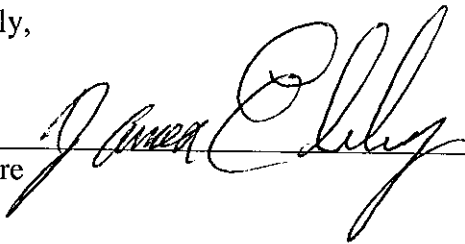
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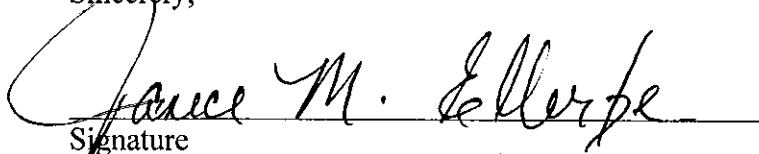
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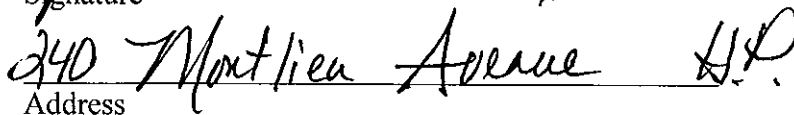
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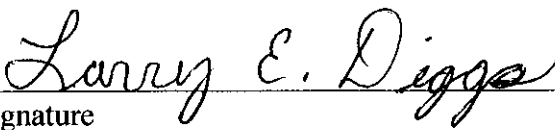
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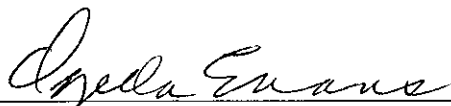
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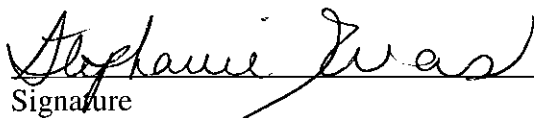
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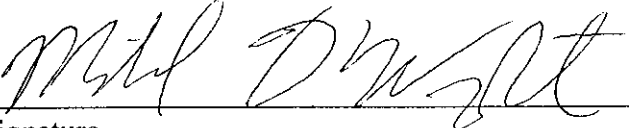
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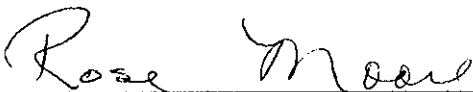
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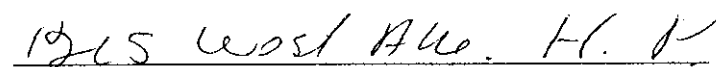
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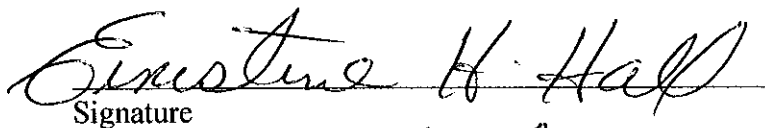
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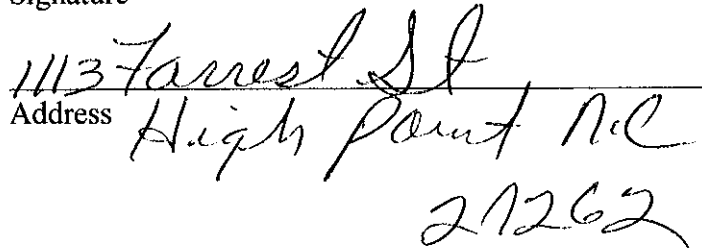
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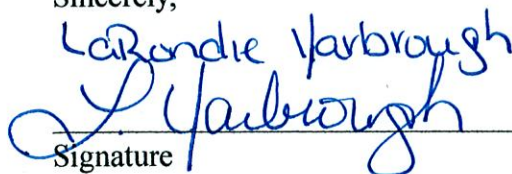
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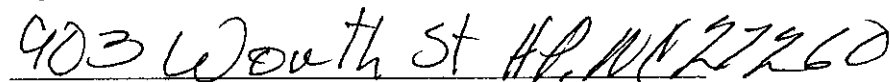
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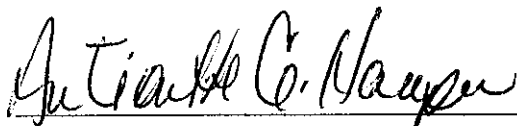
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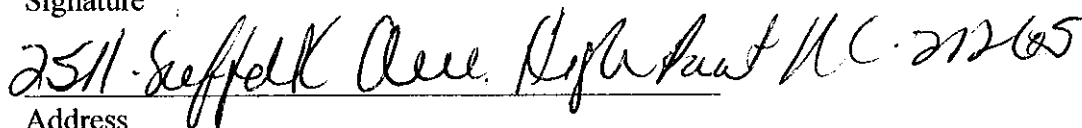
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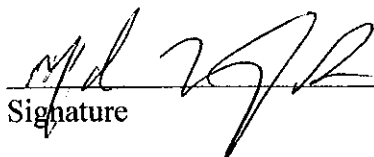
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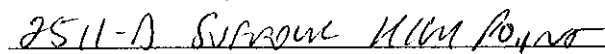
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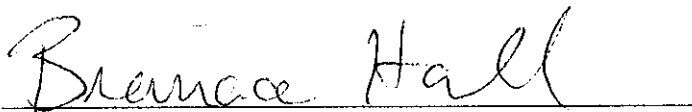
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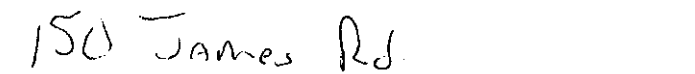
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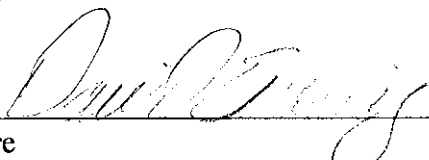
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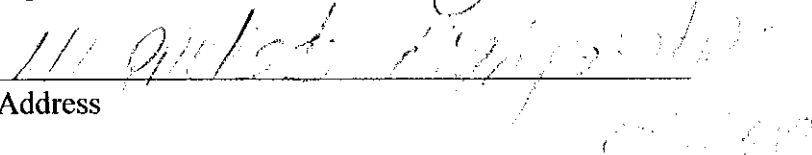
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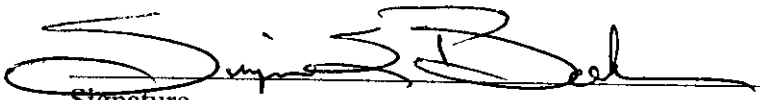
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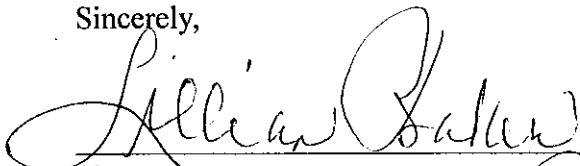
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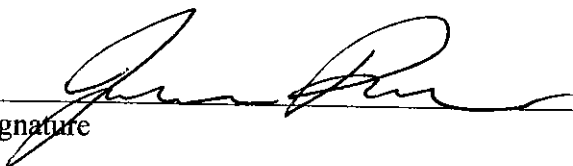
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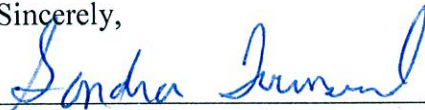
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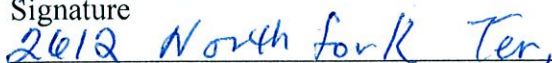
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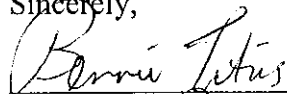
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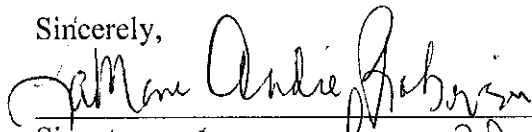
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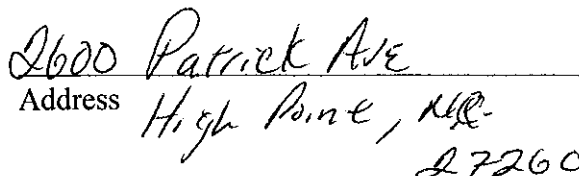
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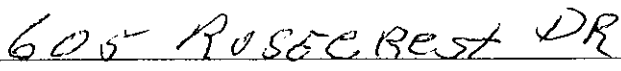
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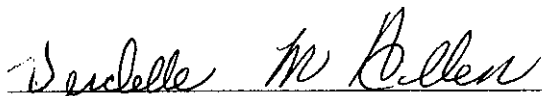
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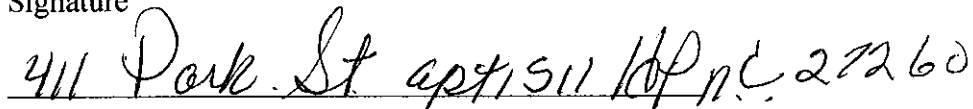
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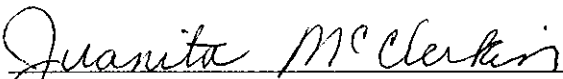
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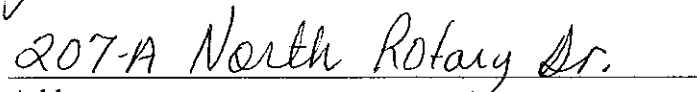
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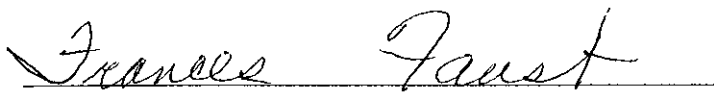
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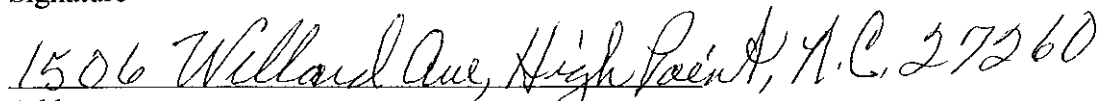
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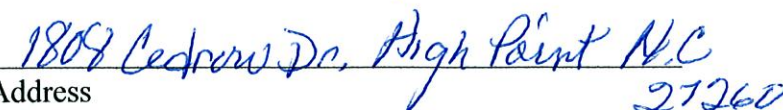
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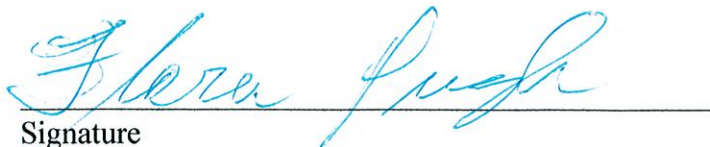
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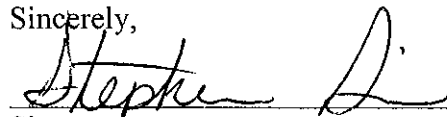
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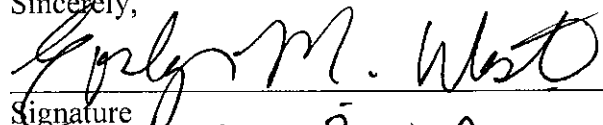
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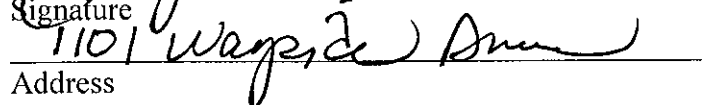
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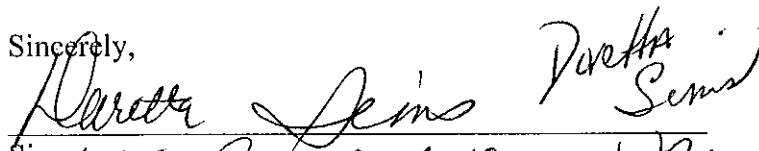
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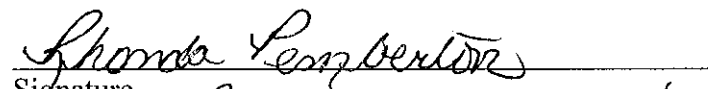
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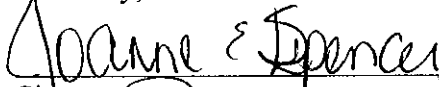
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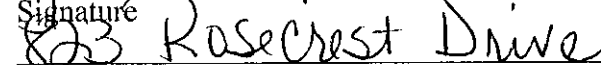
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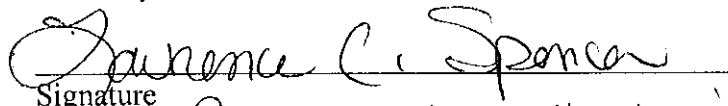
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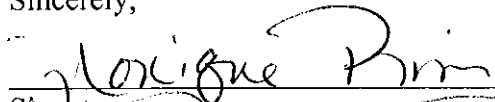
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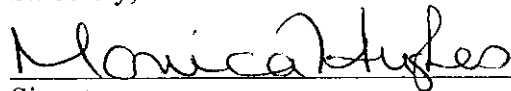
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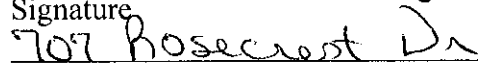
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One item in particular comes to mind that the Council could spend more time and energy. With the current unemployment rate in our city being 9.7%, more time could easily be spent on creating jobs or seeking community development opportunities that would assist in providing for the health and welfare of all citizens.

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