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**NORTH CAROLINA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RACHEL HUNT ENDORSES
MECKLENBURG COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REFERENDUM**
County Commission Chairman Mark Jerrell Echoes Support

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (October 2, 2025) - N.C. Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt has announced her endorsement of the [one percent sales tax referendum](#), a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform Mecklenburg County's transportation system and secure the region's economic future. Lt. Gov. Hunt's support stems from a core belief in investing in public schools, expanding access to healthcare, and supporting policies that ensure those in small towns have access to competitive wages that can increase their economic mobility.

A [Mecklenburg County resident herself](#), Lt. Gov. Hunt plans to vote "Yes for Meck," and encourages others to do the same:

"Safer intersections and reliable transit protect families and help local businesses grow," said Lt. Gov. Hunt, who served in both the N.C. House of Representatives, [representing District 103](#) (2019-2023), and the N.C. Senate, [representing District 42](#) (2023-2025). "The one percent transportation referendum is a smart investment with a big return for Mecklenburg County."

Hunt's endorsement follows [that of Governor Josh Stein](#), several elected officials and community leaders. Those who support "Yes for Meck" are unified in the belief that:

- It will benefit the entire community, especially low-income residents, students, people of color, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities, who often rely on public transit.
- Making Mecklenburg County more connected will benefit historically underrepresented neighborhoods.
- The measure will expand rail and bus destinations for Mecklenburg County residents, decreasing wait times and increasing access to opportunity, especially for those who do not drive or have access to vehicles for personal use.
- A future rail line from Uptown to the airport will reduce traffic, attract business travelers and increase tourist dollars.

County Commission Chairman Mark Jerrell echoed his emphasis on the benefits of the plan. "This referendum represents one of the most critical investments in our county's history and is a pivotal step toward a more connected Mecklenburg County," he said. "It's a chance to expand access to opportunity, and ensures that we move forward in a way that meets the needs of a rapidly growing community."

Early voting begins Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, and Election Day is Tuesday, Nov 4, 2025. Voters will decide whether to approve a one percent sales tax to fund transportation investments for the next several decades.

About “Yes for Meck”

“Yes For Meck” is a nonpartisan education campaign that supports the proposed one-percent Mecklenburg County sales tax to fund transportation investments across our region. The initiative promotes smart, accessible and connected infrastructure that expands transportation options, improves roads, reduces congestion, advances economic mobility and creates opportunities for everyone. Learn more at yesformeck.com. Media inquiries can be sent to media@yesformeck.com.

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