

# PERCIPIENT STRATEGIES RESEARCH DOSSIER

VAL APPLEWHITE

(NORTH CAROLINA STATE SENATE: SD-19)

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## EXECUTIVE SYNOPSIS

### DOSSIER NOTES

In preparing this background report, we undertook an examination of all readily available and relevant electronic and online records, several hundred Nexis and news articles, dozens of active and archived web pages, and several dozen public records from Nexis and the resources of various federal, state, and municipal government offices. The results of our analysis are contained below.

*Typographical Note:* There are a number of articles quoted in this report that contain typographical errors. These are from the original text of the article and have not been corrected when being quoted directly.

### MAIN VULNERABILITIES

#### *Personal And Political Foibles*

Val Applewhite boasts numerous personal vulnerabilities which others may seek to capitalize on.

Applewhite has a history of financial mismanagement. On at least one occasion Applewhite has been tax delinquent, having been issued a Maryland state tax lien of more than \$2,000, which she satisfied several years later. To that effect, at least one small claims complaint has been filed against Applewhite with the complainant demanding nearly \$5,000. The plaintiff received default judgment shortly thereafter, which Applewhite later satisfied. Applewhite is additionally twice divorced. Applewhite petitioned for her first divorce in 1989 and it was granted in 1990. Applewhite's second divorce appears to have occurred around 2017 based on real estate records. It should also be noted that Applewhite's ex-husband, who she does not appear to have been married to at the time, was arrested three times for failing to make child support payments to his first wife between 1998 and 2000.

Throughout her tenure in public life, Applewhite has undoubtedly accumulated several political missteps and ethics concerns.

Perhaps most concerning, Applewhite flip-flopped on the creating a local ethics commission. In September 2008, Applewhite was among four Fayetteville councilmembers to vote against proceeding with an ethics commission to investigate the so-called 'Ticketgate' scandal involving a friend of Mayor Tony Chavonne. However, by November 2008, the Fayetteville Observer described Applewhite as having "only recently embraced the concept of an ethics commission".

Applewhite appears to have opposed measures to increase transparency. Specifically, in 2010, Applewhite was the only Fayetteville councilmember to vote against keeping all budget meetings open to the public.

Shockingly, Applewhite allegedly made a sexist comment while working in the census office, according to an EEOC complaint mentioning her.

Politically, Applewhite's campaigns have been linked to campaign finance complaints. In 2007, a Fayetteville man filed a campaign finance complaint alleging that corporate phones belonging to Reed Lallier Chevrolet were used for a phone bank to support Applewhite's Fayetteville city council campaign. In 2013, Cumberland County Republican Party Chairwoman, Linda Devore, filed a complaint with the County Board of Election "alleging that voters are illegally being given food and limousine rides to the polls to vote for Fayetteville Mayoral candidate Val Applewhite".

Additionally, Applewhite has been known to have a divisive disposition as a City Councilmember and once sought to restrict bringing up more than one policy proposal per Councilmember. In 2013, Fayetteville Observer editor, Tim White, criticized Applewhite for walking out of meetings amid disagreements as "destructive".

Applewhite has supported and been associated with prominent Democrats and liberal organizations, such as Jill Biden, Barack Obama, Beau Biden, Roy Cooper, Democracy North Carolina, and Advance North Carolina. On social media, Applewhite has promoted partisan content unbecoming of public official.

### ***Fiscal Irresponsibility And Poor Governance***

A review of Applewhite's municipal tenure and political activity has revealed a lengthy record of fiscal irresponsibility and poor governance.

Applewhite has broadly supported potential tax increases at the federal and municipal level. In 2012, Applewhite was among the signatories of a letter urging the North Carolina Congressional delegation to "stand with President Obama... and other voices of reason in both parties in acknowledging that new revenues must be part of a lasting solution to our debt problems." As member of the Fayetteville City Council, Applewhite opposed lowering property taxes in Fayetteville and called for property tax increases for Fayetteville residents. Additionally, Applewhite appears to have supported an effort to increase the local sales tax. Specifically, in 2008, Applewhite voted to approve a resolution "in support of the sales tax increase" which was to be voted on in an upcoming election.

Moreover, Applewhite sought to raise revenues through increasing fees and fares. Applewhite repeatedly flip-flopped on whether she would back hiking bus fares, including rates for the elderly and disabled. Further, Applewhite supported increasing the "tax on car rental companies". In several instances, Applewhite voted to increase additional local fees and fares faced by the citizens and businesses of Fayetteville. Notably, in 2008, Applewhite was among the Fayetteville City Councilmembers to unanimously adopt a fee and implement a curbside recycling program for city residents.

Unsurprisingly, during Applewhite's tenure with the Fayetteville City Council, the size of the city government steadily ballooned. In order to maintain the runaway spending, Applewhite backed various controversial budgets – that included tax and fee increases.

Applewhite's big government posture went beyond appropriations. Applewhite supported anti-business development policies regarding zoning, parking, and tourism. Applewhite also voted in favor of using condemnation powers.

Despite his liberal leanings, Applewhite has opposed bonds to improve Fayetteville's parks and recreation system.

Applewhite's anti-business agenda has earned her the support of unions.

### ***Far-Left Progressive Agenda***

An analysis of Applewhite's public commentary and municipal governance has unearthed her support for the far-left's progressive and social agenda.

Applewhite has signaled she will rubberstamp Gov. Cooper's agenda as a legislator. Applewhite has stated that she supports Cooper's proposal to ramp up spending on education.

On healthcare, Applewhite appears to support the expansion of the government's involvement. Specifically, Applewhite strongly supports Medicaid expansion. As the southeastern organizer for Democracy North Carolina, Applewhite indicated her support for the NAACP's efforts to fight for Medicaid expansion.

On issues of public safety, Applewhite may have several vulnerabilities. Applewhite's previous political opponents have highlighted that crime "increased every year while Applewhite was on the [Fayetteville] council". Additionally, in 2020, Applewhite declined to appear with former Mayor Michael Bloomberg over his previous support for common-sense crime prevention policies.

Curiously, in 2012, Applewhite voted against a resolution declaring Dimona, Israel to be the 'Sister City' of Fayetteville.

Finally, Applewhite is fairly left-leaning on social issues. It should be noted that Applewhite is a supporter of Black Lives Matter and opposed a civil war history museum in Fayetteville. Recently, Applewhite assumedly reaffirmed her support for abortion.

## **TOP HITS**

### ***Financial***

#### **Tax Lien**

- In May 2007, Applewhite was issued a Maryland state tax lien of \$2,154.90.
  - Applewhite satisfied the lien in January 2011.

#### **Small Claims**

- In August 2003, ARC Of Montgomery County, Inc. filed a small claims complaint against Applewhite and her then-husband, demanding \$4,759.
  - In May 2005, default judgment was entered against Applewhite.
  - In April 2006, Applewhite satisfied the judgment.

### ***Personal***

#### **Divorces**

- Applewhite is twice divorced.
  - Applewhite petitioned for her first divorce in 1989 and it was granted in 1990.
  - Applewhite's second divorce appears to have occurred around 2017 based on real estate records.

### ***Police***

#### **Arrests (Ex-Husband)**

- Applewhite's ex-husband, Perry, has been arrested three times for failing to make child support payments to his first wife.
  - Applewhite does not appear to have been married to Percy at the time.

### ***Political***

#### **Campaign Finance**

- Applewhite has contributed to far-left liberal Ayanna Pressley, as well as the presidential campaigns of both Kamala Harris and Barack Obama

#### **Compensation**

- Between 2007 and 2013, Applewhite received an aggregate of \$96,447.94 in taxpayer-funded compensation while serving on the Fayetteville City Council.

#### **Ethics And Personal Behavior**

- Applewhite flip-flopped on the creating a local Ethics Commission.

- Applewhite opposed making budget meetings public.
- Applewhite allegedly made a sexist comment while working in the Census Office, according to an EEOC complaint mentioning her.
- Applewhite's campaigns have been linked to campaign finance complaints.
- Applewhite has been known to have a divisive disposition as a City Councilmember and once sought to restrict bringing up more than one policy proposal per Councilmember.
  - The Fayetteville Observer: Applewhite “could be abrupt and confrontational with senior city administrators, according to sources on the Council, and she quit her committee assignments she didn't like”.
- Applewhite has supported and been associated with prominent Democrats and liberal organizations.
- On social media, Applewhite has promoted partisan content unbecoming of public official.

### ***Policy***

#### **Fiscal And Economic**

- Applewhite has broadly supported potential tax increases at the federal and municipal level.
  - In 2009, Applewhite was one of only two Fayetteville councilmembers to vote against lowering the city tax rate from 53 cents to 45.1 cents.
  - In 2013, Applewhite noted she would support a 1-cent property tax increase if put towards public safety.
- Applewhite opposed lowering property taxes in Fayetteville and has called for property tax increases for Fayetteville residents.
- Applewhite appears to have supported an effort to increase the local sales tax.
- Applewhite repeatedly flip-flopped on whether she would back hiking bus fares, including rates for the elderly and disabled.
- Applewhite supported increasing the “tax on car rental companies”.
- Applewhite voted to increase additional local fees and fares faced by the citizens and businesses of Fayetteville.
  - In 2008, Applewhite was among the Fayetteville councilmembers to unanimously adopt a \$42 fee and implement a curbside recycling program for city residents.
  - In 2010, Applewhite voted in favor of a “proposed registry fee” that “would have been \$15 per unit and vary based on size for apartment complexes”.



- In 2011, Applewhite noted her support for the 2011 – 2012 budget, which represented a 3.3 percent spending increase and also increased some fees in planning, zoning, and engineering.
- During Applewhite's tenure with the Fayetteville City Council, the size of city government steadily ballooned.
- Applewhite supported anti-business development policies regarding zoning, parking, and tourism.
- Applewhite voted in favor of using condemnation powers.
- Applewhite has opposed bonds to improve Fayetteville's Parks and Recreation system.
- Applewhite opposed allowing the keeping of potbellied pigs as pets in city limits.
- Applewhite has been backed by unions.
- Applewhite supports Cooper's increased spending on education.
- Applewhite strongly supports Medicaid expansion.

#### **Social Issues And Miscellaneous**

- Applewhite may have alienated some of her base with controversial positions regarding police tactics.
- Applewhite is a supporter of Black Lives Matter and opposed a civil war history museum in Fayetteville.
- Applewhite has expressed support for abortion.
- Applewhite spearheaded offering city documents in Spanish.
- In 2012, Applewhite voted against a resolution declaring Dimona, Israel to be the Sister City of Fayetteville.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION****PERSONAL INFORMATION: VAL APPLEWHITE**

Full Name: Valencia Alicia Applewhite (née Sharperson)  
(Formerly: Leonard)

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Social Security: 040-62-XXXX

Primary Address: 5813 Mondavi Place  
Fayetteville, NC 28314  
Cumberland County  
(1995-Pres.)

Marital Status: Divorced (x2)

Ex-Spouse: Percy Kenneth Applewhite  
DOB: April 28, 1964 (58)

Ex-Spouse: Dwayne Francis Leonard (d. September 24, 1990)  
DOB: February 3, 1958 (64)

Children: One (Damani)

Voter Registration: Registered Democrat – Cumberland County, North Carolina

Education: Unk. – Unk. B.B.A., Business Administration, Strayer University  
Unk. – Unk. A.A., Information Systems and Instructional Technology,  
Community College of the Air Force

Employment: Unk. – Pres. Owner, Favorite Agent Real Estate  
Unk. – Unk. Southeastern Organizer, Democracy North Carolina  
2007 – 2013 Councilwoman, Fayette City Council, District 7  
1979 – 1999 U.S. Air Force

Associations: Member, Fayetteville State University Department of Chemistry, Physics  
and Material Science Advisory Board  
Board Member, NC Lead

Business Interests: N/A

Military Service: 1979 – 1999 U.S. Air Force



Election Results:     2015   Mayor, City of Fayetteville (General, Lost)  
                               2015   Mayor, City of Fayetteville (General, Lost)  
                               2011   Councilmember, City of Fayetteville, District 7 (General, Won)  
                               2009   Councilmember, City of Fayetteville, District 7 (General, Won)  
                               2007   Councilmember, City of Fayetteville, District 7 (General, Won)

Web Sites:             <https://www.valapplewhitencsenate.com/>  
                               <https://www.uncfsu.edu/>  
                               <https://ballotpedia.org/>  
                               <http://thefactsonval.blogspot.com/>

Social Media:        [Facebook](#) (Personal)  
                               [Facebook](#) (Campaign)  
                               [Twitter](#) (Campaign)  
                               [Twitter](#) (Campaign)  
                               [LinkedIn](#) (Personal)  
                               [LinkedIn](#) (Personal)  
                               [YouTube](#) (Personal)

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## ELECTION RESULTS

*Val Applewhite has run for office five times, winning three times. In both 2013 and 2015, Applewhite unsuccessfully ran for mayor of Fayetteville. Previously, Applewhite served on the Fayetteville City Council between 2007 and 2013; Applewhite was re-elected in 2009 and 2011.*

### ***2015 General Election, City Of Fayetteville, Mayor***

#### **General Election Results (November 3, 2015)**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>
Nat Robertson	N/A	4,333
Val Applewhite	N/A	3,748

(Official Election Results, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), 11/3/15)

### ***2013 General Election, City Of Fayetteville, Mayor***

#### **General Election Results (November 5, 2013)**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>
Nat Robertson	N/A	11,591
Val Applewhite	N/A	11,331

(Official Election Results, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), 11/5/13)

### ***2011 General Election, Fayetteville City Council, District 7***

#### **General Election Results (November 8, 2011)**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>
Val Applewhite	N/A	594
Steve Borth	N/A	199

(Official Election Results, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), 11/8/11)

### ***2009 General Election, Fayetteville City Council, District 7***

#### **General Election Results (November 3, 2009)**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>
Val Applewhite	N/A	466

(Official Election Results, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), 11/3/09)

### ***2007 General Election, Fayetteville City Council, District 7***

#### **General Election Results (November 6, 2007)**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>
Val Applewhite	N/A	835
Curtis Worthy	N/A	537

(Official Election Results, [Cumberland County Board Of Elections](#), 11/6/07)

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE

*Thus far, Val Applewhite has received an aggregate of \$211,965.01 in total contributions for her campaign for the North Carolina State Senate For District 19. While mostly funded by individual contributors, Applewhite has personally contributed nearly \$7,000 to her own campaign. Applewhite has additionally received \$5,600 from Governor Roy Cooper's campaign committee, as well as \$1,000 from G.K. Butterfield's campaign committee. Applewhite has disbursed an aggregate of \$133,793.54 to date, primarily spending her funds on media and polling.*

*Individually, Applewhite has contributed an aggregate of \$8,749.79 to federal and statewide campaign committees. Federally, Applewhite has given \$1,965, notably contributed to far-left liberal Ayanna Pressley. Applewhite has additionally contributed to the presidential campaigns of both Kamala Harris and Barack Obama. At the state level, Applewhite has contributed \$6,784.79 to her current campaign.*

### ***Friends Of Val Applewhite (2022)***

#### **Notable Contributions**

**Thus Far, Applewhite Has Received An Aggregate Of \$211,965.01 In Total Contributions For Her Campaign For The North Carolina State Senate.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/21/22)

- **In 2022, Applewhite Contributed \$6,784.79 To Her Own Campaign.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/22/22)
- **In 2022, Applewhite Received \$5,600 From Cooper For North Carolina.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/21/22)
- **In 2022, Applewhite Received \$5,000 From Scott Falmen, A Partner At Nexus Strategies.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/21/22)
- **In 2022, Applewhite Received \$5,600 From Greg Gach, An Executive At Hendrick Automotive Group.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/21/22)
- **In 2022, Applewhite Received \$5,000 From OrthoCarolina PA PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/21/22)
- **In 2022, Applewhite Received \$1,000 From Butterfield For Congress.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/21/22)

#### **Notable Expenditures**

**Thus Far, Applewhite Has Disbursed An Aggregate Of \$133,793.54 For Her Campaign For The North Carolina State Senate.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/21/22)

- **In 2022, Applewhite Disbursed \$119,198.89 To The Pivot Group For Media.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/22/22)
- **In 2022, Applewhite Disbursed \$6,500 To Public Policy Polling For Polling Services.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/22/22)

***Individual Contributions*****Federal Election Commission**

**According To The Federal Election Commission, Applewhite Has Contributed \$1,965 To Federal Campaign Committees.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

- **In 2022, Applewhite Contributed \$1,000 To Cheri Beasley For North Carolina.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/22/22)
- **In 2021, Applewhite Contributed \$350 To Dr. Richard Watkins For US Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/22/22)
- **In 2008, Applewhite Contributed \$315 To Obama For America.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/22/22)
- **Between 2010 And 2019, Applewhite Contributed \$300 To ActBlue.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/22/22)
  - **In 2018, Applewhite Earmarked \$100 To The Committee To Elect Ayanna Pressley.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/22/22)
  - **In 2019, Applewhite Earmarked \$100 To Kamala Harris For The People.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/22/22)
  - **In 2010, Applewhite Earmarked \$50 To Cunningham For U.S. Senate.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/22/22)
  - **In 2016, Applewhite Earmarked \$50 To Carla Cunningham For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

**North Carolina State Board Of Elections**

**According To The North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Applewhite Has Contributed \$6,784.79 To Campaign Committees In North Carolina.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/22/22)

- **In 2022, Applewhite Contributed \$6,784.79 To Her Own Campaign.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/22/22)

**VOTING RECORDS**

*Val Applewhite has been an actively-registered Democratic Party voter in Cumberland County, North since July 18, 2007. Since 2007, Applewhite appears to have voted in every election for which she has been eligible. Applewhite registered as a Democratic Party voter in Montgomery County, Maryland on September 20, 2000. Between 2000 and 2004, Applewhite failed to vote in at least two primary elections.*

***Cumberland County, NC***

**According To The North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Applewhite Has Been An Actively-Registered Democratic Party Voter In Cumberland County, North Carolina Since July 18, 2007.** (Voter Profile Report: Val Applewhite, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

<b>VALENCIA APPLEWHITE</b> <b>5813 MONDAVI PL</b> <b>FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28314</b>	
<a href="#">Collapse all sections</a>   <a href="#">Expand all sections</a>	
<b>YOUR VOTER DETAILS</b>	
County:	CUMBERLAND
Status:	ACTIVE
Voter Reg Num:	000165984762
NCID:	BE267950
Party:	DEM
Race:	BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN
Ethnicity:	NOT HISPANIC or NOT LATINO
Gender:	FEMALE
Registration Date:	07/18/2007
NCDMV Customer:	Yes

(Voter Profile Report: Val Applewhite, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

**Since 2007, Applewhite Appears To Have Voted In Every Election For Which She Has Been Eligible.** (Voter Profile Report: Val Applewhite, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

Election	Voted Method	Voted County	Primary Election Ballot
05/17/2022 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/03/2020 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	
03/03/2020 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/05/2019 MUNICIPAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	CUMBERLAND	
11/06/2018 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	
05/08/2018 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/07/2017 MUNICIPAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	
10/10/2017 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/08/2016 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	
06/07/2016 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
03/15/2016 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/03/2015 MUNICIPAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	
10/06/2015 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/04/2014 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	
05/06/2014 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/05/2013 MUNICIPAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	
10/08/2013 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/06/2012 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	
07/17/2012 SECOND PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
05/08/2012 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/08/2011 MUNICIPAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	
10/11/2011 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/02/2010 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	
06/22/2010 SECOND PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
05/04/2010 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/03/2009 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	CUMBERLAND	
10/06/2009 MUNICIPAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	
11/04/2008 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	
05/06/2008 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	DEMOCRATIC
11/06/2007 MUNICIPAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	CUMBERLAND	

(Voter Profile Report: Val Applewhite, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

**Montgomery County, MD**

**According To The Maryland State Board Of Elections, Applewhite Registered As A Democratic Party Voter In Montgomery County, Maryland On September 20, 2000.** (Voter Profile Report: Val Applewhite, Maryland State Board Of Elections, Filed 9/20/00, Maryland Public Record Act Request, Filed 6/10/22)

LAST		FIRST	MIDDLE
4. NAME APPLEWHITE		VALENCIA	ALICIA
7. RESIDENCE ADDRESS 10313 WATKINS MILL DR			
8. CITY OR TOWN GAITHERSBURG		9. ZIP 20879	10. COUNTY MONTGOMERY
11. MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM RESIDENCE ADDRESS)			
12. SEX (M or F) F	13. DATE OF BIRTH (Month-Day-Year) [REDACTED]	14. PLACE OF BIRTH (State or Foreign Country)	15. CITIZEN OF THE U.S. YES NO
16. PARTY AFFILIATION CHOICE (CHECK ONE). Only voters affiliated with the Democratic or Republican Party may vote in the primary election of their party. All registered voters may vote in a general election and in a Board of Education or other nonpartisan primary. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEMOCRATIC <input type="checkbox"/> REPUBLICAN <input type="checkbox"/> REFORM <input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO AFFILIATE WITH A POLITICAL PARTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)			
DO NOT WRITE IN SPACE BELOW			
DATE OF REGISTRATION 09-20-00		Under penalty of perjury, I hereby state that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Maryland.	
DIST. 09	PREC. 05	I have never been convicted of an infamous crime, or if I have been convicted of an infamous crime, the conviction was for one or more infamous crimes in a single criminal proceeding, and I have not been convicted of an infamous crime in any other criminal proceeding. I am not currently under sentence or on probation or parole imposed pursuant to any conviction for an infamous crime.	
ID NUMBER [REDACTED]		The information about my place of residence, name, place of birth, criminal offenses, qualifications as a voter and my right to register and vote under the laws of this State is true.	
		17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEE ORIGINAL FEDERAL FORM Signature Required Date	

(Voter Profile Report: Val Applewhite, Maryland State Board Of Elections, Filed 9/20/00, Maryland Public Record Act Request, Filed 6/10/22)

**Between 2000 And 2004, Applewhite Failed To Vote In At Least Two Elections: The 2002 And 2004 Primary Elections.** (Voter Profile Report: Val Applewhite, Maryland State Board Of Elections, Filed 9/20/00, Maryland Public Record Act Request, Filed 6/10/22)

**Voter Information**

<u>Voter ID</u>	<u>Last Name</u> <u>Driver License</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Suffix</u>	<u>DOB</u>
2321999	APPLEWHITE	VALENCIA	ALICIA		

**Alternate Names**

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Suffix</u>
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**Voting Histories**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Election Description</u>	<u>Election Participated</u>	<u>Voting Method</u>
11/02/2004	Presidential General 20041102	VOTED	POLLING PLACE
11/05/2002	Gubernatorial General 20021105	VOTED	POLLING PLACE
11/07/2000	Presidential General 20001107	VOTED	POLLING PLACE

(Voter Profile Report: Val Applewhite, Maryland State Board Of Elections, Filed 9/20/00, Maryland Public Record Act Request, Filed 6/10/22)



## PUBLIC COMPENSATION RECORDS

*Between 2007 and 2013, Val Applewhite received an aggregate of \$96,447.94 in taxpayer-funded compensation while serving on the Fayetteville City Council.*

### ***Fayetteville City Council (2007-2013)***

**Between 2007 And 2013, Applewhite Received An Aggregate Of \$96,447.94 In Taxpayer-Funded Compensation While Serving On The Fayetteville City Council.** (Compensation, Fayetteville City Clerk, North Carolina Open Records Law Request, Filled 6/11/22)

Below are the gross wages for Val Applewhite during her time as a Fayetteville City Council Member.

- 2007 872.58
- 2008 15,328.66
- 2009 15,652.96
- 2010 15,754.93
- 2011 16,091.59
- 2012 16,506.53
- 2013 16,186.69

Records indicate she declined participating in the City's Medical/Dental/Vision insurance plans. She was not eligible to participate in the pension plan. As per the remainder of your request, due the time period for the records being requested being outside the retention schedule, records are not retained from that long ago that would allow staff to perform an analysis of financial records to determine what training, travel, per diem or other expenses would have been attributed to Val Applewhite.

(Compensation, Fayetteville City Clerk, North Carolina Open Records Law Request, Filled 6/11/22)


## MILITARY RECORDS

*According to the Department of Defense Manpower Data Center, Val Applewhite was active duty in the U.S. Air Force from October 11, 1979 to October 31, 1999.*

### ***U.S. Air Force – Service Time***

**According To The Department Of Defense Manpower Data Center, Applewhite Was Active Duty In The U.S. Air Force From October 11, 1979 To October 31, 1999.** (U.S. Department Of Defense Manpower Data Center, Accessed 6/22/22)

Department of Defense Manpower Data Center Results as of : Jun-22-2022 04:21:53 PM  
SCRA 5.13

 **Status Report**  
Pursuant to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act


SSN:  
 Birth Date: Mar-XX-1961  
 Last Name: APPLEWHITE  
 First Name: VALENCIA  
 Middle Name: ALICIA  
 Status As Of: Jan-01-2000  
 Certificate ID: JQSX5WF3N5SDVS0

On Active Duty On Active Duty Status Date			
Active Duty Start Date	Active Duty End Date	Status	Service Component
NA	NA	No	NA
This response reflects the individual's active duty status based on the Active Duty Status Date			

Left Active Duty Within 367 Days of Active Duty Status Date			
Active Duty Start Date	Active Duty End Date	Status	Service Component
Oct-11-1979	Oct-31-1999	Yes	Air Force Active Duty
This response reflects where the individual left active duty status within 367 days preceding the Active Duty Status Date			

The Member or His/Her Unit Was Notified of a Future Call-Up to Active Duty on Active Duty Status Date			
Order Notification Start Date	Order Notification End Date	Status	Service Component
NA	NA	No	NA
This response reflects whether the individual or his/her unit has received early notification to report for active duty			

Upon searching the data banks of the Department of Defense Manpower Data Center, based on the information that you provided, the above is the status of the individual on the active duty status date as to all branches of the Uniformed Services (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, NOAA, Public Health, and Coast Guard). This status includes information on a Servicemember or his/her unit receiving notification of future orders to report for Active Duty. HOWEVER, WITHOUT A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MANPOWER DATA CENTER CANNOT AUTHORITATIVELY ASSERT THAT THIS IS THE SAME INDIVIDUAL THAT YOUR QUERY REFERS TO. NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH ALONE DO NOT UNIQUELY IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL.

  
 Michael V. Sorrento, Director  
 Department of Defense - Manpower Data Center  
 400 Gigling Rd.  
 Seaside, CA 93955

(U.S. Department Of Defense Manpower Data Center, Accessed 6/22/22)

## CRIMINAL RECORDS

*Val Applewhite has been issued at least one traffic citation which was dismissed by the district attorney.*

### ***Traffic Citation***

**In November 2013, Applewhite received a traffic citation for driving with an expired Registration Tag In Cumberland County, North Carolina.** (Case No. 13CR717442, Cumberland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/15/13)

**Defendant**

**Name:** APPLEWHITE, VALENCIA, ALICIA  
**Date of Birth/Estimated Age:** 03/12/1961  
**Race:** BLACK  
**Sex:** FEMALE  
**Address:** 5813 MONDAVI PL  
 FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28314

**First Alias:** -  
**Second Alias:** -  
**Driver's License State:** NC  
**Commercial Driver's License:** NO

**Witnesses**

Name	Type	Agency
MILLER, R, N	COMPLAINANT	CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

**District Court Offense Information**

**Current Jurisdiction:** DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	EXPIRED REGISTRATION CARD/TAG	TRAFFIC	G.S. 20-111(2)
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: -		Verdict: -		Disposed on: 11/15/2013
Disposition Method: DISMISSAL WITHOUT LEAVE BY DA				

(Case No. 13CR717442, Cumberland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/15/13)

- **The Charge Was Dismissed Without Leave By The District Attorney.** (Case No. 13CR717442, Cumberland County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/15/13)

**POLICE RECORDS**

*While no police records could be found for Val Applewhite; however, her ex-husband, Percy, has been arrested three times for failing to make child support payments to his first wife. (Note: Applewhite does not appear to have been married to Percy at the time).*

***Mugshots (Ex-Husband)***

**According To The Cumberland County Sheriff, Applewhite's Ex-Husband, Percy, Was Arrested Three Times Between 1998 And 2000 For Failing To Pay Child Support.**

(Cumberland County Sheriff, North Carolina Open Records Law Request, Filled 6/10/22)

Valencia Applewhite was never arrested in Cumberland County, NC. Percy Applewhite was arrested on 6/29/1988, 6/10/1999, and 1/14/2000 for failure to pay child support. His mugshots are attached to this email. Percy Applewhite also received a citation for texting while driving on 4/13/2016.

(Cumberland County Sheriff, North Carolina Open Records Law Request, Filled 6/10/22)

**January 14, 2000 Mugshot:**



(Percy Applewhite Mugshot, Cumberland County Sheriff, Filed 1/14/00, North Carolina Open Records Law Request, Filled 6/10/22)

**June 10, 1999 Mugshot:**



(Percy Applewhite Mugshot, Cumberland County Sheriff, Filed 6/10/99, North Carolina Open Records Law Request, Filled 6/10/22)

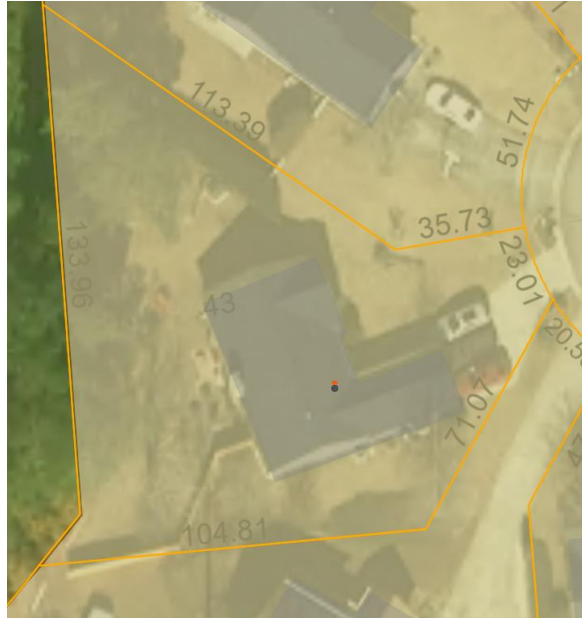
**June 29, 1998 Mugshot:**



(Percy Applewhite Mugshot, Cumberland County Sheriff, Filed 6/29/98, North Carolina Open Records Law Request, Filled 6/10/22)

**REAL PROPERTY RECORDS*****5813 Mondavi Place, Fayetteville, NC, Cumberland County***

*This is the primary residence owned by Val Applewhite. This single-family residence comprises three bedrooms and two bathrooms and has a 2022 assessed value of \$106,00. Applewhite has owned the property since October 1995.*



([Cumberland County GIS](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

**Property Information**

Full Address:	5813 Mondavi Place, Fayetteville, NC 28314
County:	Cumberland County
Parcel ID:	0407459115000
Property Type:	Single-Family Residential
Owner:	APPLEWHITE VALENCIA ALICIA
Sale Date:	10/27/1995
Sale Price:	\$84,500
Year Built:	1995
Total Bedrooms:	3
Total Bathrooms:	2
Total Square Footage:	1,423
2022 Assessed Value:	\$106,000

([Cumberland County Assessor](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

### Tax Information

**In 2021, Applewhite Paid \$1,729.41 Total Municipal Property Taxes.** ([Cumberland County Tax Department](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

APPLEWHITE, VALENCIA ALICIA		Property Tax	Real Property
Description:	MORGAN PLACE LO43 SE01	Bill Status:	PAID
Location:	5813 MONDAVI PL FAYETTEVILLE NC	Bill Flag:	
Mailing Address:	5813 MONDAVI PL FAYETTEVILLE NC 28314	Bill #:	0000873872-2021-2021-0000-00
		Old Bill #:	
Parcel #:	0407-45-9115	Old Account #:	
Lender:	LOANCARE LLC	Due Date:	9/1/2021
		Interest Begins:	1/6/2022

([Cumberland County Tax Department](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

## BANKRUPTCIES, JUDGMENTS, & LIENS RECORDS

*Val Applewhite has two financial issues of note. In May 2007, Applewhite was issued a Maryland state tax lien of \$2,154.90; Applewhite satisfied the lien in January 2011. Additionally, in August 2003, ARC Of Montgomery County, Inc. filed a small claims complaint against Applewhite and her then-husband, demanding \$4,759. In May 2005, default judgment was entered against Applewhite; in April 2006, Applewhite satisfied the judgment.*

### *Lien*

#### State Tax Lien – Maryland

**In May 2007, Applewhite Was Issued A Maryland State Tax Lien Of \$2,154.90.** (Case No. 02-L-07-005700, Anne Arundel County Clerk Of Court, Filed 5/21/07)

<b>Original Judgment</b>	
Case Number:	02-L-07-005700
County:	ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
Judgment Event Type	
Judgment Entered Date:	05/21/2007
Amount:	\$2154.90
Book Page:	00292/00453
For:	State Of Maryland Comptroller Of Maryland
Against:	Applewhite, Valencia A
Judgment Status Comments:	BookPage: 00292/00453 FreeText: OCA \$2,154.90 UDT: 08/15/14
<b>Judgment Modification</b>	
Case Number:	02-L-07-005700
Judgment Entered Date:	05/21/2007
Status:	SATISFIED
Status Date:	01/07/2011
Amount:	\$2154.90
Book Page:	00383/00191
For:	State Of Maryland Comptroller Of Maryland
Against:	Applewhite, Valencia A
Judgment Status Comments:	BookPage: 00383/00191 FreeText: BookPage: 00292/00453 OCA \$2,154.90 UDT: 08/15/14

(Case No. 02-L-07-005700, Anne Arundel County Clerk Of Court, Filed 5/21/07)

- **In January 2011, The Lien Was Satisfied.** (Case No. 02-L-07-005700, Anne Arundel County Clerk Of Court, Filed 1/7/11)

***Small Claims*****ARC of Montgomery County, Inc. V. Kenneth Applewhite, Et Al.**

**In August 2003, ARC Of Montgomery County, Inc. Filed A Small Claims Complaint Against Applewhite And Her Then-Husband, Demanding \$4,759.** (Case No. 06-01-0017837-2003, *ARC Of Montgomery County, Inc. V. Kenneth Applewhite, Et Al.*, Montgomery County Clerk Of Court, Filed 8/5/03)

Case Information		
Court System:	District Court For Montgomery County - Civil	
Location:	Rockville	
Case Number:	06-01-0017837-2003	
Title:	ARC OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INC. vs APPLEWHITE, KENNETH et al	
Case Type:	Contract	
Filing Date:	08/05/2003	
Case Status:	Closed	

Causes Information		
File Date:	08/05/2003	
Cause Description	002 ; REGULAR CLAIM	
Filed By:	Plaintiff	
Filed Against:	Defendant	
Remedy Type	Amount	Comment
Not Applicable	\$4,759.00	CONTRACT ; SATISFIED

File Date:	08/05/2003	
Cause Description	001 ; REGULAR CLAIM	
Filed By:	Plaintiff	
Filed Against:	Defendant	
Remedy Type	Amount	Comment
Not Applicable	\$4,759.00	CONTRACT ; JUDGMENT IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFF ENTERED

Involved Parties Information	
<b>Plaintiff</b>	
Name:	ARC OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INC.
Address:	KARASIK CHILD CARE CENTER 11600 NEBEL STREET ROCKVILLE State: MD Zip Code: 20852
<b>Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff</b>	
Name:	THEOLOGOU, DIANA C
Appearance Date:	08/05/2003
Address Line 1:	SILVERMAN THEOLOGOU, LLP
Address Line 2:	11200 ROCKVILLE PIKE#520
City:	N. BETHESDA State: MD Zip Code: 20852
<b>Garnishee</b>	
Name:	PENTAGAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
Address:	P O BOX 1400 ALEXANDRIA State: VA Zip Code: 223132000
<b>Defendant</b>	
Name:	APPLEWHITE, VALENCIA
Address:	808 GALLOP HILL RD. APT. C GAITHERSBURG State: MD Zip Code: 208793632

(Case No. 06-01-0017837-2003, *ARC Of Montgomery County, Inc. V. Kenneth Applewhite, Et Al.*, Montgomery County Clerk Of Court, Filed 8/5/03)

- **In May 2005, Default Judgment Was Entered Against Applewhite.** (Case No. 06-01-0017837-2003, *Arc Of Montgomery County, Inc. V. Kenneth Applewhite, Et Al.*, Montgomery County Clerk Of Court, Filed 5/11/05)



<b>Monetary</b>			
<b>Original Judgment</b>			
Judgment Event Type:	Trial Judgment		
Judgment Against:	APPLEWHITE, VALENCIA		
Judgment in Favor of:	ARC OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INC.		
Judgment Ordered Date:	05/11/2005		
Judgment Entry Date:	05/16/2005		
Judgment Expiration Date:	05/11/2017		
Post-Judgment Interest:	Legal Rate		
Principal Amount:	\$4,759.00	Pre-Judgment Interest:	\$0.00
Other Fee:	\$0.00		
Filing Fee:	\$70.00	Attorney Fee:	\$0.00
Amount of Judgment:	\$4,829.00	Total Judgment Index:	\$4,829.00
Comment:			
<b>Judgment Status</b>	<b>Status Date</b>		
Entered	05/11/2005		
Satisfied	04/05/2006		

(Case No. 06-01-0017837-2003, *Arc Of Montgomery County, Inc. V. Kenneth Applewhite, Et Al.*, Montgomery County Clerk Of Court, Filed 5/11/05)

- **In April 2006, Applewhite Satisfied The Judgment.** (Case No. 06-01-0017837-2003, *Arc Of Montgomery County, Inc. V. Kenneth Applewhite, Et Al.*, Montgomery County Clerk Of Court, Filed 4/5/06)

## LEGAL ISSUES

*Applewhite is twice divorced. Applewhite petitioned for her first divorce in 1989 and it was granted in 1990. Applewhite's second divorce appears to have occurred around 2017 based on real estate records.*

### ***Valencia Applewhite V. Percy Applewhite***

**NOTE:** *Percipient Strategies currently awaits further instruction from the client on how to proceed with this divorce case.*

### ***Valencia Leonard V. Dwayne Leonard***

**In October 1989, Applewhite, Then-Leonard, Petitioned For Divorce Against Her Then-Husband, Dwayne Leonard, In Prince George's County, Maryland.** (Case No. CAD89-19458, *Valencia Leonard V. Dwayne Leonard*, Prince George's County Clerk Of Court, Filed 10/11/89)



Case Information	
Court System:	Circuit Court for Prince George's County - Civil System
Case Number:	CAD89-19458
Case Description:	LEONARD VS LEONARD
Case Type:	Domestic Family
Filing Date:	10/11/1989
Case Status:	Case Closed Statistically
Plaintiff/Petitioner Information	
Party Type:	Plaintiff Party No.: 1
Name:	Valencia A Leonard
Address:	Psc Box 3015
City:	Apo Sf 96366-0006 State: Zip Code:
Defendant/Respondent Information	
Party Type:	Defendant Party No.: 2
Name:	Dwayne Francis Leonard
Address:	2100 Brooks Drive
City:	Forestville State: MD Zip Code: 20747
Court Scheduling Information	
Event Type:	Complaint Merits Hearing
Event Date:	09/10/1990 Start Time:
Result:	Hearing Held Result Date: 09/10/1990

(Case No. CAD89-19458, *Valencia Leonard V. Dwayne Leonard*, Prince George's County Clerk Of Court, Filed 10/11/89)

- **In September 1990, The Divorce Was Granted.** (Case No. CAD89-19458, *Valencia Leonard V. Dwayne Leonard*, Prince George's County Clerk Of Court, Filed 9/24/90)

Date:	09/25/1990
Document Name:	Docket Record (Conversion)
Docket Text:	012 JUDGMENT OF ABSOLUTE DIVORCE DATED 9-24-90 JUDGE LOVELESS CC SENT TO HEPFER AND LEONARD LN

(Case No. CAD89-19458, *Valencia Leonard V. Dwayne Leonard*, Prince George's County Clerk Of Court, Filed 9/24/90)

**NOTE:** Percipient Strategies currently awaits responsive records pertaining to this case.

## BUSINESS RECORDS

**NOTE:** No business records could be found for Val Applewhite.

## NON-PROFIT RECORDS

**NOTE:** No non-profit records could be found for Val Applewhite.

## PROFESSIONAL & RECREATIONAL LICENSES

*Val Applewhite has been a licensed real estate broker in North Carolina since March 23, 2006; Applewhite's license is currently active to date.*

***Real Estate License*****North Carolina**

**Applewhite Has Been A Licensed Real Estate Broker In North Carolina Since March 23, 2006.** ([North Carolina Real Estate Commission](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

APPLEWHITE, VALENCIA ALICIA  
5813 MONDAVI PL  
FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28314-2108

License: 243165  
Issue Date: 03/23/2006  
Name: APPLEWHITE, VALENCIA ALICIA  
Type: BROKER  
Level: B  
Status: ACTIVE  
Primary Firm: VAL APPLEWHITE REAL ESTATE AND CONSULTING  
Firm may also operate under a trade name. Click firm license number to view possible trade names.  
Broker-In-Charge: Yes  
BIC Eligible: Yes

([North Carolina Real Estate Commission](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

- **Applewhite's License Is Currently Active To Date.** ([North Carolina Real Estate Commission](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

*On her 2022 Statement of Economic Interests, Val Applewhite she owned one property in Fayetteville, North Carolina but held no public stocks, stock options, or private stock ownership. Applewhite disclosed one creditor to whom she owes more than \$10,000 while listing two sources of income for herself and one for her son. Applewhite declared she was involved with three civic organizations and that she was the sole proprietor of her consulting firm.*

***2022 Statement Of Financial Interests, North Carolina State Senate*****Real Property**

**In 2022, Applewhite Declared 100% Ownership In Her Property In Fayetteville, North Carolina.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

Property Interests			
1. As of December 31, 2021, did you or any members of your immediate family: A. have an ownership interest in North Carolina real estate (including your residence) with a market value of \$10,000 or more? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Owner of Real Estate	% Ownership Interest	Location by City	Location by County
Valencia Alicia Applewhite (Self)	100.00%	Fayetteville	Cumberland

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

### Investments

**In 2022, Applewhite Declared No Public Stocks Or Stock Options.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

Financial Interests	
3. As of December 31, 2021, did you or any members of your immediate family own any of the following financial interests valued at \$10,000 or more? <b>List each company individually.</b>  A. Stock in a publicly owned company? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
▶ Do <u>not</u> list interests in a widely held investment fund (including mutual funds, regulated investment companies, or pension or deferred compensation plans) if: 1. the fund is publicly traded or its assets are widely diversified; and 2. neither you nor an immediate family member are able to control the underlying assets.	
Owner of Interest	Full Name of Company or ticker symbol
B. Stock options in a company or business? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Owner of Stock Option	Full Name of Company (Do not use a ticker symbol)
C. Interests in a non-publicly owned company or business entity? These include interests in sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited partnerships, joint ventures, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and closely held corporations. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No - If "No," proceed to question 4.	
Owner of Interest	Name of Company or Business Entity
C (1). For each company or business entity identified in question 3.C. (the "Primary Company"), please list the names of <i>any other</i> companies or business entities in which the Primary Company owns securities or equity interests valued at over \$10,000, if known.	
Non-Publicly Owned Company or Business Entity (the Primary Company)	Other Companies in which the Primary Company Owns Security or Equity Interests
None or Not Known	

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

- **In 2022, Applewhite Declared No Private Stock Ownership.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

### Creditors

**In 2022, Applewhite Declared Personal Liabilities Over \$10,000 To Commercial Bank.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

5. As of December 31, 2021, did you any members of your immediate family have liabilities of \$10,000 or more, excluding the mortgage on your primary personal residence? Examples include credit card debts, auto loans, student loans, personal loans and intra-family debt.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Name of Debtor</b>	<b>Type of Creditor (commercial Bank, credit union, individual, etc.)</b>
Valencia Alicia Applewhite (Self)	Commercial Bank

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

### Income

**In 2022, Applewhite Declared Wages Of More Than \$5,000 In Wages From NC Counts Coalition.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

**In 2022, Applewhite Declared Wages Of More Than \$5,000 In Salary From Advance Coalition.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

**In 2022, Applewhite Her Son Earned Professional Fees Of More Than \$5,000 From Ael Limassol Cyprus.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

6. List each source of income ( <b>not</b> specific amounts) of more than \$5,000 received by you or any members of your immediate family during 2021. Include salary, wages, state/local government retirement income, professional fees, honoraria, interest, dividends, rental income, business income, and other types required to be reported on State and federal tax returns. <b>Please remember to disclose your receipt of salary or wages from any governmental or private entity.</b>			
Do <b>not</b> include income received from the following sources:			
▶ Capital gains		▶ Federal government retirement	
▶ Military retirement		▶ Social security income/SSDI	
<b>Recipient of Income</b>	<b>Name of Source</b>	<b>Type of Business/Industry</b>	<b>Type of Income</b>
Damani Kenneth Applewhite (Child)	Ael Limassol Cyprus	Professional Sports	Professional fees
Valencia Alicia Applewhite (Self)	Advance Carolina	Non Profit	Salary
Valencia Alicia Applewhite (Self)	NC Counts Coalition	Non-Profit	Wages

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

### Civic Positions

**In 2022, Applewhite Declared A Civic Position As An Independent Contractor Of Advance Carolina.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

**In 2022, Applewhite Declared A Civic Position As An Employee Of NC Counts Coalition.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

**In 2022, Applewhite Declared A Civic Position As A Board Member Of NC Lead.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

Professional and Civic Relationships			
7(a). During 2021, were you or any members of your immediate family a director, officer, governing board member, employee, independent contractor, or registered lobbyist of a nonprofit corporation or organization operating in North Carolina primarily for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, public health and safety, or educational purposes?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - If "No," proceed to question 8.			
► Do not list State boards or entities. ► Do not list organizations of which you are a mere member.			
Name of Person	Position	Name of Nonprofit Corporation or Organization	Nature or Purpose of Organization
Valencia Alicia Applewhite (Self)	Independent Contractor	Advance Carolina	Community Organizing
Valencia Alicia Applewhite (Self)	Employee	NC Counts Coalition	Community Engagment
Valencia Alicia Applewhite (Self)	Board Member	NC LEAD	Candidate Training
7(b). If the nonprofit corporations or organizations listed above do business with the State of North Carolina or receive State funds, briefly describe the nature of that business, if known or with due diligence could reasonably be known.			
Name of Nonprofit Corporation or Organization		Describe State Business	
Advance Carolina		None or Not Known	
NC Counts Coalition		Grant funding to support Healtheir Together Initiative; COVID-19 Outreach to Historically Marginalized Populations	
NC LEAD		None or Not Known	

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

### Fiduciary Positions

**In 2022, Applewhite Declared A Personal Fiduciary Position As The Proprietor Of Val Applewhite Real Estate And Consulting.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

9(a). List the name of each business with which you were associated where you or a member of your immediate family was an employee, director, officer, partner, proprietor, or member or manager as of December 31, 2021.			
Name of Person	Relationship to Filer	Name of Company	Role of Person
Valencia Alicia Applewhite	Self	Val Applewhite Real Estate and Consulting	Proprietor
9(b). If you know that any entity listed in 9(a) above had any material business dealings or business contracts with the State of North Carolina or was regulated by the State as of December 31, 2021, briefly describe that activity.			
Name of Company or Business Entity		Description of Business Activity with the State	
None or Not Known			

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/13/22)

## APPLEWHITE'S PERSONAL AND POLITICAL FOIBLES

*Val Applewhite boasts numerous personal vulnerabilities which others may seek to capitalize on.*

*Applewhite has a history of financial mismanagement. On at least one occasion Applewhite has been tax delinquent, having been issued a Maryland state tax lien of more than \$2,000, which she satisfied several years later. To that effect, at least one small claims complaint has been filed against Applewhite with the complainant demanding nearly \$5,000. The plaintiff received default judgment shortly thereafter, which Applewhite later satisfied. Applewhite is additionally twice divorced. Applewhite petitioned for her first divorce in 1989 and it was granted in 1990. Applewhite's second divorce appears to have occurred around 2017 based on real estate records. It should also be noted that Applewhite's ex-husband, who she does not appear to have been married to at the time, was arrested three times for failing to make child support payments to his first wife between 1998 and 2000.*

*Throughout her tenure in public life, Applewhite has undoubtedly accumulated several political missteps and ethics concerns.*

*Perhaps most concerning, Applewhite flip-flopped on the creating a local ethics commission. In September 2008, Applewhite was among four Fayetteville councilmembers to vote against proceeding with an ethics commission to investigate the so-called 'Ticketgate' scandal involving a friend of Mayor Tony Chavonne. However, by November 2008, the Fayetteville Observer described Applewhite as having "only recently embraced the concept of an ethics commission".*

*Applewhite appears to have opposed measures to increase transparency. Specifically, in 2010, Applewhite was the only Fayetteville councilmember to vote against keeping all budget meetings open to the public.*

*Shockingly, Applewhite allegedly made a sexist comment while working in the census office, according to an EEOC complaint mentioning her.*

*Politically, Applewhite's campaigns have been linked to campaign finance complaints. In 2007, a Fayetteville man filed a campaign finance complaint alleging that corporate phones belonging to Reed Lallier Chevrolet were used for a phone bank to support Applewhite's Fayetteville city council campaign. In 2013, Cumberland County Republican Party Chairwoman, Linda Devore, filed a complaint with the County Board of Election "alleging that voters are illegally being given food and limousine rides to the polls to vote for Fayetteville Mayoral candidate Val Applewhite".*

*Additionally, Applewhite has been known to have a divisive disposition as a City Councilmember and once sought to restrict bringing up more than one policy proposal per Councilmember. In 2013, Fayetteville Observer editor, Tim White, criticized Applewhite for walking out of meetings amid disagreements as "destructive".*

*Applewhite has supported and been associated with prominent Democrats and liberal organizations, such as Jill Biden, Barack Obama, Beau Biden, Roy Cooper, Democracy North*

*Carolina, and Advance North Carolina. On social media, Applewhite has promoted partisan content unbecoming of public official.*

## APPLEWHITE HAS BEEN TAX DELINQUENT

***In May 2007, Applewhite Was Issued A Maryland State Tax Lien Of \$2,154.90***

**In May 2007, Applewhite Was Issued A Maryland State Tax Lien Of \$2,154.90.** (Case No. 02-L-07-005700, Anne Arundel County Clerk Of Court, Filed 5/21/07)

Original Judgment	
Case Number:	02-L-07-005700
County:	ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
Judgment Event Type	
Judgment Entered Date:	05/21/2007
Amount:	\$2154.90
Book Page:	00292/00453
For:	State Of Maryland Comptroller Of Maryland
Against:	Applewhite, Valencia A
Judgment Status Comments:	BookPage: 00292/00453 FreeText: OCA \$2,154.90 UDT: 08/15/14
Judgment Modification	
Case Number:	02-L-07-005700
Judgment Entered Date:	05/21/2007
Status:	SATISFIED
Status Date:	01/07/2011
Amount:	\$2154.90
Book Page:	00383/00191
For:	State Of Maryland Comptroller Of Maryland
Against:	Applewhite, Valencia A
Judgment Status Comments:	BookPage: 00383/00191 FreeText: BookPage: 00292/00453 OCA \$2,154.90 UDT: 08/15/14

(Case No. 02-L-07-005700, Anne Arundel County Clerk Of Court, Filed 5/21/07)

- **In January 2011, The Lien Was Satisfied.** (Case No. 02-L-07-005700, Anne Arundel County Clerk Of Court, Filed 1/7/11)

## APPLEWHITE HAS FACED LEGAL ACTION FOR FAILING TO MEET HER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

***In August 2003, ARC Of Montgomery County, Inc. Filed A Small Claims Complaint Against Applewhite And Her Then-Husband, Demanding \$4,759***

**In August 2003, ARC Of Montgomery County, Inc. Filed A Small Claims Complaint Against Applewhite And Her Then-Husband, Demanding \$4,759.** (Case No. 06-01-0017837-2003, ARC Of Montgomery County, Inc. V. Kenneth Applewhite, Et Al., Montgomery County Clerk Of Court, Filed 8/5/03)



Case Information		
Court System:	District Court For Montgomery County - Civil	
Location:	Rockville	
Case Number:	06-01-0017837-2003	
Title:	ARC OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INC. vs APPLEWHITE, KENNETH et al	
Case Type:	Contract	
Filing Date:	08/05/2003	
Case Status:	Closed	

Causes Information		
File Date:	08/05/2003	
Cause Description	002 ; REGULAR CLAIM	
Filed By:	Plaintiff	
Filed Against:	Defendant	
Remedy Type	Amount	Comment
Not Applicable	\$4,759.00	CONTRACT ; SATISFIED

File Date:	08/05/2003	
Cause Description	001 ; REGULAR CLAIM	
Filed By:	Plaintiff	
Filed Against:	Defendant	
Remedy Type	Amount	Comment
Not Applicable	\$4,759.00	CONTRACT ; JUDGMENT IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFF ENTERED

Involved Parties Information		
<b>Plaintiff</b>		
Name:	ARC OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INC.	
Address:	KARASIK CHILD CARE CENTER 11600 NEBEL STREET	
City:	ROCKVILLE	State: MD Zip Code: 20852
<b>Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff</b>		
Name:	THEOLOGOU, DIANA C	
Appearance Date:	08/05/2003	
Address Line 1:	SILVERMAN THEOLOGOU, LLP	
Address Line 2:	11200 ROCKVILLE PIKE#520	
City:	N. BETHESDA	State: MD Zip Code: 20852
<b>Garnishee</b>		
Name:	PENTAGAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	
Address:	P O BOX 1400	
City:	ALEXANDRIA	State: VA Zip Code: 223132000
<b>Defendant</b>		
Name:	APPLEWHITE, VALENCIA	
Address:	808 GALLOP HILL RD. APT. C	
City:	GAITHERSBURG	State: MD Zip Code: 208793632

(Case No. 06-01-0017837-2003, *ARC Of Montgomery County, Inc. V. Kenneth Applewhite, Et Al.*, Montgomery County Clerk Of Court, Filed 8/5/03)

- **In May 2005, Default Judgment Was Entered Against Applewhite.** (Case No. 06-01-0017837-2003, *Arc Of Montgomery County, Inc. V. Kenneth Applewhite, Et Al.*, Montgomery County Clerk Of Court, Filed 5/11/05)



<b>Monetary</b>			
<b>Original Judgment</b>			
Judgment Event Type:	Trial Judgment		
Judgment Against:	APPLEWHITE, VALENCIA		
Judgment in Favor of:	ARC OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INC.		
Judgment Ordered Date:	05/11/2005		
Judgment Entry Date:	05/16/2005		
Judgment Expiration Date:	05/11/2017		
Post-Judgment Interest:	Legal Rate		
Principal Amount:	\$4,759.00	Pre-Judgment Interest:	\$0.00
Other Fee:	\$0.00		
Filing Fee:	\$70.00	Attorney Fee:	\$0.00
Amount of Judgment:	\$4,829.00	Total Judgment Index:	\$4,829.00
Comment:			
<b>Judgment Status</b>	<b>Status Date</b>		
Entered	05/11/2005		
Satisfied	04/05/2006		

(Case No. 06-01-0017837-2003, *Arc Of Montgomery County, Inc. V. Kenneth Applewhite, Et Al.*, Montgomery County Clerk Of Court, Filed 5/11/05)

- **In April 2006, Applewhite Satisfied The Judgment.** (Case No. 06-01-0017837-2003, *Arc Of Montgomery County, Inc. V. Kenneth Applewhite, Et Al.*, Montgomery County Clerk Of Court, Filed 4/5/06)

## APPLEWHITE IS TWICE DIVORCED

***Applewhite Appears To Have Petitioned For Divorce Against Her Then-Husband, Percy, In 2017***

***NOTE:*** Percipient Strategies currently awaits further instruction from the client on how to proceed with this divorce case.

***In October 1989, Applewhite, Then-Leonard, Petitioned For Divorce Against Her Then-Husband, Dwayne Leonard***

**In October 1989, Applewhite, Then-Leonard, Petitioned For Divorce Against Her Then-Husband, Dwayne Leonard, In Prince George's County, Maryland.** (Case No. CAD89-19458, *Valencia Leonard V. Dwayne Leonard*, Prince George's County Clerk Of Court, Filed 10/11/89)

Case Information	
Court System:	Circuit Court for Prince George's County - Civil System
Case Number:	CAD89-19458
Case Description:	LEONARD VS LEONARD
Case Type:	Domestic Family
Filing Date:	10/11/1989
Case Status:	Case Closed Statistically
Plaintiff/Petitioner Information	
Party Type:	Plaintiff Party No.: 1
Name:	Valencia A Leonard
Address:	Psc Box 3015
City:	Apo Sf 96366-0006 State: Zip Code:
Defendant/Respondent Information	
Party Type:	Defendant Party No.: 2
Name:	Dwayne Francis Leonard
Address:	2100 Brooks Drive
City:	Forestville State: MD Zip Code: 20747
Court Scheduling Information	
Event Type:	Complaint Merits Hearing
Event Date:	09/10/1990 Start Time:
Result:	Hearing Held Result Date: 09/10/1990

(Case No. CAD89-19458, *Valencia Leonard V. Dwayne Leonard*, Prince George's County Clerk Of Court, Filed 10/11/89)

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(Case No. CAD89-19458, *Valencia Leonard V. Dwayne Leonard*, Prince George's County Clerk Of Court, Filed 9/24/90)

**NOTE:** Percipient Strategies currently awaits responsive records pertaining to this case.

## APPLEWHITE'S EX-HUSBAND HAS BEEN ARRESTED THREE TIMES

***Applewhite's Ex-Husband, Percy, Was Arrested Three Times Between 1998 And 2000 For Failing To Pay Child Support***

**According To The Cumberland County Sheriff, Applewhite's Ex-Husband, Percy, Was Arrested Three Times Between 1998 And 2000 For Failing To Pay Child Support.**

(Cumberland County Sheriff, North Carolina Open Records Law Request, Filed 6/10/22)

Valencia Applewhite was never arrested in Cumberland County, NC. Percy Applewhite was arrested on 6/29/1988, 6/10/1999, and 1/14/2000 for failure to pay child support. His mugshots are attached to this email. Percy Applewhite also received a citation for texting while driving on 4/13/2016.

(Cumberland County Sheriff, North Carolina Open Records Law Request, Filed 6/10/22)

**January 14, 2000 Mugshot:**



(Percy Applewhite Mugshot, Cumberland County Sheriff, Filed 1/14/00, North Carolina Open Records Law Request, Filled 6/10/22)

**June 10, 1999 Mugshot:**



(Percy Applewhite Mugshot, Cumberland County Sheriff, Filed 6/10/99, North Carolina Open Records Law Request, Filled 6/10/22)

**June 29, 1998 Mugshot:**



(Percy Applewhite Mugshot, Cumberland County Sheriff, Filed 6/29/98, North Carolina Open Records Law Request, Filled 6/10/22)

## **APPLEWHITE FLIP-FLOPPED ON THE CREATING A LOCAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

### ***In September 2008, Applewhite Was Among 4 Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Vote Against Proceeding With An Ethics Commission To Investigate The So-Called Ticketgate Scandal Involving A Friend Of Mayor Tony Chavonne***

**In September 2008, Applewhite Was Among 4 Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Vote Against Proceeding With An Ethics Commission To Investigate The So-Called Ticketgate Scandal Involving A Friend Of Mayor Tony Chavonne.** ‘Fayetteville City Council members have clarified how they voted Tuesday for a planned ethics commission to investigate Ticketgate. The 6-4 vote was unclear after the meeting, but The Fayetteville Observer clarified the count by interviewing council members this week and reviewing city clerk Candice White's notes. It was clear after the vote that the motion passed, but Mayor Tony Chavonne said his tally wasn't certain. The ethics panel issue arose after a friend of Mayor Tony Chavonne's was involved in a three-car wreck Oct. 25. Her traffic citation was voided. Tuesday, Councilman D.J. Haire made a motion to proceed with the formation of the ethics commission, which is expected to be ready by early next year. The motion also asked the panel to investigate the conduct of top officials, including the mayor, who became involved after the wreck. Voting for his motion were Haire, Chavonne, Keith Bates, Charles Evans, Bobby Hurst and Ted Mohn. Voting against the motion were Mayor Pro Tem Wesley Meredith, Robert Massey, Bill Crisp and Val Applewhite. The ethics panel, which Chavonne first broached in January, is expected to issue advisory rulings on inquiries and complaints into ethical governmental matters.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 9/4/08)

### ***In November 2008, The Fayetteville Observer Described Applewhite As Having “Only Recently Embraced The Concept Of An Ethics Commission”***

**“Councilwoman Val Applewhite, Who Only Recently Embraced The Concept Of An Ethics Commission, Said Tuesday She Would Not Support It If The City Has To Hire A New Employee.”** (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/26/08)

### ***In September 2009, Applewhite Gave Final Approval To Establish An Ethics Commission***

**In September 2009, Applewhite Gave Final Approval To Establish An Ethics Commission.** “Fayetteville ethics panel that will give advice on moral dilemmas and investigate complaints of misconduct is scheduled to get started early next year. The City Council voted 7-2 on Monday to form the Fayetteville Ethics Commission -- a panel of five volunteers that will be given authority to hold hearings into ethical lapses and issue civil penalties up to \$1,000. City Attorney Karen McDonald, who studied the new commission's bylaws, said she believes no other local board like it exists in North Carolina. The vote Monday was a victory for Mayor Tony Chavonne, who had spearheaded the effort since the 2007 controversy over a traffic ticket -- dubbed "Ticketgate" -- called into question the judgment of top city officials including the mayor. But concerns this year about an ethics commission's complexity and costs nearly derailed the concept. "It's much more watered down than the previous version," Councilman Ted Mohn said Monday. Voting for

the commission were the mayor, Mohn, Keith Bates, D.J. Haire, Bobby Hurst, Val Applewhite and Wesley Meredith.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 9/29/09)

## **APPLEWHITE OPPOSED MAKING BUDGET MEETINGS PUBLIC**

### ***In 2010, Applewhite Was The Only Fayetteville City Councilmember To Vote Against Keeping All Budget Meetings Open To The Public***

**In April 2010, Applewhite Was The Only Fayetteville City Councilmember To Vote Against Keeping All Budget Meetings Open To The Public.** “All city budget meetings this spring will be open to the public, the Fayetteville City Council decided Monday. City Manager Dale Iman had wanted to meet privately with small groups of council members for some of the meetings while holding the rest of the sessions in larger, public settings. But the council voted to keep everything open. The calendar of meetings will run from April 21 to June 14, when the council may be ready to adopt a budget. The new fiscal year starts July 1. A public hearing will be May 24. Iman has warned the council that it will have to entertain potentially deep and controversial cuts or raise taxes. The recession has hurt city revenue, and Iman has projected a \$4.8 million budget shortfall this year. The council last year adopted a \$136 million general fund budget, which pays for most city services. Ted Mohn made a motion Monday that sought to do three things: keep the budget meetings open, require them to start no earlier than 5 p.m. and request that council members attend all of them. The motion passed 9-1. Val Applewhite voted against it.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/13/10)

## **APPLEWHITE ALLEGEDLY MADE A SEXIST COMMENT WHILE WORKING IN THE CENSUS OFFICE, ACCORDING TO AN EEOC COMPLAINT MENTIONING HER**

### ***The Fayetteville Observer: “Another Complaint By Strickland Was Over A Comment Made By Val Applewhite... Applewhite Said At A Staff Meeting, ‘That’s Why I Hate Working With Women,’ Referring To Female Employees Who Were Arguing About Giving Money For Another Female Employee’s Going-Away Present”***

**“An Employee At A Temporary Census Bureau Office In Fayetteville Six Years Ago Claimed She Was Demoted In Retaliation For Complaints Of Alleged Harassment. Sherry Strickland Of Clinton Filed A Complaint With The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission In 2009.”** (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/28/13)

- **“An Administrative Judge For The Commission Who Took Up The Case In 2011 Made No Ruling About Discrimination But Found Strickland Was Wrongfully Demoted By An Area Manager, Kim Frahn.”** (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/28/13)
- **“The Commission Ordered The U.S. Department Of Commerce, Which Runs The Census Bureau, To Pay Strickland \$210,995 In Damages, Including Back Pay, Medical Bills And Attorney Fees.”** “The commission ordered the U.S. Department of Commerce, which runs the Census Bureau, to pay Strickland \$210,995 in damages, including back pay, medical bills and attorney fees. The Fayetteville census office was

established to conduct the 2008 rehearsal for the 2010 count.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/28/13)

**“Another Complaint By Strickland Was Over A Comment Made By Val Applewhite, Who Managed The Office But Didn't Supervise Strickland. Applewhite Said At A Staff Meeting, "That's Why I Hate Working With Women," Referring To Female Employees Who Were Arguing About Giving Money For Another Female Employee's Going-Away Present, The EEOC Report Said.”** “Another complaint by Strickland was over a comment made by Val Applewhite, who managed the office but didn't supervise Strickland. Applewhite said at a staff meeting, "That's why I hate working with women," referring to female employees who were arguing about giving money for another female employee's going-away present, the EEOC report said. Applewhite, a mayoral candidate in the Nov. 5 election, said Sunday that the comment wasn't directed at Strickland and that she was expressing disappointment over the lack of donations for the gift. Frahn, who supervised Applewhite and Strickland, told investigators that he addressed "each and every issue" raised by Strickland but could not substantiate her claims, records show. Frahn gave Strickland a bad performance review and demoted her in September 2007.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/28/13)

## **APPLEWHITE'S CAMPAIGNS HAVE BEEN LINKED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLAINTS**

***In 2007, A Fayetteville Man Filed A Campaign Finance Complaint Alleging That Corporate Phones Belonging To Reed Lallier Chevrolet Were Used For A Phone Bank To Support Applewhite's Fayetteville City Council Campaign***

**In 2007, A Fayetteville Man Filed A Campaign Finance Complaint Alleging That Corporate Phones Belonging To Reed Lallier Chevrolet Were Used For A Phone Bank To Support Applewhite's Fayetteville City Council Campaign.** “A man active in Fayetteville politics filed a campaign finance complaint Friday against Reed Lallier Chevrolet. The complaint, filed just before 5 p.m. by Robert Anderson, alleges the business's telephones were used for a phone bank supporting Fayetteville City Council candidates Ted Mohn and Val Applewhite, which could amount to an in-kind donation. Donations to political campaigns by corporations are illegal. Both candidates will be charged for the time they used the business and its phones, said Mike Lallier, owner of Reed Lallier Chevrolet, making the issue of illegal donations moot. "I imagine it'll amount to \$3 or \$4 per phone, times four phones," Lallier said, explaining that he will charge the candidates a fraction of the monthly phone bill for the two days the phones were used. Gary Bartlett, executive director of the State Board of Elections, said it's impossible to determine whether any law has been violated until the candidates file their final finance reports after the Tuesday elections.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/3/07)



***In 2013, Cumberland County Republican Party Chairwoman Linda Devore Filed A Complaint With The County Board Of Elections “Alleging That Voters Are Illegally Being Given Food And Limousine Rides To The Polls To Vote For Fayetteville Mayoral Candidate Val Applewhite”***

**In October 2013, “Cumberland County Republican Party Chairwoman Linda Devore Filed A Complaint Friday With The County Board Of Elections Alleging That Voters Are Illegally Being Given Food And Limousine Rides To The Polls To Vote For Fayetteville Mayoral Candidate Val Applewhite.”** “Cumberland County Republican Party Chairwoman Linda Devore filed a complaint Friday with the county Board of Elections alleging that voters are illegally being given food and limousine rides to the polls to vote for Fayetteville mayoral candidate Val Applewhite. Applewhite and the man in charge of the limos said on Friday afternoon they are doing nothing wrong. Applewhite, a city councilwoman, is running against former council member Nat Robertson. Early voting started Thursday. It's legal to give people rides to the polls. It's illegal to give someone anything in exchange for his vote. The results of an investigation may hinge on whether the food was exclusively for Applewhite supporters. "I am requesting that the Board of Elections conduct an investigation to determine whether there is and has been a coordinated effort by the Val Applewhite campaign, or others, to offer free food and beverages, round trip transportation to and from the BOE polling site, and other amenities to voters in exchange for their vote, or to influence their decision to vote," Devore said in a letter to county Elections Director Terri Robertson. Devore's complaint is based on the activities of Swan Davis of Let's Make It Happen Inc., a nonprofit community organization that conducts charitable activities.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/19/13)

**APPLEWHITE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO HAVE A DIVISIVE DISPOSITION AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER AND ONCE SOUGHT TO RESTRICT BRINGING UP MORE THAN ONE POLICY PROPOSAL PER COUNCILMEMBER**

***The Fayetteville Observer: Applewhite “Could Be Abrupt And Confrontational With Senior City Administrators, According To Sources On The Council, And She Quit Her Committee Assignments She Didn't Like”***

**Applewhite “Could Be Abrupt And Confrontational With Senior City Administrators, According To Sources On The Council, And She Quit Her Committee Assignments She Didn't Like.”** “Applewhite also may need to defend how she served on the council. She could be abrupt and confrontational with senior city administrators, according to sources on the council, and she quit her committee assignments she didn't like. When she lost her bid for the mayor pro tem seat to Jim Apr four years ago, she wrote an op-ed in *The Fayetteville Observer* that said, in part: "Sour grapes? You bet, but not about a title." The 20-year military veteran dismisses talk that she is brash. "It's interesting when women show leadership qualities, somehow, it's out of character," Applewhite said. "But it's nothing that I haven't done my entire career. My disposition hasn't changed from being on City Council." In her first attempt at elected office in

2007, she defeated an incumbent in District 7, which takes in neighborhoods mostly west of Skibo Road.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 9/20/15)

***In 2011, Applewhite Launched Public Criticism In The Local Media After City Councilmembers Voted 6-4 To Make Jim Arp Mayor Pro Tem Despite Her More Substantial Political Experience***

**In December 2011, Applewhite Launched Public Criticism In The Local Media After City Councilmembers Voted 6-4 To Make Jim Arp Mayor Pro Tem Despite Her More Substantial Political Experience.** ‘His plea follows Councilwoman Val Applewhite's public criticism in the local media that she was passed over for the job. The council voted 6-4 this month to give the title to Jim Arp. Applewhite, who won a third term last month, complained that she had more political experience than Arp, who was appointed a year ago to fill a vacancy and then ran unopposed for his first election in November. Applewhite has made the selection a partisan issue, complaining that her fellow Democrats on the council should have stuck together in picking her over Arp, a Republican. Although municipal races in this county are nonpartisan, registered Democrats outnumber registered Republicans on the council by a 6-4 margin. Applewhite doesn't have a specific procedure in mind. She said she hopes staff will research what other municipalities do and bring ideas back for council discussion. "However, no policy will work if there is a predetermined effort to elect or prevent a member from serving as pro tem," Applewhite said in an email. "First and foremost, I would hope council members would consider what is best for this city.”’ (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 12/26/11)

***In 2013, Fayetteville Observer Editor Tim White Criticized Applewhite For Walking Out Of Meetings Amid Disagreements As “Destructive”***

**In March 2013, Fayetteville Observer Editor Tim White Criticized Applewhite For Walking Out Of Meetings Amid Disagreements As “Destructive.”** “But that hit a new roadblock Monday with the dispute between Councilwoman Val Applewhite, City Manager Ted Voorhees and several other council members, including Mayor Pro Tem Jim Arp. Applewhite wanted local Internet company AIT to do a presentation on its GovTide software that helps manage municipal bidding. Of course it's a good idea for the city to take a look. But it's not the council's job. It's the city manager's. The council sets policy; the manager and his staff carry out that policy. If the manager fails to do that, he goes the way of Dale Iman. What is so complicated about that? Apparently, it's not only complicated but infuriating, too. Applewhite and Haire walked out of the meeting. If that's the way they want to do council business, they should keep walking. This is destructive. It's corroding the council's ability to function effectively. From meeting to meeting, nobody knows when the next mine will explode. But they do know another explosion is likely.” (Tim White, Column, *The Fayetteville Observer*, 3/31/13)

***In 2009, The Fayetteville Observer Criticized A Proposal From Applewhite To Limit Work Session Policy Proposals To One Proposal***

**In August 2009, The Fayetteville Observer Criticized A Proposal From Applewhite To Limit Work Session Policy Proposals To One Proposal.** “If each member of the Fayetteville City Council were limited to one five-minute presentation involving one policy proposal per work



session, the members could have shorter meetings and fewer headaches, and city staff would have a lighter workload. The proposal, brought up in an e-mail exchange initiated by Councilwoman Val Applewhite, would make sense -- if scores of thousands of city residents could identify only 10 problems per month. Unfortunately, that isn't the case. At its work session last week, Councilman Keith Bates raised four concerns. Councilman Charles Evans raised two. Mayor Tony Chavonne raised one. This meant three people guaranteed at least 35 minutes of presentations. Applewhite's greater concern is for those ideas the council votes to pursue, because they are the ones that require staff work. To that, we don't know what to say other than that's what staffers are paid to do, just as council members are elected to respond to the real and perceived needs of their constituents. Applewhite said that her only request, at the council's Sept. 8 work session, will be for a rules change. That's her privilege. We hope the other members exercise their privilege and vote it down. City government isn't there for the convenience of city government. That's why they call it public "service." ("EDITORIAL: To Serve: City Council Shouldn't Limit Agendas," *The Fayetteville Observer*, 8/12/09)

## **ON SOCIAL MEDIA, APPLEWHITE APPEARS TO PUSH DEMOCRAT TALKING POINTS REGARDING ELECTIONS**

***In 2017, Applewhite Promoted Content On Social Media That Appeared To Suggest North Carolina's Redistricting Process Was "Racist"***

**In January 2017, Applewhite 'Retweeted' A Tweet Describing North Carolina's Redistricting As "Racist".** (Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/28/17)

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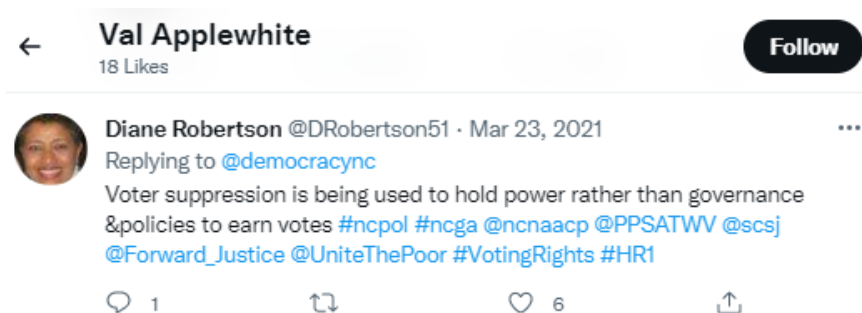


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(Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/28/17)

***In 2021, Applewhite Promoted Content On Social Media Contending That “Voter Suppression Is Being Used To Hold Power Rather Than Governance & Policies To Earn Votes”***

**In March 2021, Applewhite ‘Liked’ A Tweet That Claimed “Voter Suppression Is Being Used To Hold Power Rather Than Governance & Policies To Earn Votes”. (Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/23/21)**



(Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/23/21)

## APPLEWHITE HAS SUPPORTED AND BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH PROMINENT DEMOCRATS AND LIBERAL ORGANIZATIONS

### *Applewhite Supported Joe Biden In 2020 And Hosted Jill Biden In Her Home*

**Applewhite Supported Joe Biden In 2020 And Hosted Jill Biden In Her Home.** “That’s one of the reasons why she said she wanted to hear from military families and veterans in Fayetteville on Tuesday. Air Force veteran and former City Council member Val Applewhite, who hosted Biden at her home, said the Bidens are no strangers to the military, which is why she is supporting Joe Biden’s bid for president this year. “What I hope Dr. Biden will bring back is just an update and hear new issues that are troubling our community and our hopes and aspirations,” Applewhite said. Kelly, who said she is the wife of a Special Forces soldier but did not give her last name, introduced Jill Biden as a “steadfast champion for military families” who “influenced trajectories” when Joe Biden was vice president. And Biden said if her husband is elected, she plans to continue that work as first lady.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/6/20)

### *Applewhite Backed Obama Over Clinton During The 2008 Democratic Primary*

**Applewhite Backed Obama Over Clinton During The 2008 Democratic Primary.** “City Council member and former Clinton supporter Val Applewhite said it’s exciting to have a woman as a contender in the nomination process, but not exciting enough to sway her vote from Obama. “Way back a year or so ago, I really came to the decision that we do need a change, and I don’t believe that Hillary will go to the White House without Bill,” Applewhite said. “Really, as a Democrat, I feel lucky that whatever we do is relatively new.” Applewhite said one reason black women may lean toward Obama is they feel more of a shared experience with Obama because of race than with Clinton because of gender. North Carolina probably will not stray far from what has happened in primaries across the country, said Roberta Waddle, chairwoman of the Cumberland County Democratic Party.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 3/27/08)

- **“Fayetteville Councilwoman Val Applewhite, Who Is A Co-Chairwoman Of N.C. Veterans For Obama, Said She Has Been Asking For Several Weeks That Obama Visit The City.”** “Part of Obama’s strategy has been amassing volunteers. And according to campaign spokesman Paul Cox, he has more than 17,000 volunteers in North Carolina. They are knocking on doors, making phone calls and staging public rallies. Cox wouldn’t say how many of those volunteers were based in Cumberland County. Fayetteville Councilwoman Val Applewhite, who is a co-chairwoman of N.C. Veterans for Obama,

said she has been asking for several weeks that Obama visit the city. The local party and the Obama camp are sharing a campaign headquarters at the Bordeaux Shopping Center.” *(The Fayetteville Observer, 10/17/08)*

**Applewhite Indicated That Some Of Her Support For Obama Stemmed From Her Opposition To The Iraq War.** “His next two visits were limited to largely military audiences on post: In June 2005, to deliver a televised speech reaffirming his Iraq policy, and on July 4, 2006, to celebrate Independence Day. Bush's national approval rating early this month stood at 28percent, according to a USA Today/Gallup poll. Fayetteville City Councilwoman Val Applewhite, who is retired from the Air Force, questioned why Bush would come to North Carolina now. "It's an election year," said Applewhite, who supports Democrat Barack Obama for president. "The Republicans need to smooth some things over." She added, "I have very strong views on the war. I'm an Obama supporter for a reason." No details were released Friday concerning who will be attending the Fort Bragg events with the president.” *(The Fayetteville Observer, 5/17/08)*

### ***Applewhite Campaigned With Beau Biden As Part Of Obama's 2012 Reelection Campaign***

**In May 2012, Applewhite Campaigned With Beau Biden As Part Of Obama's 2012 Reelection Campaign.** “Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden, a major in the Delaware Army National Guard, will kick off a gathering of North Carolina veterans for Obama Monday in Fayetteville. Biden, of course, is the son of Vice President Joe Biden. The event will also include former U.S. Senate candidate Cal Cunningham, an Iraq and Afghanistan veteran, Rob Diamond, Obama's veterans outreach director and Councilwoman Val Applewhite, a retired Air Force veteran. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Room, 109 Green Street, in Fayetteville.” *(The News & Observer, 5/21/12)*

### ***Applewhite Has Been Endorsed By Roy Cooper***

#### **“Cooper's Chief Outside Consultant, Who For Years Had Provided Campaign Services To DeViere, Now Works With Applewhite, According To Campaign Finance Reports”**

**In March 2022, “Cooper Endorsed Applewhite, Saying She 'Isn't Afraid To Stand Up To Right Wing Republicans.’”** ‘In an unusual move, North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, endorsed the primary opponent of a sitting Senate Democrat. The Democratic state senator, Kirk deViere, said the decision surprised him and criticized Cooper for trying to influence a primary election. DeViere is running for reelection to represent Cumberland County in Senate District 19. Both he and his primary opponent, Val Applewhite, are former Fayetteville City Council members. DeViere and Applewhite both ran for mayor in 2013, and both lost. Candidate filing ended Friday. The primary is May 17. On Tuesday, Cooper endorsed Applewhite, saying she "isn't afraid to stand up to Right Wing Republicans." DeViere said he was taken aback, both by Applewhite's run and the governor's endorsement. "I was very disappointed to see the governor of our state and the leader of our Democratic Party attempt to put his foot on the scale and use the weight of his office in a primary in support of Val," deViere told The News & Observer in an interview Tuesday.” *(The News & Observer, 3/8/22)*

**“Cooper’s Chief Outside Consultant, Who For Years Had Provided Campaign Services To Deviere, Now Works With Applewhite, According To Campaign Finance Reports.”** (*The Associated Press*, 5/13/22)

***Applewhite Has Served In A Role With Democracy North Carolina***

**“Val Applewhite, The Southeastern Organizer For Democracy North Carolina, Said During The Press Conference That Her Group Is Proud To Stand With The NAACP”; Applewhite Indicated Her Support For The NAACP’s Efforts To Fight FOR Medicaid Expansion.** “About 15 people attending the press conference held signs that said, "Health care," "Voter protections," "Stand for love and justice," and "Stand against Hate Bill 2." Val Applewhite, the southeastern organizer for Democracy North Carolina, said during the press conference that her group is proud to stand with the NAACP. "Every day is a good day to fight for health care, isn't it?" she said. "Every day is a good day to fight for voting rights, isn't it?" Jimmy Buxton, the president of the Fayetteville branch of the NAACP, said after the press conference that he is concerned about the General Assembly dismantling the authority of Gov. Roy Cooper. He said he doesn't like that the state has not expanded Medicaid to people who need it.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 1/31/17)

***Applewhite Has Been Involved With Advance North Carolina***

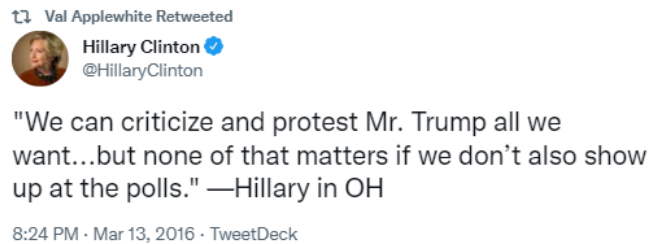
**In 2019, Applewhite Indicated She Was Involved With Advance North Carolina.** “Colvin said a growing number of black people in the community are expressing concerns about the project, as the war and the issue of slavery is a sore subject with many. He said he no longer supports the project, which could cost between \$65 million and \$80 million. The city and county have agreed to pitch in \$7.5 million each toward the project, but Colvin said that agreement has expired and a new vote by the council will be required. Colvin said several council members he has spoken with are reviewing their stance on the project. "If a vote was taken again (on city funding) like it will need to be to make it legal I'm not sure it will pass," he said. Colvin said the \$7.5 million the city would have to invest in the project could be put to better use on more pressing needs than the proposed North Carolina Civil War & Reconstruction History Center on Branson Street. Three residents at Monday night's council meeting held up signs to express their opposition to the project, with one saying: "Build it so we can burn it down." Former City Councilwoman Val Applewhite made her opposition known during the public comment period of the meeting. Applewhite said that an advocacy organization she is involved with, Advance Carolina, is holding a public meeting on the museum project later this month. She invited the council to attend, and asked that each member give a direct "yes" or "no" answer whether they support the project. "No spin. I know the political spin. I've played that game before," she said. Applewhite said Tuesday that she is learning through social media that there is a growing number of black people in the community who don't want the museum. "The Market House is already painful enough for African-Americans. We've not yet even resolved the issue as to whether or not slaves were sold there," Applewhite said. But there are black people in the community who support the project. Among them: Former Fayetteville State University Chancellor James Anderson.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 9/10/19)



## ON SOCIAL MEDIA, APPLEWHITE HAS PROMOTED PARTISAN CONTENT UNBECOMING OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL

### *In 2016, Applewhite Promoted Content From Hillary Clinton Expressing Her Opposition To Trump*

In March 2016, Applewhite ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet From Hillary Clinton Expressing Her Opposition To Trump. (Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/13/16)



(Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/13/16)

### *In 2021, Applewhite Promoted Content Expressing Support For Trump's Impeachment And Potential Removal From Office*

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## APPLEWHITE'S FISCAL IRRESPONSIBILITY AND POOR GOVERNANCE

*A review of Applewhite's municipal tenure and political activity has revealed a lengthy record of fiscal irresponsibility and poor governance.*

*Applewhite has broadly supported potential tax increases at the federal and municipal level. In 2012, Applewhite was among the signatories of a letter urging the North Carolina Congressional delegation to "stand with President Obama... and other voices of reason in both parties in acknowledging that new revenues must be part of a lasting solution to our debt problems." As member of the Fayetteville City Council, Applewhite opposed lowering property taxes in Fayetteville and called for property tax increases for Fayetteville residents. Additionally, Applewhite appears to have supported an effort to increase the local sales tax. Specifically, in 2008, Applewhite voted to approve a resolution "in support of the sales tax increase" which was to be voted on in an upcoming election.*

*Moreover, Applewhite sought to raise revenues through increasing fees and fares. Applewhite repeatedly flip-flopped on whether she would back hiking bus fares, including rates for the elderly and disabled. Further, Applewhite supported increasing the "tax on car rental companies". In several instances, Applewhite voted to increase additional local fees and fares faced by the citizens and businesses of Fayetteville. Notably, in 2008, Applewhite was among the Fayetteville City Councilmembers to unanimously adopt a fee and implement a curbside recycling program for city residents.*

*Unsurprisingly, during Applewhite's tenure with the Fayetteville City Council, the size of the city government steadily ballooned. In order to maintain the runaway spending, Applewhite backed various controversial budgets – that included tax and fee increases.*

*Applewhite's big government posture went beyond appropriations. Applewhite supported anti-business development policies regarding zoning, parking, and tourism. Applewhite also voted in favor of using condemnation powers.*

*Despite his liberal leanings, Applewhite has opposed bonds to improve Fayetteville's parks and recreation system.*

*Applewhite's anti-business agenda has earned her the support of unions.*

### APPLEWHITE HAS BROADLY SUPPORTED POTENTIAL TAX INCREASES AT THE FEDERAL AND MUNICIPAL LEVEL

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**Of Reason In Both Parties In Acknowledging That New Revenues Must Be Part Of A Lasting Solution To Our Debt Problems.”** “The Romney campaign opposes an Obama alternative that seeks to raise taxes on wealthier families. Each campaign has accused the other of using military families and the defense industry as political pawns to push agendas. In an open letter this week, several Democrats from Cumberland County urged the North Carolina congressional delegation to "stand with President Obama ... and other voices of reason in both parties in acknowledging that new revenues must be part of a lasting solution to our debt problems." The signers included Rey, Fayetteville City Councilwoman Val Applewhite and state Rep. Rick Glazier.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 8/24/12)

***During Her 2013 Mayoral Campaign, Applewhite “Hinted She Might Support A Tax Increase For Certain Things”***

**During Her 2013 Mayoral Campaign, “Applewhite Has Hinted She Might Support A Tax Increase For Certain Things.”** “At least five of the nine council districts will have a new representative because the incumbents are not running. The new mayor and council will start their two-year terms Dec. 2. The mayoral candidates, Val Applewhite and Nat Robertson, largely have avoided talking publicly about how the city can find new revenue, although Applewhite has hinted she might support a tax increase for certain things. "Our citizens have spoken," she said recently. "Most would only support a tax hike for public safety. I agree with them." Applewhite has said the council will need to educate the public about the city's growing needs and financial challenges.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/2/13)

**APPLEWHITE OPPOSED LOWERING PROPERTY TAXES IN FAYETTEVILLE AND HAS CALLED FOR PROPERTY TAX INCREASES FOR FAYETTEVILLE RESIDENTS**

***In 2009, Applewhite Was One Of Only Two Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Vote Against Lowering The City Tax Rate From 53 Cents To 45.1 Cents***

**In June 2009, Applewhite Was One Of Only Two Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Vote Against Lowering The City Tax Rate From 53 Cents To 45.1 Cents.** “Fayetteville City Council has settled on a lower tax rate after cutting nearly \$3 million in proposed spending. The council voted 8-2 Monday to levy taxes at 45.1 cents for every \$100 in property value. The current rate is 53 cents, and City Manager Dale Iman had recommended 47.5 cents. The county's revaluation of every parcel this year fueled the city's desire to reduce the tax rate. Monday's action at a work session was preliminary and will require a final vote on a budget ordinance scheduled for Monday. Everyone but Val Applewhite and D.J. Haire voted for the tax rate and cuts. "This entire budget is about tightening our belts, and we are willing to do that," Mayor Tony Chavonne said. Iman had proposed increasing the general fund budget by 4.8 percent, to \$140.9 million.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 6/2/09)

**“Applewhite Said She Had A Problem With Not Giving Hard-Working City Employees Raises”**

**“Applewhite Said She Had A Problem With Not Giving Hard-Working City Employees Raises.”** “The council agreed to eliminate a proposed 2 percent pay raise for city employees that would have cost taxpayers \$1 million. Police officers still will get their pay raises averaging 4.8percent in the new budget. Applewhite said she had a problem with not giving hard-working city employees raises. "I think from the very beginning, the chances of you getting a pay raise were slim to none," she said. Applewhite wondered if the council would have been so eager to cut taxes if this had not been an election year.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 6/2/09)

***The Fayetteville City Council Affirmed The 45.1 Cent Rate In Mid June 2009 With Applewhite Voting Against The Measure***

**The Fayetteville City Council Affirmed The 45.1 Cent Rate In Mid June 2009 With Applewhite Voting Against The Measure.** “Fayetteville City Council voted Wednesday to instruct city manager Dale Iman to construct a budget based on a 45.1-cent tax rate per \$100 in assessed value. The rate was less than the revised revenue-neutral tax rate of 45.7 cents and Iman's suggested rate of 46.4cents. The 45.1-cent rate passed by a vote of six to four after several votes. Councilman D.J. Haire was the deciding vote, switching to support the 45.1 rate after having earlier voted against it. Mayor Tony Chavonne and councilmen Wesley Meredith, Keith Bates, Bobby Hurst and William Crisp supported the 45.1-cent rate. The approved rate was equivalent to the previously determined revenue-neutral rate, which was revised up after the city received more detailed data from state and county officials about sales tax revenue and property revaluation appeals, Iman said. The current tax rate is 53cents.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/18/09)

**“Councilwoman Val Applewhite Was One Who Pushed For A Rate That Would Allow The Employee Pay Raise”**

**“Councilwoman Val Applewhite Was One Who Pushed For A Rate That Would Allow The Employee Pay Raise.”** “Councilwoman Val Applewhite was one who pushed for a rate that would allow the employee pay raise. She said the increase would show that the city values its employees. "We don't run this city," Applewhite said to applause. "We only manage this city." Chavonne said the councilmen who voted against the higher rate weren't against raises for employees, but felt the timing wasn't right with the current economic climate.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/18/09)

***In 2013, Applewhite Noted She Would Support A 1-Cent Property Tax Increase If Put Towards Public Safety***

**In May 2013, Applewhite Noted She Would Support A 1-Cent Property Tax Increase If Put Towards Public Safety.** “The Fayetteville City Council is considering whether to raise property taxes for the first time since 1999 to hire 15 more police officers and build a new substation. The proposal, which generally got support during a budget meeting Wednesday, would increase the tax rate by 1 cent, to 45.6 cents per \$100 in assessed value. The council also will weigh separate proposals to build more parks and recreation facilities, which would require higher taxes, too. Several council members appeared less supportive of raising taxes for those projects. A number

of residents across Fayetteville said Thursday they'd be willing to pay higher tax bills if it meant beefing up the Police Department to fight crime. "What we need is more protection and security," said Ella McRae, 68, stepping into the post office on Cliffdale Road. "And at the rate we are growing, we definitely need more officers." James Popp, coordinator of the Kornbow community watch off Blanton Road, said the only property tax increase he would support is for police. "Homeowners have more of a stake in peaceful neighborhoods and city, and the police try to provide that," Popp said. A 1-cent tax increase on a \$100,000 home would cost \$10 more annually. For a \$250,000 home, the cost would be \$25. Christine Legette, who stopped at the Cliffdale Branch Library on Thursday, said she wouldn't mind paying about \$15 more on her annual tax bill for extra police on the streets. "What's \$15 for your safety?" she asked. Brooks, owner of Trimmerz, already pays nearly \$1,700 for property tax annually. Mayor Tony Chavonne and at least five council members have said they would support the 1-cent increase for public safety: Keith Bates, Robert Massey, Bobby Hurst, Bill Crisp and Val Applewhite. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Arp said Thursday he is not convinced the city needs to raise taxes." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 5/17/13)

- **In June 2013, Applewhite Noted Her Support For The 2013-2014 Budget Which Increased Property Taxes By 1 Cent, Or 2.2 Percent, To Raise \$1.3 Million For Public Safety.** "Fayetteville's tax rate is expected to rise by almost 2.2 percent, or a penny, this year to boost law enforcement, a majority of the City Council agreed Monday night. Seven of the 10 council members, including the mayor, said they would support a budget proposal made at a work session that would raise the city tax levy by 1 cent. The new tax revenues -- about \$1.3 million annually -- would be used toward the hiring of 15 more police officers and construction of a police district office. The same budget proposal ironed out Monday would not include any of the fee increases recommended by City Manager Ted Voorhees on May 6, and the proposal would not raise taxes to build more parks or swimming pools. "I think that seems to be a consensus," Mayor Tony Chavonne said. The mayor directed Voorhees to incorporate the council-driven changes for final adoption at next Monday's scheduled meeting, when a public hearing on the new fiscal 2014 budget will be held. Fiscal 2014 starts July 1. The city's current levy is 45.6 cents for every \$100 in assessed value. Adding a penny to the tax rate would cost the owner of a \$150,000 home \$15 more each year. Chavonne and the following six council members said they would support the budget proposal reached Monday night: Keith Bates, Robert Massey, D.J. Haire, Bobby Hurst, Bill Crisp and Val Applewhite." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/4/13)
- **However, In June 2013, Applewhite Voted For A Final 2013-2014 Budget That Did Not Include A Tax Increase For Additional Police.** "Tax bills in Fayetteville will not go up this year, and the city will withdraw its grant application for 15 police officers. The council voted 9-1 on Monday night to adopt the latest budget proposal by City Manager Ted Voorhees. The plan, made last week in light of looming budget challenges out of Raleigh and a recent court ruling in favor of the sweepstakes gaming industry, avoids a penny increase on the tax rate and forgoes the new 15 officers. The plan trims \$2 million of planned spending from savings and gives employees 2 percent "merit" raises. Councilman Bobby Hurst made the motion to support the proposal. "I believe that the city manager's budget is a conservative approach," Hurst said. "No tax increase." Councilman Keith Bates seconded the motion. Little discussion followed, except to

clarify the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Arp cast the dissenting vote, saying the city could pursue the 15 officers through the grant without a tax increase. "If police is our No. 1 priority," Arp said, "we could have found the money, if we had wanted to find it." Mayor Tony Chavonne said the lopsided vote was a surprise. "This is a compromise," Chavonne said after the meeting. "But in light of the uncertainty out there, a majority of the council members recognize that this is the best they could do at this time." The plan totals \$200 million -- or about 6.5 percent more over last year -- for the fiscal 2014, which starts next week. For more than a month, the council had been debating a new spending plan and a possible tax increase for police." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/25/13)

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"Democratic challenger Val Applewhite attacked Fayetteville Mayor Nat Robertson's record in a speech Tuesday. In her comments before the Cumberland County Democratic Men's Club, Applewhite criticized the first-term Republican mayor for voting against last year's city budget that raised property taxes. About 90 percent of the tax increase, city officials have said, was earmarked for hiring 47 additional police officers. "I think the mayor now has a current record that can be examined," Applewhite told the audience of nearly 20 people over lunch at Luigi's restaurant. "When he stands before our community and says, 'I'm for public safety,' and he doesn't vote for his own budget that funds public safety, that's a problem." Applewhite, who served three terms on the council from 2007-13, is seeking to unseat Robertson in the fall municipal election. Robertson said he has always supported Police Chief Harold Medlock and the Police Department, but he opposed last year's tax increase of 3 cents per \$100 in assessed value. "I encouraged council at the time to explore a more conservative approach to finding the money needed to hire the additional officers," Robertson said in an email interview after Applewhite's speech." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 8/18/15)

**APPLEWHITE APPEARS TO HAVE SUPPORTED AN EFFORT TO INCREASE THE LOCAL SALES TAX**

***In 2008, Applewhite Voted To Approve A Resolution "In Support Of The Sales Tax Increase" Which Was To Be Voted On In An Upcoming Election***

**In April 2008, Applewhite Voted Yea To Approve A Motion Which Would "Consider" The Adoption Of A Resolution "In Support Of The Sales Tax Increase And Reduction Of Property Taxes".** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/28/08)

**4. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SALES TAX INCREASE AND REDUCTION OF PROPERTY TAXES**

Mr. Iman stated the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners is requesting City Council consider the adoption of a resolution in support of the sales tax increase, which will appear on the May 2008 ballot. In response to a question posed by Mayor Chavonne, Mr. Iman stated his understanding was that all other municipalities in Cumberland County had adopted a resolution of support. A brief discussion followed.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOCAL OPTION QUARTER CENT SALES TAX. RESOLUTION NO: R2008-030**

**MOTION:** Mayor Chavonne moved to approve and adopt the resolution.

**SECOND:** Council Member Applewhite

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 7 in favor to 3 in opposition (Council Members Evans, Haire and Crisp)

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/28/08)

**APPLEWHITE REPEATEDLY FLIP-FLOPPED ON WHETHER SHE WOULD BACK HIKING BUS FARES, INCLUDING RATES FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED**

***In March 2008, Applewhite “Suggested That If Car Owners Had To Stomach An Increase Of \$5 Per Year In Taxes, Bus Riders Should Have To Pay More For Fares”***

“During The Session, Applewhite And Fellow Councilman Bill Crisp Suggested That If Car Owners Had To Stomach An Increase Of \$5 Per Year In Taxes, Bus Riders Should Have To Pay More For Fares.” “Monday's sobering news arrived to the council as an unpleasant event everyone knew eventually had to happen. It was like a scolding from your parents. It was like walking into a moldy attic that had not had a visitor for years. "It's a bitter pill," Councilwoman Val Applewhite said after the discussion. "But sometimes bitter pills are what gets the job done." During the session, Applewhite and fellow Councilman Bill Crisp suggested that if car owners had to stomach an increase of \$5 per year in taxes, bus riders should have to pay more for fares. Applewhite and Crisp represent districts in western Cumberland County, annexed by the city in 2005. There is no bus service out west and none coming any time soon. Crisp said he didn't see how "we could in good conscience" raise taxes on people who don't ride the bus, while not raising fares. And "I don't advocate a 100 percent increase in anything," he said.” (Fayetteville Observer, 3/4/08)

***In April 2008, Applewhite Made A Successful Motion To “Raise Fares And Double The \$5 Vehicle Tax To Help Pay For Bus System Improvements”***

**In April 2008, Applewhite Made A Successful Motion To “Raise Fares And Double The \$5 Vehicle Tax To Help Pay For Bus System Improvements.”** “No one disputes the outcome of Monday's vote: A majority of the council members agreed to raise fares and double the \$5 vehicle tax to help pay for bus system improvements. The motion, made by Councilwoman Val Applewhite, passed with a 6-4 vote. But Councilman Ted Mohn said Tuesday he was confused by the motion. He said he supported raising the bus fares, but not the doubling the vehicle tax.



He said Tuesday he was no longer sure how he voted. The city clerk initially recorded Chavonne's vote as a "no" in her notes. A story published Tuesday in The Fayetteville Observer reported a "no" vote by Chavonne based on a reporter's observations and the clerk's notes. Chavonne said Tuesday he indeed voted for the motion. The clerk said she intended to clarify the vote tally after the meeting. The minutes are unofficial until the council adopts them at a later meeting. On Tuesday, the mayor gave the following account as to how the votes fell: -- Voting for the fares and tax increases were Applewhite, Chavonne, Charles Evans, D.J. Haire, Bobby Hurst and Robert Massey. -- Voting against the increases were Mohn, Keith Bates, Bill Crisp and Wesley Meredith." (*Fayetteville Observer*, 4/8/08)

- **“At A Monday Work Session, A Majority Of The City Council Members Agreed To Raise Bus Fares For The General Ridership To \$1.50 And To Double The \$5-Per-Vehicle Tax Now Levied On City Taxpayers.”** “Car owners and bus riders will have to dig deeper into their pockets to pay for improving Fayetteville's transit system. At a Monday work session, a majority of the City Council members agreed to raise bus fares for the general ridership to \$1.50 and to double the \$5-per-vehicle tax now levied on city taxpayers. The current bus fare is \$1.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 4/8/08)
- **“The Council Also Agreed Monday To Raise The \$1.50 Fare For Picking Up Disabled People At Their Homes By Appointment To \$2.50 Per Trip.”** (*Fayetteville Observer*, 4/8/08)
- **“The Fare And Tax Increases Combined Will Generate About \$675,000 More Each Year For The Much-Maligned Fayetteville Area System Of Transit.”** (*Fayetteville Observer*, 4/8/08)

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**However, Later In April 2008, The Fayetteville City Council Flip-Flopped And Voted Unanimously To Drop The Bus Fare Increases.** “Fayetteville's \$5 vehicle tax will double this year to help improve the bus system, but fares will stay the same. The City Council took that action Monday after listening to several residents, including at least three pastors representing their congregations, lament the inadequate and unreliable service of the Fayetteville Area System of Transit. The Rev. Brian Thompson, pastor of Simon Temple AME Zion Church, said he recently rode the bus and invited the council members to do the same. "It's a shame before God, and it's a disgrace," he said. Another pastor, Alphonse Turner of New Covenant Full Gospel Baptist Church, said the city should not raise fares until it improves FAST. He called a proposal by transit director Ron Macaluso to develop a transportation plan for improving the service in five years a "Band-Aid to fix a bleeding wound." He said higher fares "would be a great disservice for those who could afford it the least." Jeffery Jones, a 54-year-old Fayetteville resident, said he took the bus one day for an appointment and left the house three hours early. He was still late for his appointment, he said. "Right now, the buses aren't worth 50 cents," he said. Earlier this month, the council narrowly voted in support of raising the base fares to \$1.50. It's \$1 now. On Monday, the council flip-flopped, voting unanimously against any fare hikes at this time. It also backed Mayor Tony Chavonne's motion to move the city's local spending per capita

on FAST to the statewide average in three years and to form a blue-ribbon panel to study new sources of transit revenues.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/29/08)

***Applewhite Also Flip-Flopped On Vehicle Taxes Joining Three Members In The Minority To Oppose Doubling The Vehicle Tax***

**Applewhite Flip-Flopped Also On Vehicle Taxes Joining Three Members In The Minority To Oppose Doubling The Vehicle Tax.** “The only transit vote Monday that was not unanimous was for doubling the \$5 vehicle tax that is assessed on every Fayetteville car owner. It passed by a vote of 7-3. That increase will generate more than \$300,000 for FAST as the new tax is phased in during the next fiscal year; the increase will reap more than \$500,000 annually thereafter. Voting for the vehicle tax increase were Chavonne, Mohn, Robert Massey, Bobby Hurst, Charles Evans, D.J. Haire and Bill Crisp. Voting against the increase were Mayor Pro Tem Wesley Meredith, Val Applewhite and Keith Bates.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/29/08)

***In 2010, The City Manager Called To increase The Discounted Bus Fares Paid By Older Or Disabled Residents***

**In 2010, “City Manager Dale Iman Wants To Increase The Discounted Fares, Paid By Older Or Disabled Residents, From 35 Cents A Trip To 50 Cents. He Wants To Raise The Cost For Picking Up Those Passengers By Appointment At Their Homes From \$1.50 To \$2. Both Fares Were Last Raised In 1994.”** “A proposal to raise bus fares for certain riders sparked debate Monday on the Fayetteville City Council. City Manager Dale Iman wants to increase the discounted fares, paid by older or disabled residents, from 35 cents a trip to 50 cents. He wants to raise the cost for picking up those passengers by appointment at their homes from \$1.50 to \$2. Both fares were last raised in 1994. Iman also wants to eliminate a program -- instituted in 2002 to boost ridership -- that made bus rides for the elderly and disabled free on Thursdays. The fare changes, if approved, would generate about \$43,000 more out of the Fayetteville Area System of Transit's budget of \$5.7 million in the coming fiscal year. The current \$1 fare that others pay would stay the same in Iman's recommended budget. Councilman Keith Bates said raising the bus fare 15 cents makes sense.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 5/25/10)

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**Despite An Expected ~\$700,000 Bus System Surplus, Applewhite Reiterated Her Support For Increasing Bus Fares For The Disabled And Elderly**

**Applewhite Noted Her Intention To Vote For The 2011-2012 Budget, Which Included The Fare Hikes.** “The Fayetteville City Council is expected Monday to adopt a budget for fiscal 2011, which begins July 1. The \$173.9 million proposal keeps property taxes the same, cuts grants to nonprofit organizations by 25 percent and gives most employees a 2 percent pay raise. Some fees, including for planning, and some bus fares would go up. City workers would mow the grass and sweep the streets along state rights of way fewer times. “We dug a little deeper this time, and we've had to cut back some,” Councilman Keith Bates said. He and D.J. Haire, Bobby Hurst and Val Applewhite said they intend to vote for the budget. “Overall, I'm content with the budget,” Haire said. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at City Hall. City Manager Dale Iman introduced a

recommended budget May 10. The council added money to increase pay raises for police, hire another city planner and do a \$50,000 study on how to improve police services in the city's western neighborhoods. The city's property tax rate of 45.6 cents per \$100 value would not change. Applewhite was among those on the council who fought for more police presence out west. The \$50,000 study is a start, she said.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 6/13/10)

**Despite An Expected ~\$700,000 Bus System Surplus, Applewhite Reiterated Her Support For Increasing Bus Fares For The Disabled And Elderly.** ‘After citizens spoke, the mayor delayed a vote on the 2011 city budget, which includes higher fares. Iman is set to present his FAST spending recommendations at 5 p.m. Monday at City Hall. Will Iman urge that the surplus be used to postpone the fare increase. Despite the political consequences, Councilwoman Val Applewhite hopes not. "As passionate as this issue has become," Applewhite said, "I would support an increase on the fares." City agencies and nonprofits are unhappy with their 2011 budgets, she said, thanks to the council. "I just don't see the FAST system as being the sacred cow," Applewhite said. Disabled and senior citizen fares haven't gone up since 1994. Raising their regular fares, from 35 cents to 50 cents, and others would bring in \$43,000 next year.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 6/20/10)

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**However, In June 2010, Applewhite Voted For The Final Version Of The 2010-2011 Budget Which Included No Increases With Bus Fares.** “The Fayetteville City Council adopted a new budget Monday amid controversy and the threat of a lawsuit. The council voted 7-3 to pass a fiscal 2011 budget that neither raises bus fares nor increases property taxes. Councilman Bill Crisp left the Council Chambers upset following the vote before the meeting ended, threatening to sue the city over the adoption of the \$173.9 million budget. Crisp said he was denied the opportunity to make a motion Monday night that sought to strip \$50,000 from the new budget for another police study that he thought was unnecessary. "Something is not right here," Crisp said in a terse and elevated voice from his seat at the dais. "I find these proceedings entirely irregular." Crisp said Councilwoman Kady-Ann Davy also was denied the chance to attempt to restore the proposed cuts to nonprofit agencies by taking about \$77,000 from city reserves. "I think I had pretty good support," Davy said after the meeting. Like Crisp, Davy had hoped to make a motion that would have amended the budget proposal for the fiscal year that starts Thursday. "I don't think it was fair," she said. Instead, the budget passed with a 25 percent reduction in nonprofit spending and \$50,000 for a police study to expand service to the western annexed areas of the city. Voting for the budget were Mayor Tony Chavonne, Wesley Meredith, Keith Bates, Robert Massey, Bobby Hurst, D.J. Haire and Val Applewhite.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 6/29/10)

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Council members say they agree with the proposal. The Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit voted last month to recommend, among other changes, raising the adult base fare to \$1.25 from \$1 and the fare for the disabled and people over 65 to 50 cents from 35 cents. The adult base fare was last increased in 2007, and the elderly and disabled fare has not changed since 1994. The recommendation is scheduled to be presented to the City Council at its Monday work session for discussion only. The meeting starts at 5 p.m. at City Hall. The council also will get a staff update on where some of the proposed recreation facilities, such as pools, the tennis complex and sports field complex, would be built if voters pass a \$45 million bond issue in a Feb. 26 referendum.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 11/4/12)

### ***Applewhite Reportedly Agreed With The Recommended Fare Increases***

**Applewhite Reportedly Agreed With The Recommended Fare Increases.** “Mayor Tony Chavonne said he and a majority of the council support the bus fare increases. "It's a partnership, and the city continues to make improvements, with any fare proceeds being reinvested into the system," he said. Several other council members, including Keith Bates and Val Applewhite, agreed. Revenue to operate FAST comes from fares and federal, state and city taxpayers, including a \$5 annual tax on vehicles. Since 2008, the portion of the city's general fund going to FAST has grown 38 percent to \$2.5 million annually. The proposed fare increases would take effect next spring and generate an estimated \$190,000 a year, a city staff memo says.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 11/4/12)

### **APPLEWHITE SUPPORTED INCREASING THE “TAX ON CAR RENTAL COMPANIES”**

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## **APPLEWHITE VOTED TO INCREASE ADDITIONAL LOCAL FEES AND FARES FACED BY THE CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES OF FAYETTEVILLE**

### ***In 2008, Applewhite Was Among The Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Unanimously Adopt A \$42 Fee And Implement A Curbside Recycling Program For City Residents***

**In January 2008, Applewhite Was Among The Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Unanimously Adopt A \$42 Fee And Implement A Curbside Recycling Program For City Residents.** “At an annual cost of \$42 per house, Fayetteville will roll out its curbside recycling program July 1. The City Council on Monday unanimously adopted the fee and agreed to buy 35-gallon rollout carts for 60,000 homes. The fee will show up on property tax bills mailed late this summer. For the first time, city residents will be allowed to recycle, among other items, newspapers, soda cans, milk jugs and corrugated cardboard -- and throw all of the items into the cart for weekly curb pickup. "I think it's a great day for the city of Fayetteville," Mayor Tony Chavonne said. The program will be voluntary, and officials estimate that at least 50 percent of families will participate in the first year. The program will exclude apartments and businesses. Doug Hewett, an assistant city manager, said the city would rely on a public education campaign to boost participation. News would spread through radio spots, brochures, the public access channel and at neighborhood watch meetings. "Recycling is one of those things where we have to appeal to people that it's the right thing to do, it's environmentally friendly and it's also patriotic," he said.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 1/29/08)

- **“\$42 Is Equivalent To 4.7 Percent Increase On The City Tax Bill (Not Including County Taxes) For A Typical \$150,000 Home.”** “-- 35-gallon rollout cart Cost: \$42 per year Dimensions: Roughly 37 inches high; 19 inches wide and 23 inches deep. Benefits: Easier to push to the curb, similar to city trash bins, lid keeps out pests, slightly cheaper than estimates earlier this month for a \$45 rollout bin. Consider this: \$42 is equivalent to 4.7 percent increase on the city tax bill (not including county taxes) for a typical \$150,000 home.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 1/26/08)

### ***In 2010, Applewhite Voted In Favor Of A “Proposed Registry Fee” That “Would Have Been \$15 Per Unit And Vary Based On Size For Apartment Complexes”***

**In October 2010, The Fayetteville City Council Voted Against A “Proposed Registry Fee Would Have Been \$15 Per Unit And Vary Based On Size For Apartment Complexes.”** “The Fayetteville City Council voted Monday night to eliminate a program that would have charged annual fees for every apartment and rental house. Doug Hewett, an assistant city manager, had recommended the registry to pay for a crackdown on slum lords and properties, where housing code violations and crimes, such as prostitution and felony gun possession, occur three or four times every two years. The proposed registry fee would have been \$15 per unit and vary based on size for apartment complexes. Hewett said the city should adopt the registry in conjunction with a program that would put troublesome properties on probation for two years; the owners

would have to pay a fee, such as \$500 a year, to rent the place during probation.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/5/10)

- **“Voting In Favor Of The Registry Were Val Applewhite, Keith Bates And D.J. Haire.”** “The council voted 6-3 to kill the registry and the proposed fee structure. Voting to kill it were Chavonne, Kady-Ann Davy, Robert Massey, Bobby Hurst, Ted Mohn and Wesley Meredith. Voting in favor of the registry were Val Applewhite, Keith Bates and D.J. Haire. “We don't want to be in the police housing business, but here we are because our citizens have demanded it,” Applewhite said.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/5/10)

***In 2010, Applewhite Voted To Levy Fees For False Alarms Involving Police***

**In July 2010, The Fayetteville City Council Voted To Levy Fees For False Alarms Involving Police.** “A Fayetteville City Council vote Monday on new fees for false alarms involving police was based on incorrect information provided by city staff, officials said Tuesday. The council believed it was implementing fees on a model used by Greenville. But Fayetteville's new fees -- up to \$400 a year for multiple false alarms -- are four times higher than those in Greenville, council members learned Tuesday. Businesses and residents won't be charged the fees until the council meets again to discuss the matter on Aug. 2, Mayor Tony Chavonne said. The new fees range from \$25 for the second false alarm within a year to \$400 for every false alarm after the ninth. Greenville charges fees to register an alarm, and that city gives offenders the option of attending an "alarm school" in lieu of paying a fine. Neither of those provisions was included in the model adopted by the Fayetteville council.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 7/14/10)

- **“On Monday, The False Alarm Fees Were Approved By A 7-3 Vote. Voting In Favor Of Them Were Chavonne, Wesley Meredith, Keith Bates, Bill Crisp, Bobby Hurst, Ted Mohn And Val Applewhite. Voting No Were D.J. Haire, Kady-Ann Davy And Robert Massey Jr.”** (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 7/14/10)

***In 2011, Applewhite Noted Her Support For The 2011 – 2012 Budget, Which Represented A 3.3 Percent Spending Increase And Also Increased Some Fees In Planning, Zoning, And Engineering***

**In June 2011, Applewhite Noted Her Support For The 2011 – 2012 Budget, Which Represented A 3.3 Percent Spending Increase And Also Increased Some Fees In Planning, Zoning, And Engineering.** “The Fayetteville City Council is set to approve a fiscal 2012 budget Monday that keeps taxes the same, avoids cuts to services and gives employees pay raises. City Manager Dale Iman has recommended spending \$179.5 million -- a 3.3 percent increase from last year. A majority of the council members said they intend to vote in favor of the budget. Monday's meeting is at 7 p.m. Virtually no one spoke at last month's public hearing on the spending proposal. Iman has recommended improving transit service, replacing older vehicles and repaving streets at levels similar to past years. Some fees, particularly in planning, zoning and engineering, would increase. According to the new budget, households will get six free bulky-item trash pickups a year; subsequent pickups would be \$50 each. There is no charge for excess collections now. Eligible employees would get 2.5 percent pay raises, and most police officers would see raises of between 4 percent and 5 percent. “I'm glad we were able to give

them raises," Councilman Robert Massey said Friday. City employees received no raises in 2009 and 2 percent raises last year. Police received raises of between 4 percent and 5 percent in each of the past two years. Officials said they needed to raise police pay to recruit and retain officers and to reduce vacancies in the department. Mayor Tony Chavonne said he expects the budget to pass. He is not aware of any unresolved issues with it, he said. Besides Chavonne, council members Massey, Val Applewhite, Jim Arp, Keith Bates, Bill Crisp and Bobby Hurst say they plan to vote for the budget. "I think, overall, the budget is pretty good," Arp said. "I don't see any glaring issues. My No. 1 priority is not to raise taxes." Applewhite said she hasn't heard any complaints from residents. "Green light from me," she said." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/12/11)

***In 2011, Applewhite Was Among The Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Vote Against Exempting Certain Catalogue Sales And Certain Rental Properties From License Fees***

**In October 2011, Applewhite Was Among The Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Vote Against Exempting Certain Catalogue Sales And Certain Rental Properties From License Fees.** "The city of Fayetteville has backpedaled from plans to collect past license fees from businesses that had no idea they were due. But rental property owners will be required to pay a \$50 annual fee to the city from now on. The move, approved by the City Council this week, reverses attempts made by a city-hired auditor this summer. MuniServices LLC was employed to find businesses that owed annual fees for what's called a privilege license. The company found that under city ordinances, the fee was due from rental property owners and people who sell cosmetics and other catalogue items from home. Not even city staff were aware of that provision. When the auditor set about billing those businesses, the complaints started. The council voted to exempt catalogue sales from the fee and to return any back fees collected from rental property owners over the past three years. The measure passed 6-4, with Keith Bates, Val Applewhite, Ted Mohn and D.J. Haire voting no. Trudy Matthews, a Mary Kay cosmetics sales director who was one of two salespeople to pay up after receiving letters from the city, will be reimbursed for what she had complained was an outrageous fee. "I'm just waiting for my refund," she said. "It worked out good." Councilman Bobby Hurst had moved to exempt from the fee any landlords who own only one rental property. Mayor Tony Chavonne and councilmen Robert Massey and Jim Arp voted with him, but the motion was defeated 6-4. As a result, all landlords will be required to pay the fee from now on." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/14/11)

***In 2008, Applewhite Voted To Increase Local Bus Fare And "Add \$5.00 To The Motor Vehicle License Tax"***

**In April 2008, Applewhite Voted Yea To Approve A Motion To "Increase The Fixed Route Fare To \$1.50, Increase The ADA Fare To \$2.50, And Add \$5.00 To The Motor Vehicle License Tax," Which Would Add An Estimated \$89,267 In Revenue.** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/7/08)

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to increase the fixed route fare to \$1.50, increase the ADA fare to \$2.50, and add \$5.00 to the motor vehicle license tax  
**SECOND:** Council Member Applewhite  
**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor (Council Members Haire, Applewhite, Massey, Evans, Hurst and Chavonne) to 4 in opposition (Council Members Mohn, Bates, Meredith and Crisp)

Discussion ensued regarding the Triangle Transit Authority's 5% vehicle gross receipts tax.

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/7/08)

### 3. DISCUSSION OF TRANSIT REVENUES

Ron Macaluso, Transit Director, recalled the Management Performance Review, fiscal impact and recommendations presented to Council in March 2007, and provided an overview of potential revenue sources to support the transit system.

Revenue Source	Rate	Additional Revenue-FY 09
Fare Increase-Fixed Route	\$1.00>\$1.25	\$56,772
Fare Increase-ADA	\$1.50>\$2.50	\$32,495
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$5.00	\$543,000
Vehicle Gross Receipts Tax	1%	\$277,733
Sales Tax (based on countywide point of delivery distributed per capita within the county)	½%	\$5,634,000 (Total)

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/7/08)

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**MOTION:** Council Member Bates moved to deny the \$5.00 additional motor vehicle license tax.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Crisp  
Discussion ensued.  
**VOTE:** FAILED by a vote of 5 in favor (Council Members Bates, Crisp, Hurst, Mohn and Meredith) to 5 in opposition (Council Members Chavonne, Evans, Massey, Haire and Applewhite)

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/7/08)

### ***In 2008, Applewhite Voted To Increase Local Taxi Fares***

**In April 2008, Applewhite Voted Yea To Approve The Consent Agenda, Which Included An “Increase For Taxi Fares”.** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/14/08)



**3. CONSENT:**

Council Member Hurst requested Item 3.G. pulled for discussion.

**MOTION:** Council Member Meredith moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 3.G.

**SECOND:** Council Member Crisp

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The following items were approved:

**CITY WITH A SUCCESSOR REMARKETING AGENT. RESOLUTION NO. R2008-026**

**D. Proposed Increase for Taxi Fares**

**E. Bid Recommendation - Purchase of Network Equipment for Core Switch**

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/14/08)

***In 2010, Applewhite Voted To Increase Local Taxi Fares***

**In April 2011, Applewhite Voted To Approve A Motion To “Approve The Fare Rate Increase” For Taxi Cabs Anywhere From 5 To 20 Percent.** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/26/11)

**8.6 Taxicab fare rate increase.**

Mr. Bart Swanson, Housing and Code Enforcement Division Manager, presented this item and provided background information. He stated the last taxi rate increase was April 28, 2008. He stated a representative of the Fayetteville taxicab franchises submitted a written request to the

City Council for a fare increase as follows:

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Drop Fee	\$2.00	\$2.10
Per Mile Fee	\$2.10	\$2.40
Per Hour Wait Time Fee	\$15.00	\$18.00

He stated Council directed staff to conduct a survey and 47 licensed taxi franchise operators received the survey. He stated 30 operators responded with 26 of those in favor of the proposed increase. He stated the Taxi Review Board heard testimony related to the proposed increase and voted in favor. He stated a survey was also conducted with other North Carolina cities.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time. The public hearing was opened.

Mr. Joseph Robinson, 890 Santiato Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28314, appeared in favor and expressed concern regarding the increase in costs for insurance, vehicle maintenance, and gas.

Mr. Darcy Neil Perry, 331 Jesse Road, Broadway, NC 27505, appeared in favor and expressed concern regarding the increase in gas cost.

Mr. Randall B. Revis, 7130 Hypony Trail, Parkton, NC 28371, appeared in favor and expressed concern regarding the increase in gas cost.

There being no one further to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Council Member Bates moved to approve the fare rate increase.

**SECOND:** Council Member Applewhite

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/26/11)

## DURING APPLEWHITE'S TENURE WITH THE FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL, THE SIZE OF CITY GOVERNMENT STEADILY BALLOONED

*During Applewhite's Tenure Serving On The Fayetteville City Council, The City's Annual Spending Increased By Millions Of Dollars A Year*

During Applewhite's Tenure Serving On The Fayetteville City Council, The City's Annual General Fund Increased From \$128,546,453 To \$150,614,725 Or By 17 Percent. (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08](#); City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2013-14](#))

- The FY 2007-08 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$128,546,453 For The City's General Fund. (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08](#))
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Fiscal Year	General Fund	Police	Fire	Mayor & Council	Millage	Vote & Date
FY 2007-08	\$128,546,453	\$40,570,374	\$19,246,423	\$666,076	5.3	N/A
FY 2008-09	\$134,449,389	\$41,472,956	\$20,292,639	\$522,982	5.3	Yea – 6/9/08
FY 2009-10	\$136,657,667	\$43,620,994	\$20,887,715	\$748,983	4.75	
FY 2010-11	\$134,209,248	\$41,918,152	\$23,041,486	\$538,317	4.56	Yea – 6/28/10
FY 2011-12	\$139,009,028	\$41,347,094	\$23,718,627	\$804,888	4.56	Yea – 6/13/11
FY 2012-13	\$144,971,623	\$43,261,252	\$24,558,152	\$552,729	4.56	Nay – 6/11/12
FY 2013-14	\$150,614,725	\$44,942,775	\$24,823,433	\$758,831	4.56	Yea – 6/24/13

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08 – FY 2013-14](#), Independent Analysis)

**NOTE:** Applewhite did not vote on the FY 2007-08 City of Fayetteville budget; the numbers are included as a benchmark from which to compare budget figures.

## APPLEWHITE HAS BACKED VARIOUS CONTROVERSIAL BUDGETS

*In 2008, Applewhite Was Among The Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Adopt The \$175 Million 2008-2009 Budget, Which Included Doubling The \$5 Vehicle Tax And Implemented A \$42 Recycling Fee; The Budget Represented A 7.5 Percent Increase From The Previous Year*

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**Last Year.** ‘Fayetteville residents will pay more for their cars and curbside recycling beginning next month. On Monday, the City Council adopted a \$175 million budget that doubles the \$5 vehicle tax and implements a \$42 annual fee for curbside recycling. Single-family homes will be assessed the recycling fee. The recycling service begins July 7 with blue bins that are being distributed. The budget, which excludes the Public Works Commission, is a 7.5 percent increase -- partly to pay for the recycling service and the first year of a capital improvement plan that will cost \$120.8 million over five years. The new city budget includes \$1.2 million more for the bus system, but it remains to be seen how or when residents will see additional routes, longer hours or better service. The 53-cent tax rate per \$100 in assessed value remains the same. The new fiscal year starts July 1. The budget also includes pay raises for city employees. The only controversy Monday was over a proposal to create a new position to manage downtown development. The new job would cost the city \$75,000, including fringe benefits. City Manager Dale Iman said the new position was needed. But several council members were not persuaded that Iman's administration, which includes three assistant city managers, was unable to absorb the new duties. "I'm hearing a lot of criticism that the city is heavy at the top for a city of 175,000," Councilman Bill Crisp. Crisp made a motion to approve the budget, including \$75,000 for the new position, but not let Iman fill it until he could come back and better explain why the job was needed. The council at that time would vote on whether to authorize the new job. Voting for the motion were Crisp, Mayor Tony Chavonne, Keith Bates, Robert Massey, D.J. Haire, Val Applewhite and Ted Mohn. Voting against the motion were Charles Evans, Bobby Hurst and Wesley Meredith.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/10/08)

***In 2011, Applewhite Noted Her Support For The 2011 – 2012 Budget, Which Represented A 3.3 Percent Spending Increase And Also Increased Some Fees In Planning, Zoning, And Engineering***

**In June 2011, Applewhite Noted Her Support For The 2011 – 2012 Budget, Which Represented A 3.3 Percent Spending Increase And Also Increased Some Fees In Planning, Zoning, And Engineering.** “The Fayetteville City Council is set to approve a fiscal 2012 budget Monday that keeps taxes the same, avoids cuts to services and gives employees pay raises. City Manager Dale Iman has recommended spending \$179.5 million -- a 3.3 percent increase from last year. A majority of the council members said they intend to vote in favor of the budget. Monday's meeting is at 7 p.m. Virtually no one spoke at last month's public hearing on the spending proposal. Iman has recommended improving transit service, replacing older vehicles and repaving streets at levels similar to past years. Some fees, particularly in planning, zoning and engineering, would increase. According to the new budget, households will get six free bulky-item trash pickups a year; subsequent pickups would be \$50 each. There is no charge for excess collections now. Eligible employees would get 2.5 percent pay raises, and most police officers would see raises of between 4 percent and 5 percent. "I'm glad we were able to give them raises," Councilman Robert Massey said Friday. City employees received no raises in 2009 and 2 percent raises last year. Police received raises of between 4 percent and 5 percent in each of the past two years. Officials said they needed to raise police pay to recruit and retain officers and to reduce vacancies in the department. Mayor Tony Chavonne said he expects the budget to pass. He is not aware of any unresolved issues with it, he said. Besides Chavonne, council



members Massey, Val Applewhite, Jim Arp, Keith Bates, Bill Crisp and Bobby Hurst say they plan to vote for the budget. "I think, overall, the budget is pretty good," Arp said. "I don't see any glaring issues. My No. 1 priority is not to raise taxes." Applewhite said she hasn't heard any complaints from residents. "Green light from me," she said." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/12/11)

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"Fayetteville's tax rate is expected to rise by almost 2.2 percent, or a penny, this year to boost law enforcement, a majority of the City Council agreed Monday night. Seven of the 10 council members, including the mayor, said they would support a budget proposal made at a work session that would raise the city tax levy by 1 cent. The new tax revenues -- about \$1.3 million annually -- would be used toward the hiring of 15 more police officers and construction of a police district office. The same budget proposal ironed out Monday would not include any of the fee increases recommended by City Manager Ted Voorhees on May 6, and the proposal would not raise taxes to build more parks or swimming pools. "I think that seems to be a consensus," Mayor Tony Chavonne said. The mayor directed Voorhees to incorporate the council-driven changes for final adoption at next Monday's scheduled meeting, when a public hearing on the new fiscal 2014 budget will be held. Fiscal 2014 starts July 1. The city's current levy is 45.6 cents for every \$100 in assessed value. Adding a penny to the tax rate would cost the owner of a \$150,000 home \$15 more each year. Chavonne and the following six council members said they would support the budget proposal reached Monday night: Keith Bates, Robert Massey, D.J. Haire, Bobby Hurst, Bill Crisp and Val Applewhite." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/4/13)

***However, In June 2013, Applewhite Voted For A Final 2013-2014 Budget That Did Not Include A Tax Increase For Additional Police***

**However, In June 2013, Applewhite Voted For A Final 2013-2014 Budget That Did Not Include A Tax Increase For Additional Police.** "Tax bills in Fayetteville will not go up this year, and the city will withdraw its grant application for 15 police officers. The council voted 9-1 on Monday night to adopt the latest budget proposal by City Manager Ted Voorhees. The plan, made last week in light of looming budget challenges out of Raleigh and a recent court ruling in favor of the sweepstakes gaming industry, avoids a penny increase on the tax rate and forgoes the new 15 officers. The plan trims \$2 million of planned spending from savings and gives employees 2 percent "merit" raises. Councilman Bobby Hurst made the motion to support the proposal. "I believe that the city manager's budget is a conservative approach," Hurst said. "No tax increase." Councilman Keith Bates seconded the motion. Little discussion followed, except to clarify the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Arp cast the dissenting vote, saying the city could pursue the 15 officers through the grant without a tax increase. "If police is our No. 1 priority," Arp said, "we could have found the money, if we had wanted to find it." Mayor Tony Chavonne said the lopsided vote was a surprise. "This is a compromise," Chavonne said after the meeting. "But in light of the uncertainty out there, a majority of the council members recognize that this is the best they could do at this time." The plan totals \$200 million -- or about 6.5 percent more

over last year -- for the fiscal 2014, which starts next week. For more than a month, the council had been debating a new spending plan and a possible tax increase for police.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/25/13)

## **APPLEWHITE SUPPORTED ANTI-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT POLICIES REGARDING ZONING, PARKING, AND TOURISM**

### ***In 2008, Applewhite Was Known To Be Opposed To Annexing The Gates Four Development***

**In February 2008, Applewhite Was Known To Be Opposed To Annexing The Gates Four Development.** “Some of the most recently elected council members rose to political prominence because of the Big Bang -- most notably, Bill Crisp and Ted Mohn. Councilwoman Val Applewhite's defeat of longtime Councilman Curtis Worthy was heavily aided by long-smoldering resentment for his pro-annexation vote. Now, it's coming back yet again. On June 30, the city's five-year agreement to exempt the Gates Four development from the annexation will expire. On June 30, 2009, the city could complete the necessary steps to make the exclusive, gated subdivision part of Fayetteville. It's tempting. Gates Four is a pot of gold at the end of Fayetteville's rainbow. Its 610 homes have an average tax value of \$225,000 -- higher than many city neighborhoods. At today's tax rate, it would add nearly \$800,000 a year to the city's treasury, at little added expense. Four council members favor annexing Gates Four as soon as it's legally possible. Three more, including the mayor, say they're leaning that way. Only Crisp, Mohn and Applewhite firmly oppose it.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 2/12/08)

### ***In 2008, Applewhite Opposed Negotiating “A Two-Year Lease To Reopen A Downtown Parking Lot That Merchants Say Is Vital To Business”***

**In November 2008, Applewhite Opposed Negotiating “A Two-Year Lease To Reopen A Downtown Parking Lot That Merchants Say Is Vital To Business.”** “The Fayetteville City Council agreed Monday to try to negotiate a two-year lease to reopen a downtown parking lot that merchants say is vital to business. The decision came after a contentious debate on whether buying the lot on Hay Street or entering into a long-term lease was a good investment. Councilman Keith Bates worried if the council did nothing and left the 44-space lot closed, progress to improve the city center would stall. Councilwoman Val Applewhite disagreed. She said the city has supported various downtown initiatives, but it should not invest in this lot, which is in the 100 block of Hay Street next to the Gotham building. "Our focus has to be much greater than downtown," she said. "There are needs across this city that are great." The city had leased the lot from BB&T since 1988 and operated it as a public parking lot. In April, the bank said it wanted to sell the property. A majority on the City Council in September decided against buying the property for an asking price of \$395,000.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/25/08)

***In 2010, Applewhite Voted Against “A Plan To Borrow \$5.9 Million For A Four-Level Parking Deck Off Franklin Street That Will Connect To The Robert C. Williams Business Center”***

**In April 2010, Applewhite Voted Against “A Plan To Borrow \$5.9 Million For A Four-Level Parking Deck Off Franklin Street That Will Connect To The Robert C. Williams Business Center.”** “Construction on Fayetteville's first public parking deck downtown could start by the end of this year. The City Council agreed Tuesday to support a plan to borrow \$5.9 million for a four-level parking deck off Franklin Street that will connect to the Robert C. Williams Business Center. The business center is also known by its owner, the Public Works Commission. Tuesday's 6-2 vote to proceed with the deck's architectural and engineering work marks a big step toward the city's long-held goal of a parking deck downtown. Until now, there was no political support to pay for a deck. City officials say the parking problem will worsen as the city center continues to grow. Last year, the council instituted paid parking in several municipal lots in anticipation of building a deck one day. Voting for the deck were Mayor Tony Chavonne, Mayor Pro Tem D.J. Haire and Keith Bates, Kady-Ann Davy, Bobby Hurst and Bill Crisp. Voting against the deck were Val Applewhite and Ted Mohn. Robert Massey and Wesley Meredith were absent.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/7/10)

***In 2010, Applewhite Voted For “A Staff Request To Halt Zoning And Planning Requests” For 90 Days***

**In April 2010, Applewhite Voted For “A Staff Request To Halt Zoning And Planning Requests” For 90 Days.** “In other business, the council voted down a staff request to halt zoning and planning requests. Rob Anderson, the city's chief development officer sought a 90-day moratorium to speed up the process of drafting a new ordinance, which could take until the fall. "There are big projects in the pipeline now," Chavonne said, in opposition to the moratorium. "So do we tell them to talk to Moore County and develop it there?" Bates and Applewhite voted for the moratorium.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/7/10)

***In 2011, Applewhite Voted Against Spending \$50,000, Which Already Was Budgeted, Toward The Development Of New Tourism Signs Downtown***

**In March 2011, “Voted 7-3, With Ted Mohn, Val Applewhite And D.J. Haire Against, To Spend \$50,000, Which Already Was Budgeted, Toward The Development Of New Tourism Signs Downtown.”** “Voted 7-3, with Ted Mohn, Val Applewhite and D.J. Haire against, to spend \$50,000, which already was budgeted, toward the development of new tourism signs downtown. The project's \$450,000 cost includes money from various outside sources. Voting for the \$50,000 allocation were Mayor Tony Chavonne, Keith Bates, Kady-Ann Davy, Robert Massey, Bobby Hurst, Jim Arp and Bill Crisp.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 3/29/11)

***In 2007, Applewhite Voted Against Approving “The Construction Of A 90-Bed, \$8 Million Skilled Nursing Home On 71st School Road, Off Old Bunce Road”***

**In December 2007, Applewhite Voted Against Approving “The Construction Of A 90-Bed, \$8 Million Skilled Nursing Home On 71st School Road, Off Old Bunce Road.”** “Voted 8-2 to

approve the construction of a 90-bed, \$8 million skilled nursing home on 71st School Road, off Old Bunce Road. The project is a joint venture between Autumn Corp. and Cape Fear Valley Health System. The council approved the project with conditions, including that the developer align the entrance of the planned nursing home with the existing entrance on 71st School Road to the Remington subdivision, as well as improve that new intersection with turn and deceleration lanes. One Remington neighbor, Nathaniel Patillo, worried about increased traffic on an already busy two-lane road. Voting against the project were Val Applewhite and D.J. Haire.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 12/18/07)

## **APPLEWHITE VOTED IN FAVOR OF USING CONDEMNATION POWERS**

### ***In 2009, Applewhite Was Among The Fayetteville Councilmembers To Vote In Favor Of Beginning Condemnation Proceedings On Several Privately Owned Lots For A New Transit Transfer Station***

**In November 2009, Applewhite Was Among The Fayetteville Councilmembers To Vote In Favor Of Beginning Condemnation Proceedings On Several Privately Owned Lots For A New Transit Transfer Station.** “On Nov. 9, the City Council voted to begin condemnation proceedings for her parcel after she refused to consider selling it, city officials said. The condemned lot is one of seven parcels that comprise a city block -- bounded by Robeson, Franklin, Winslow and West Russell streets -- where the city wants to put a new Fayetteville Area System of Transit transfer station. In a memo this month, City Attorney Karen McDonald said officials began pursuing acquisition of the property after the council voted in December to put the transfer station at that location. That was before Pfendler bought the land. A city appraiser said the land is worth \$210,000. The county Tax Office lists its value at \$218,000. The council's vote to condemn Pfendler's land was 6-3. Voting for the condemnation were Mayor Tony Chavonne, Charles Evans, Robert Massey, Bobby Hurst, Val Applewhite and Wesley Meredith. Voting against were Ted Mohn, Bill Crisp and D.J. Haire. "I don't like taking people's property like that," Crisp said this week. "I just think we need to negotiate the sale of properties instead of condemn properties. That's just my philosophy." Craig Hampton, the city's special projects director, said officials expect to be able to buy the other six parcels that make up the block without the need for eminent domain.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/27/09)

## **APPLEWHITE HAS OPPOSED BONDS TO IMPROVE FAYETTEVILLE'S PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM**

### ***In 2012 And 2013, Applewhite “Vocally Fought Against Holding A \$45 Million Referendum Last Winter To Build More Parks, Swimming Pools And Ball Fields”***

**In 2012 And 2013, Applewhite “Vocally Fought Against Holding A \$45 Million Referendum Last Winter To Build More Parks, Swimming Pools And Ball Fields.”** “Joining them in the hour long debate in the Council Chambers were the other three mayoral candidates: former four-term Councilman Nat Robertson, former three-term Councilman Paul Williams and retired tire maker Charles Ragan. About 150 people were in the audience. Without naming

anyone, DeViere took a jab at Applewhite, who vocally fought against holding a \$45 million referendum last winter to build more parks, swimming pools and ball fields. Applewhite publicly clashed with the park plan's chief supporter, outgoing Mayor Tony Chavonne, who is not seeking re-election. "The bond was another example of where we let conflict and divisiveness hurt the greater good," deViere said. Applewhite defended her stance on the issue, which stalled last November by a 5-5 vote of the council. "That park bond was a back-door deal," she said." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/2/13)

***In 2016, Applewhite Noted Her Opposition To A \$35 Million Parks Bond***

**In 2016, Applewhite Noted Her Opposition To A \$35 Million Parks Bond.** "Eight former members of the Fayetteville City Council have come out against the \$35 million parks bond that goes before voters next month. Curtis Worthy, a former councilman who is chairman of the Vote No Bond Tax referendum committee, identified the others as Johnny Dawkins, Robert Massey, Paul Williams, Don Talbot, Val Applewhite, Juanita Gonzalez and Lois Kirby. All of them, including Worthy, had council terms that extended into the early to mid-2000s. They are a mix of Republicans and Democrats. Applewhite, who served on the council from 2007 to 2011, twice ran for mayor, losing close elections both times. The referendum committee, which can raise and spend money on advertising, was organized last month to urge Fayetteville voters to reject the bond issue that will be on the March 15 primary ballots. Worthy said he and other committee members don't oppose new parks and recreational amenities. Rather, he said, they oppose the estimated city tax increase of 1.35 cents per \$100 for each \$100 in tax value that would be needed to retire the general-obligation bond debt." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 2/5/16)

**APPLEWHITE OPPOSED ALLOWING THE KEEPING OF POT BELLIED PIGS AS PETS IN CITY LIMITS**

***In 2009, Applewhite Was One Of Only Two Councilmembers To Vote Against Directing Staff Members To Research Revision Of An Ordinance Barring Hogs Inside Fayetteville And To Allow Domesticated Pigs As Pets***

**In August 2009, Applewhite Was One Of Only Two Councilmembers To Vote Against Directing Staff Members To Research Revision Of An Ordinance Barring Hogs Inside Fayetteville And To Allow Domesticated Pigs As Pets.** "The Fayetteville City Council agreed to direct staff members to research what would be needed to revise an ordinance now barring hogs inside the city and allow domesticated pigs as pets. The 6-2 vote was a relief to Lisa Pia and her husband, Bobby Tibbetts, who want permission to keep their year-old pot-bellied pig named Loopey. They live in College Lakes off Ramsey Street. "We aren't happy that we can't take her home tonight, but we are happy to get six votes," Lisa Pia said. The couple brought two of their children, Anthony Pia, who is 8, and Victoria Pia, who is 10. All four wore matching white T-shirts that read: "Loopey for Autism. Bring Anthony's Pet Home." Anthony, who is autistic, is especially attached to the pig. The family sees the animal as therapeutic for the boy. They bought the piglet last year unaware of the city's ban on swine. Family members returned the pig to a ranch last month after they learned of the city prohibition. Their plight made national headlines last weekend after the story was first reported. Because of that interest and the family's



attendance at its meeting Monday, the council moved the discussion toward the top of the work session agenda. Voting for the staff direction to rethink the pig ban were Ted Mohn, Charles Evans, Mayor Tony Chavonne, D.J. Haire, Bill Crisp and Keith Bates. Voting against the idea were Val Applewhite and Mayor Pro Tem Wesley Meredith. Neither could be reached for comment after the meeting.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 8/4/09)

***Applewhite Voted Against Amending The Pig Ban Despite The Request To Do So From A Family With A Pot Bellied Pig As A Pet With Therapeutic Purposes For Their Autistic Son***

**Applewhite Voted Against Amending The Pig Ban Despite The Request To Do So From A Family With A Pot Bellied Pig As A Pet With Therapeutic Purposes For Their Autistic Son.** “The Fayetteville Observer reported Wednesday that the city council deadlocked 5-5 on a proposal that would have allowed Loopey to return from a ranch to its home in a city subdivision. The council considered giving the city manager authority to grant exemptions to the hog ban under conditions that included a doctor's note saying the animal was needed to help treat a medical ailment. Lisa Pia and Bobby Tibbetts say the pig is therapeutic for their autistic 8-year-old son, Anthony. The 80-pound pig had a shelter in the backyard and slept on a pillow in Anthony's room at night. "How can you do this to a child?" Pia asked after the vote. Tibbetts said too much attention has been misplaced on the pig. "It's about our son," he said. "Nobody cares about him." Council members discussed whether they set a precedent by allowing Loopey to live inside the city limits. "It's not a service animal by law," said council member Bill Crisp, who voted against the exception. "It does not meet the federal or state criteria for a service animal. That could very well open Pandora's box." Council member Val Applewhite said resident hogs might hurt property values and generate bad odors. "Are people able to enjoy their property?" she asked.” (*The Associated Press*, 9/9/09)

**APPLEWHITE HAS BEEN BACKED BY UNIONS**

**In 2013, “The AFL-CIO Union And Local Democratic Party Endorsed Applewhite.”** “In 2013, Applewhite, a city councilwoman, was running for mayor against Nat Robertson, a Republican and former councilman. Municipal races are officially nonpartisan but party politics entered the race, especially down the stretch. The council's four Republicans sent out a negative letter against Applewhite, and a real-estate group, which backed a slate of GOP candidates, also supported Robertson. Meanwhile, the AFL-CIO union and local Democratic Party endorsed Applewhite.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 3/16/20)

## APPLEWHITE'S SUPPORT OF THE FAR-LEFT PROGRESSIVE AGENDA

*An analysis of Applewhite's public commentary and municipal governance has unearthed her support for the far-left's progressive and social agenda.*

*Applewhite has signaled she will rubberstamp Gov. Cooper's agenda as a legislator. Applewhite has stated that she supports Cooper's proposal to ramp up spending on education.*

*On healthcare, Applewhite appears to support the expansion of the government's involvement. Specifically, Applewhite strongly supports Medicaid expansion. As the southeastern organizer for Democracy North Carolina, Applewhite indicated her support for the NAACP's efforts to fight for Medicaid expansion.*

*On issues of public safety, Applewhite may have several vulnerabilities. Applewhite's previous political opponents have highlighted that crime "increased every year while Applewhite was on the [Fayetteville] council". Additionally, in 2020, Applewhite declined to appear with former Mayor Michael Bloomberg over his previous support for common-sense crime prevention policies.*

*Curiously, in 2012, Applewhite voted against a resolution declaring Dimona, Israel to be the 'Sister City' of Fayetteville.*

*Finally, Applewhite is fairly left-leaning on social issues. It should be noted that Applewhite is a supporter of Black Lives Matter and opposed a civil war history museum in Fayetteville. Recently, Applewhite assumedly reaffirmed her support for abortion.*

### APPLEWHITE SUPPORTS COOPER'S INCREASED SPENDING ON EDUCATION

***Applewhite: "I Would Work With Gov. Cooper To Achieve Goals Similar To ... A 10% Pay Raise For Teachers, Restoring Master's Pay Compensation And Fully Funding The First Two Years Of The Leandro Plan"***

**Applewhite: "I Would Work With Gov. Cooper To Achieve Goals Similar To The Ones He Fought For During The Last Round Of Budget Negotiations. Those Goals Included A 10% Pay Raise For Teachers, Restoring Master's Pay Compensation And Fully Funding The First Two Years Of The Leandro Plan."** "What are the most important issues impacting K-12 education in our state? How would you address these issues? The problem with public education in North Carolina is that our schools are underfunded and our teachers are underpaid. The ongoing Leandro case has repeatedly made it clear that as a state we aren't meeting our students' rights to a quality public education, and we must do more. I would work with Gov. Cooper to achieve goals similar to the ones he fought for during the last round of budget negotiations. Those goals included a 10% pay raise for teachers, restoring Master's pay compensation and fully funding the first two years of the Leandro plan. Unfortunately, during the last round of budget negotiations my opponent sided with Republicans and voted for a budget that fell



drastically short of these goals, breaking with Gov. Cooper in exchange for pork spending and projects.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/27/22)

## **APPLEWHITE STRONGLY SUPPORTS MEDICAID EXPANSION**

### ***Applewhite: “I Strongly Support Medicaid Expansion”***

**Applewhite: “I Strongly Support Medicaid Expansion.”** “Do you favor Medicaid expansion? Why or why not? If you do, what steps would you take to make it happen? I strongly support Medicaid expansion. The pandemic has brought the racial disparities in health care to the forefront. Expanding Medicaid would give health care to more than 500,000 North Carolinians and significantly expand health care access in Black and brown communities. I would stand with Gov. Cooper to make it a priority in the next round of budget negotiations and would not vote for any budget that did not include full Medicaid Expansion.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/27/22)

### ***As The Southeastern Organizer For Democracy North Carolina, Applewhite Indicated Her Support For The NAACP’s Efforts To Fight FOR Medicaid Expansion***

**“Val Applewhite, The Southeastern Organizer For Democracy North Carolina, Said During The Press Conference That Her Group Is Proud To Stand With The NAACP”; Applewhite Indicated Her Support For The NAACP’s Efforts To Fight FOR Medicaid Expansion.** “About 15 people attending the press conference held signs that said, “Health care,” “Voter protections,” “Stand for love and justice,” and “Stand against Hate Bill 2.” Val Applewhite, the southeastern organizer for Democracy North Carolina, said during the press conference that her group is proud to stand with the NAACP. “Every day is a good day to fight for health care, isn’t it?” she said. “Every day is a good day to fight for voting rights, isn’t it?” Jimmy Buxton, the president of the Fayetteville branch of the NAACP, said after the press conference that he is concerned about the General Assembly dismantling the authority of Gov. Roy Cooper. He said he doesn’t like that the state has not expanded Medicaid to people who need it.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 1/31/17)

### ***Roy Cooper’s Democratic Strategist Noted Applewhite Would Be An Advocate For Medicaid Expansion***

**Roy Cooper’s Democratic Strategist Noted Applewhite Would Be An Advocate For Medicaid Expansion.** “Morgan Jackson, a Democratic strategist to Cooper, said the endorsement for Applewhite came because it “is critically important that we have strong Democratic senators in Raleigh who are focused on expanding Medicaid and strengthening our public schools.” “Val Applewhite will be a champion for both. That’s why she has Gov. Cooper’s strong support,” Jackson told *The N&O*. He said that with Applewhite in the Senate, “we have a much better chance to expand Medicaid and invest in our public schools than we do right now.” Medicaid expansion is the subject of a legislative study committee and a possible vote on expansion is expected later this year. Newly elected lawmakers would take office in 2023.” (*News & Record*, 3/10/22)

## **APPLEWHITE MAY HAVE ALIENATED SOME OF HER BASE WITH CONTROVERSIAL POSITIONS REGARDING POLICE TACTICS**

***In 2020, Applewhite Declined To Appear With Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg Amid His Previous Support For Stop And Frisk Policies***

**In 2020, Applewhite Declined To Appear With Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg Amid His Previous Support For Stop And Frisk Policies.** “Some Democrats have been critical of Bloomberg because when he was the mayor of New York he had a "stop-and-frisk" policy. Police stopped people on the street and searched them without a warrant or other specific cause that could be legally justified. The policy was used heavily on minorities and eventually found to be unconstitutional. Prominent Fayetteville Democrat Val Applewhite was to appear with Bloomberg during his visit on Jan. 3, but she canceled. On Facebook this month, Applewhite said the stop-and-frisk issue was one reason she changed her mind. Bloomberg has apologized for the policy, The New York Times reported.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 1/20/20)

***In 2012, Applewhite Voted Against A Measure Suspending Police Consent Searches During Traffic Stops***

**In January 2012, Applewhite Voted Against A Measure Suspending Police Consent Searches During Traffic Stops.** “Starting this week, Fayetteville police can't ask drivers for consent to search them, their passengers or their vehicles during a traffic stop until an independent review is completed. The Fayetteville City Council voted 8-2 on Monday night to impose the moratorium until members of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives complete a review into the controversial practice. The lead consultant for the review will be Jimmy L. Wilson, a retired Washington, D.C., deputy police chief. Wilson is expected to begin his work today by visiting the Police Department, City Manager Dale Iman said. His team will join him Wednesday, Iman said. The review, along with a final report and future presentation to the council, is expected to take less than two months, Iman said. The contract with the organization will cost the city about \$30,000. Iman said the team's review will include interviews with local residents and elected officials and an analysis of traffic-stop data. The moratorium is to last four months -- or until the review is done. During the moratorium, 53 additional patrol cars will be equipped with cameras. Iman said the camera installations would be done by early March. Voting for the moratorium were Mayor Tony Chavonne, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Arp, Kady-Ann Davy, Robert Massey, D.J. Haire, Bobby Hurst, Bill Crisp and Wade Fowler. Voting against the moratorium were Keith Bates and Val Applewhite.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 1/24/12)

***Applewhite's Previous Opponents Have Highlighted That Crime "Increased Every Year While Applewhite Was On The [Fayetteville] Council"***

**In 2015, "In Another Robertson Mailer That Went To Some Voters Friday, He Said Crime Increased Every Year While Applewhite Was On The Council, And He Said She Voted Against A City Budget In 2009 That Would Have Used Grant Money To Hire More Police Officers."** “He narrowly defeated her two years ago in an open mayoral seat. Their rematch is Tuesday, when the polls are open. His advertising mailer is the first this season to criticize a candidate. Robertson mailed several pieces to voters, ahead of the Oct. 3 primary, that stuck to positive themes. In another Robertson mailer that went to some voters Friday, he said crime increased every year while Applewhite was on the council, and he said she voted against a city

budget in 2009 that would have used grant money to hire more police officers. Applewhite has said she opposed the budget that year because of its inequality over city employee pay raises. Applewhite, who has limited campaign dollars, said she is not using any election mailers.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/30/15)

## **APPLEWHITE VOTED AGAINST A BAN ON ROADSIDE PEDDLERS**

### ***In 2008, Applewhite Was The Only Fayetteville Councilmember To Vote Against A Tentative Ban On Roadside Peddlers***

**In June 2008, Applewhite Was The Only Fayetteville Councilmember To Vote Against A Tentative Ban On Roadside Peddlers.** “The city of Fayetteville is one step closer to shutting down roadside peddlers, which some see as a growing and unscrupulous blight along major thoroughfares. Most of the City Council said Wednesday they wanted to ban commercial peddlers, except those selling seasonal goods such as fireworks or produce. The ban would not apply to nonprofit groups, such as churches and the Salvation Army, or vendors who sell prepared food at kiosks. The council directed city staff to finish drafting an ordinance that could be presented as soon as next month. Whether a public hearing will be held before the vote has not been announced yet. Roadside vendors are currently legal. There are 168 traveling peddlers with city licenses, plus six itinerant merchants who pay small fees to hawk their wares. Many set up along major roads on weekends when enforcement is lax, officials said. Councilman D.J. Haire said some business owners say peddlers appear near their stores with lower-priced -- and sometimes worthless -- goods. “It makes it difficult for them,” he said. Assistant City Manager Doug Hewett said he was presenting the proposed ban Wednesday after some shopkeepers and residents have complained to city officials about the vendors. Councilman Charles Evans asked Hewett if the city derives any benefits from roadside vendors. Hewett said that given their proliferation, their unattractiveness and the complaints they have generated, no. “I would say we don't enjoy any benefits from them,” Hewett said. With a show of hands, the council voted 9-1 to tentatively approve the concept of a ban and ask for a final vote at a later council meeting. Councilwoman Val Applewhite cast the only dissenting vote.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/19/08)

## **APPLEWHITE SPEARHEADED OFFERING CITY DOCUMENTS IN SPANISH**

### ***The Fayetteville Observer: It was Applewhite's Idea To Have The City Expand Its Policy For Providing Public Documents And Other Information To Spanish Speakers***

**“It Was Her Idea To Have The City Expand Its Policy For Providing Public Documents And Other Information To Spanish Speakers.”** “It was her idea to have the city expand its policy for providing public documents and other information to Spanish speakers. She said she is proud of her efforts, along with other council members who represent the annexed areas, of working to add streetlights and sidewalks to some thoroughfares and expanding bus service.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/3/13)

## **IN 2012, APPLEWHITE VOTED AGAINST A RESOLUTION DECLARING DIMONA, ISRAEL TO BE THE SISTER CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE**

### ***In October 2012, Applewhite Voted Nay On A Motion To Approve A “Resolution Of City Council Of The City Of Fayetteville Sister City Dimona, Israel”***

**In October 2012, Applewhite Voted Nay On A Motion To Approve A “Resolution Of City Council Of The City Of Fayetteville Sister City Dimona, Israel.”** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 10/8/12)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE SISTER CITY  
DIMONA, ISRAEL. RESOLUTION NO. R R2012-040.**  
**MOTION:** Council Member Davy moved to adopt the resolution approving the candidacy  
of Dimona, Israel, as a sister city.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Hurst  
**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor to 2 in opposition (Council Members  
Applewhite and Bates)

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 10/8/12)

## **APPLEWHITE IS A SUPPORTER OF BLACK LIVES MATTER AND OPPOSED A CIVIL WAR HISTORY MUSEUM IN FAYETTEVILLE**

### ***In 2022, Applewhite Praised The Work Of The Black Lives Matter Movement***

**Applewhite: “Movements Like Black Lives Matter Have Made It Crystal Clear We Still Have Work To Do To Eliminate Unnecessary Use Of Force And Make It Easier For The Public To Hold Bad Actors In The Police Department Accountable.”** ‘Is law enforcement reform, especially in terms of use of force, still an issue? If you think so, what steps does the state need to take going forward to pursue reform? Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to keep us safe, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. Keeping our communities safe must continue to be a top priority. At both the state and local level we should ensure our law enforcement have the resources they need. At the same time, movements like Black Lives Matter have made it crystal clear we still have work to do to eliminate unnecessary use of force and make it easier for the public to hold bad actors in the police department accountable. We need to add more mental health professionals as first responders so citizens experiencing mental health episodes are met with help rather than force. We need to expand access to body camera footage and make it much easier to suspend and/or fire officers with a record of misconduct.’ (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/27/22)

### ***In 2019, Applewhite Indicated Her Opposition To A Proposed Civil War History Museum In Fayetteville***

**In 2019, Applewhite Indicated Her Opposition To A Proposed Civil War History Museum In Fayetteville.** “Colvin said a growing number of black people in the community are expressing concerns about the project, as the war and the issue of slavery is a sore subject with many. He

said he no longer supports the project, which could cost between \$65 million and \$80 million. The city and county have agreed to pitch in \$7.5 million each toward the project, but Colvin said that agreement has expired and a new vote by the council will be required. Colvin said several council members he has spoken with are reviewing their stance on the project. "If a vote was taken again (on city funding) like it will need to be to make it legal I'm not sure it will pass," he said. Colvin said the \$7.5 million the city would have to invest in the project could be put to better use on more pressing needs than the proposed North Carolina Civil War & Reconstruction History Center on Branson Street. Three residents at Monday night's council meeting held up signs to express their opposition to the project, with one saying: "Build it so we can burn it down." Former City Councilwoman Val Applewhite made her opposition known during the public comment period of the meeting. Applewhite said that an advocacy organization she is involved with, Advance Carolina, is holding a public meeting on the museum project later this month. She invited the council to attend, and asked that each member give a direct "yes" or "no" answer whether they support the project. "No spin. I know the political spin. I've played that game before," she said. Applewhite said Tuesday that she is learning through social media that there is a growing number of black people in the community who don't want the museum. "The Market House is already painful enough for African-Americans. We've not yet even resolved the issue as to whether or not slaves were sold there," Applewhite said. But there are black people in the community who support the project. Among them: Former Fayetteville State University Chancellor James Anderson." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 9/10/19)

## **APPLEWHITE HAS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR ABORTION**

***In 2022, Applewhite Posted On Facebook Expressing Her Opposition To The Supreme Court Ruling Overturning Roe V. Wade***

**In June 2022, Applewhite Posted On Facebook Expressing Her Opposition To The Supreme Court Ruling Overturning Roe V. Wade.** (Applewhite Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/22)





Val Applewhite

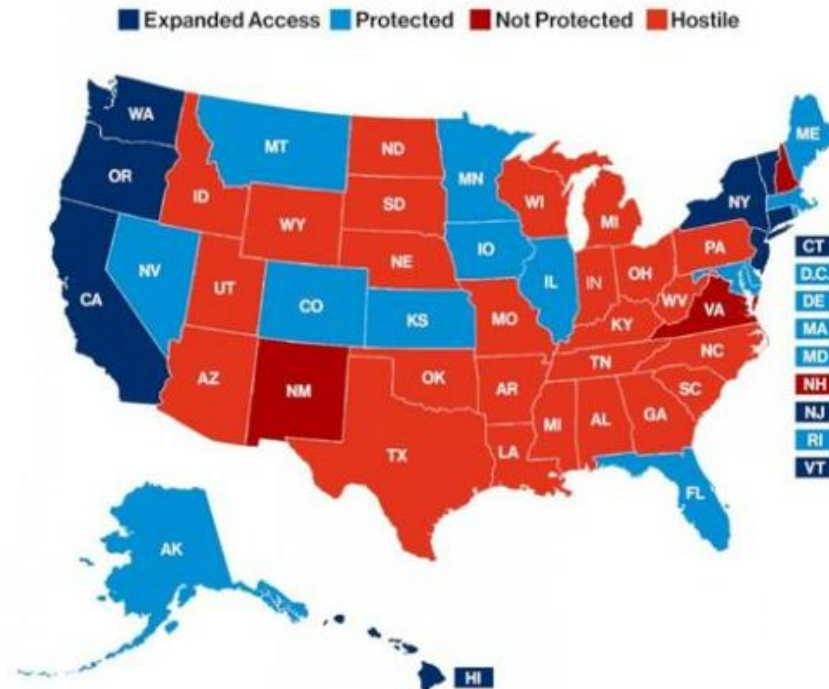
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## States Where Abortion Would be Protected

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(Applewhite Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/22)

## APPENDIX A: ISSUES OF NOTE (BY SUBJECT AREA)

*Below is a non-comprehensive reference section pertaining to Val Applewhite's issues and policy positions of note. Any actionable material from this section has been incorporated into the prior narrative sections.*

### FISCAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

#### *Taxes And Fees*

##### Overall

**In August 2012, Applewhite Was Among The Signatories Of A Letter Urging “Stand With President Obama ... And Other Voices Of Reason In Both Parties In Acknowledging That New Revenues Must Be Part Of A Lasting Solution To Our Debt Problems.”** “The Romney campaign opposes an Obama alternative that seeks to raise taxes on wealthier families. Each campaign has accused the other of using military families and the defense industry as political pawns to push agendas. In an open letter this week, several Democrats from Cumberland County urged the North Carolina congressional delegation to “stand with President Obama ... and other voices of reason in both parties in acknowledging that new revenues must be part of a lasting solution to our debt problems.” The signers included Rey, Fayetteville City Councilwoman Val Applewhite and state Rep. Rick Glazier.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 8/24/12)

**During Her 2013 Mayoral Campaign, “Applewhite Has Hinted She Might Support A Tax Increase For Certain Things.”** “At least five of the nine council districts will have a new representative because the incumbents are not running. The new mayor and council will start their two-year terms Dec. 2. The mayoral candidates, Val Applewhite and Nat Robertson, largely have avoided talking publicly about how the city can find new revenue, although Applewhite has hinted she might support a tax increase for certain things. “Our citizens have spoken,” she said recently. “Most would only support a tax hike for public safety. I agree with them.” Applewhite has said the council will need to educate the public about the city's growing needs and financial challenges.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/2/13)

##### Property Taxes

**In June 2009, Applewhite Was One Of Only Two Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Vote Against Lowering The City Tax Rate From 53 Cents To 45.1 Cents.** “Fayetteville City Council has settled on a lower tax rate after cutting nearly \$3 million in proposed spending. The council voted 8-2 Monday to levy taxes at 45.1 cents for every \$100 in property value. The current rate is 53 cents, and City Manager Dale Iman had recommended 47.5 cents. The county's revaluation of every parcel this year fueled the city's desire to reduce the tax rate. Monday's action at a work session was preliminary and will require a final vote on a budget ordinance scheduled for Monday. Everyone but Val Applewhite and D.J. Haire voted for the tax rate and cuts. “This entire budget is about tightening our belts, and we are willing to do that,” Mayor Tony Chavonne said. Iman had proposed increasing the general fund budget by 4.8 percent, to \$140.9 million.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 6/2/09)



- **“Applewhite Said She Had A Problem With Not Giving Hard-Working City Employees Raises.”** “The council agreed to eliminate a proposed 2 percent pay raise for city employees that would have cost taxpayers \$1 million. Police officers still will get their pay raises averaging 4.8percent in the new budget. Applewhite said she had a problem with not giving hard-working city employees raises. "I think from the very beginning, the chances of you getting a pay raise were slim to none," she said. Applewhite wondered if the council would have been so eager to cut taxes if this had not been an election year.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 6/2/09)

**The Fayetteville City Council Affirmed The 45.1 Cent Rate In Mid June 2009 With Applewhite Voting Against The Measure.** “Fayetteville City Council voted Wednesday to instruct city manager Dale Iman to construct a budget based on a 45.1-cent tax rate per \$100 in assessed value. The rate was less than the revised revenue-neutral tax rate of 45.7 cents and Iman's suggested rate of 46.4cents. The 45.1-cent rate passed by a vote of six to four after several votes. Councilman D.J. Haire was the deciding vote, switching to support the 45.1 rate after having earlier voted against it. Mayor Tony Chavonne and councilmen Wesley Meredith, Keith Bates, Bobby Hurst and William Crisp supported the 45.1-cent rate. The approved rate was equivalent to the previously determined revenue-neutral rate, which was revised up after the city received more detailed data from state and county officials about sales tax revenue and property revaluation appeals, Iman said. The current tax rate is 53cents.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/18/09)

- **“Councilwoman Val Applewhite Was One Who Pushed For A Rate That Would Allow The Employee Pay Raise.”** “Councilwoman Val Applewhite was one who pushed for a rate that would allow the employee pay raise. She said the increase would show that the city values its employees. "We don't run this city," Applewhite said to applause. "We only manage this city." Chavonne said the councilmen who voted against the higher rate weren't against raises for employees, but felt the timing wasn't right with the current economic climate.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/18/09)

**In May 2013, Applewhite Noted She Would Support A 1-Cent Property Tax Increase If Put Towards Public Safety.** “The Fayetteville City Council is considering whether to raise property taxes for the first time since 1999 to hire 15 more police officers and build a new substation. The proposal, which generally got support during a budget meeting Wednesday, would increase the tax rate by 1 cent, to 45.6 cents per \$100 in assessed value. The council also will weigh separate proposals to build more parks and recreation facilities, which would require higher taxes, too. Several council members appeared less supportive of raising taxes for those projects. A number of residents across Fayetteville said Thursday they'd be willing to pay higher tax bills if it meant beefing up the Police Department to fight crime. "What we need is more protection and security," said Ella McRae, 68, stepping into the post office on Cliffdale Road. "And at the rate we are growing, we definitely need more officers." James Popp, coordinator of the Kornbow community watch off Blanton Road, said the only property tax increase he would support is for police. "Homeowners have more of a stake in peaceful neighborhoods and city, and the police try to provide that," Popp said. A 1-cent tax increase on a \$100,000 home would cost \$10 more annually. For a \$250,000 home, the cost would be \$25. Christine Legette, who stopped at the Cliffdale Branch Library on Thursday, said she wouldn't mind paying about \$15 more on her annual tax bill for extra police on the streets. "What's \$15 for your safety?" she asked. Brooks,

owner of Trimmerz, already pays nearly \$1,700 for property tax annually. Mayor Tony Chavonne and at least five council members have said they would support the 1-cent increase for public safety: Keith Bates, Robert Massey, Bobby Hurst, Bill Crisp and Val Applewhite. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Arp said Thursday he is not convinced the city needs to raise taxes.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 5/17/13)

- **In June 2013, Applewhite Noted Her Support For The 2013-2014 Budget Which Increased Property Taxes By 1 Cent, Or 2.2 Percent, To Raise \$1.3 Million For Public Safety.** “Fayetteville's tax rate is expected to rise by almost 2.2 percent, or a penny, this year to boost law enforcement, a majority of the City Council agreed Monday night. Seven of the 10 council members, including the mayor, said they would support a budget proposal made at a work session that would raise the city tax levy by 1 cent. The new tax revenues -- about \$1.3 million annually -- would be used toward the hiring of 15 more police officers and construction of a police district office. The same budget proposal ironed out Monday would not include any of the fee increases recommended by City Manager Ted Voorhees on May 6, and the proposal would not raise taxes to build more parks or swimming pools. "I think that seems to be a consensus," Mayor Tony Chavonne said. The mayor directed Voorhees to incorporate the council-driven changes for final adoption at next Monday's scheduled meeting, when a public hearing on the new fiscal 2014 budget will be held. Fiscal 2014 starts July 1. The city's current levy is 45.6 cents for every \$100 in assessed value. Adding a penny to the tax rate would cost the owner of a \$150,000 home \$15 more each year. Chavonne and the following six council members said they would support the budget proposal reached Monday night: Keith Bates, Robert Massey, D.J. Haire, Bobby Hurst, Bill Crisp and Val Applewhite.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/4/13)
- **However, In June 2013, Applewhite Voted For A Final 2013-2014 Budget That Did Not Include A Tax Increase For Additional Police.** “Tax bills in Fayetteville will not go up this year, and the city will withdraw its grant application for 15 police officers. The council voted 9-1 on Monday night to adopt the latest budget proposal by City Manager Ted Voorhees. The plan, made last week in light of looming budget challenges out of Raleigh and a recent court ruling in favor of the sweepstakes gaming industry, avoids a penny increase on the tax rate and forgoes the new 15 officers. The plan trims \$2 million of planned spending from savings and gives employees 2 percent "merit" raises. Councilman Bobby Hurst made the motion to support the proposal. "I believe that the city manager's budget is a conservative approach," Hurst said. "No tax increase." Councilman Keith Bates seconded the motion. Little discussion followed, except to clarify the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Arp cast the dissenting vote, saying the city could pursue the 15 officers through the grant without a tax increase. "If police is our No. 1 priority," Arp said, "we could have found the money, if we had wanted to find it." Mayor Tony Chavonne said the lopsided vote was a surprise. "This is a compromise," Chavonne said after the meeting. "But in light of the uncertainty out there, a majority of the council members recognize that this is the best they could do at this time." The plan totals \$200 million -- or about 6.5 percent more over last year -- for the fiscal 2014, which starts next week. For more than a month, the council had been debating a new spending plan and a possible tax increase for police.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/25/13)

**In 2015, Applewhite Criticized Mayor Nat Robertson For “For Voting Against Last Year's City Budget That Raised Property Taxes” Increasing The Property Tax Rate By 3 Cents.**

“Democratic challenger Val Applewhite attacked Fayetteville Mayor Nat Robertson's record in a speech Tuesday. In her comments before the Cumberland County Democratic Men's Club, Applewhite criticized the first-term Republican mayor for voting against last year's city budget that raised property taxes. About 90 percent of the tax increase, city officials have said, was earmarked for hiring 47 additional police officers. "I think the mayor now has a current record that can be examined," Applewhite told the audience of nearly 20 people over lunch at Luigi's restaurant. "When he stands before our community and says, 'I'm for public safety,' and he doesn't vote for his own budget that funds public safety, that's a problem." Applewhite, who served three terms on the council from 2007-13, is seeking to unseat Robertson in the fall municipal election. Robertson said he has always supported Police Chief Harold Medlock and the Police Department, but he opposed last year's tax increase of 3 cents per \$100 in assessed value. "I encouraged council at the time to explore a more conservative approach to finding the money needed to hire the additional officers," Robertson said in an email interview after Applewhite's speech.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 8/18/15)

**Transportation Taxes And Fees****“During The Session, Applewhite And Fellow Councilman Bill Crisp Suggested That If Car Owners Had To Stomach An Increase Of \$5 Per Year In Taxes, Bus Riders Should Have To Pay More For Fares.”**

“Monday's sobering news arrived to the council as an unpleasant event everyone knew eventually had to happen. It was like a scolding from your parents. It was like walking into a moldy attic that had not had a visitor for years. "It's a bitter pill," Councilwoman Val Applewhite said after the discussion. "But sometimes bitter pills are what gets the job done." During the session, Applewhite and fellow Councilman Bill Crisp suggested that if car owners had to stomach an increase of \$5 per year in taxes, bus riders should have to pay more for fares. Applewhite and Crisp represent districts in western Cumberland County, annexed by the city in 2005. There is no bus service out west and none coming any time soon. Crisp said he didn't see how "we could in good conscience" raise taxes on people who don't ride the bus, while not raising fares. And "I don't advocate a 100 percent increase in anything," he said.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 3/4/08)

**In April 2008, Applewhite Made A Successful Motion To “Raise Fares And Double The \$5 Vehicle Tax To Help Pay For Bus System Improvements.”**

“No one disputes the outcome of Monday's vote: A majority of the council members agreed to raise fares and double the \$5 vehicle tax to help pay for bus system improvements. The motion, made by Councilwoman Val Applewhite, passed with a 6-4 vote. But Councilman Ted Mohn said Tuesday he was confused by the motion. He said he supported raising the bus fares, but not the doubling the vehicle tax. He said Tuesday he was no longer sure how he voted. The city clerk initially recorded Chavonne's vote as a "no" in her notes. A story published Tuesday in The Fayetteville Observer reported a "no" vote by Chavonne based on a reporter's observations and the clerk's notes. Chavonne said Tuesday he indeed voted for the motion. The clerk said she intended to clarify the vote tally after the meeting. The minutes are unofficial until the council adopts them at a later meeting. On Tuesday, the mayor gave the following account as to how the votes fell: -- Voting

for the fares and tax increases were Applewhite, Chavonne, Charles Evans, D.J. Haire, Bobby Hurst and Robert Massey. -- Voting against the increases were Mohn, Keith Bates, Bill Crisp and Wesley Meredith.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 4/8/08)

- **“At A Monday Work Session, A Majority Of The City Council Members Agreed To Raise Bus Fares For The General Ridership To \$1.50 And To Double The \$5-Per-Vehicle Tax Now Levied On City Taxpayers.”** “Car owners and bus riders will have to dig deeper into their pockets to pay for improving Fayetteville's transit system. At a Monday work session, a majority of the City Council members agreed to raise bus fares for the general ridership to \$1.50 and to double the \$5-per-vehicle tax now levied on city taxpayers. The current bus fare is \$1.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 4/8/08)
- **“The Council Also Agreed Monday To Raise The \$1.50 Fare For Picking Up Disabled People At Their Homes By Appointment To \$2.50 Per Trip.”** (*Fayetteville Observer*, 4/8/08)
- **“The Fare And Tax Increases Combined Will Generate About \$675,000 More Each Year For The Much-Maligned Fayetteville Area System Of Transit.”** (*Fayetteville Observer*, 4/8/08)

**However, Later In April 2008, The Fayetteville City Council Flip-Flopped And Voted Unanimously To Drop The Bus Fare Increases.** “Fayetteville's \$5 vehicle tax will double this year to help improve the bus system, but fares will stay the same. The City Council took that action Monday after listening to several residents, including at least three pastors representing their congregations, lament the inadequate and unreliable service of the Fayetteville Area System of Transit. The Rev. Brian Thompson, pastor of Simon Temple AME Zion Church, said he recently rode the bus and invited the council members to do the same. "It's a shame before God, and it's a disgrace," he said. Another pastor, Alphonse Turner of New Covenant Full Gospel Baptist Church, said the city should not raise fares until it improves FAST. He called a proposal by transit director Ron Macaluso to develop a transportation plan for improving the service in five years a "Band-Aid to fix a bleeding wound." He said higher fares "would be a great disservice for those who could afford it the least." Jeffery Jones, a 54-year-old Fayetteville resident, said he took the bus one day for an appointment and left the house three hours early. He was still late for his appointment, he said. "Right now, the buses aren't worth 50 cents," he said. Earlier this month, the council narrowly voted in support of raising the base fares to \$1.50. It's \$1 now. On Monday, the council flip-flopped, voting unanimously against any fare hikes at this time. It also backed Mayor Tony Chavonne's motion to move the city's local spending per capita on FAST to the statewide average in three years and to form a blue-ribbon panel to study new sources of transit revenues.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/29/08)

- **Applewhite Flip-Flopped Also On Vehicle Taxes Joining Three Members In The Minority To Oppose Doubling The Vehicle Tax.** “The only transit vote Monday that was not unanimous was for doubling the \$5 vehicle tax that is assessed on every Fayetteville car owner. It passed by a vote of 7-3. That increase will generate more than \$300,000 for FAST as the new tax is phased in during the next fiscal year; the increase will reap more than \$500,000 annually thereafter. Voting for the vehicle tax increase were Chavonne, Mohn, Robert Massey, Bobby Hurst, Charles Evans, D.J. Haire and Bill

Crisp. Voting against the increase were Mayor Pro Tem Wesley Meredith, Val Applewhite and Keith Bates.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/29/08)

**In April 2008, Applewhite Was Among The Fayetteville Councilmembers To Have “Voted Unanimously To Ask The General Assembly For Permission To Levy A 5 Percent Tax On Car Rental Companies' Gross Receipts. The City's Current Levy Is 1.5 Percent...”** “Even if the city did nothing to expand the system, transit officials said last month, FAST needs about \$430,000 more each year just to fix problems such as filling key positions. “We are just that far behind,” Chavonne said. That's why the council also sought Monday another tax increase -- on car rental companies. The council voted unanimously to ask the General Assembly for permission to levy a 5 percent tax on car rental companies' gross receipts. The city's current levy is 1.5 percent, so the city is in effect asking for a 3.5 percent increase that would generate almost \$1 million in new revenue -- money that officials said would go to FAST improvements. Whether the legislature will approve such a local bill remains to be seen.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 4/8/08)

**In 2010, “City Manager Dale Iman Wants To Increase The Discounted Fares, Paid By Older Or Disabled Residents, From 35 Cents A Trip To 50 Cents. He Wants To Raise The Cost For Picking Up Those Passengers By Appointment At Their Homes From \$1.50 To \$2. Both Fares Were Last Raised In 1994.”** “A proposal to raise bus fares for certain riders sparked debate Monday on the Fayetteville City Council. City Manager Dale Iman wants to increase the discounted fares, paid by older or disabled residents, from 35 cents a trip to 50 cents. He wants to raise the cost for picking up those passengers by appointment at their homes from \$1.50 to \$2. Both fares were last raised in 1994. Iman also wants to eliminate a program -- instituted in 2002 to boost ridership -- that made bus rides for the elderly and disabled free on Thursdays. The fare changes, if approved, would generate about \$43,000 more out of the Fayetteville Area System of Transit's budget of \$5.7 million in the coming fiscal year. The current \$1 fare that others pay would stay the same in Iman's recommended budget. Councilman Keith Bates said raising the bus fare 15 cents makes sense.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 5/25/10)

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- **Despite An Expected ~\$700,000 Bus System Surplus, Applewhite Reiterated Her Support For Increasing Bus Fares For The Disabled And Elderly.** ‘After citizens spoke, the mayor delayed a vote on the 2011 city budget, which includes higher fares. Iman is set to present his FAST spending recommendations at 5 p.m. Monday at City Hall. Will Iman urge that the surplus be used to postpone the fare increase. Despite the political consequences, Councilwoman Val Applewhite hopes not. "As passionate as this issue has become," Applewhite said, "I would support an increase on the fares." City agencies and nonprofits are unhappy with their 2011 budgets, she said, thanks to the council. "I just don't see the FAST system as being the sacred cow," Applewhite said. Disabled and senior citizen fares haven't gone up since 1994. Raising their regular fares, from 35 cents to 50 cents, and others would bring in \$43,000 next year.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 6/20/10)
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**“The Fayetteville Advisory Committee On Transit Voted Last Month To Recommend, Among Other Changes, Raising The Adult Base Fare To \$1.25 From \$1 And The Fare For The Disabled And People Over 65 To 50 Cents From 35 Cents.”** “A committee is recommending that Fayetteville raise bus fares next spring, and the mayor and several City Council members say they agree with the proposal. The Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit voted last month to recommend, among other changes, raising the adult base fare to \$1.25 from \$1 and the fare for the disabled and people over 65 to 50 cents from 35 cents. The adult base fare was last increased in 2007, and the elderly and disabled fare has not changed since 1994. The recommendation is scheduled to be presented to the City Council at its Monday work session for discussion only. The meeting starts at 5 p.m. at City Hall. The council also will get a staff update on where some of the proposed recreation facilities, such as pools, the tennis complex and sports field complex, would be built if voters pass a \$45 million bond issue in a Feb. 26 referendum.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 11/4/12)

- **Applewhite Reportedly Agreed With The Recommended Fare Increases.** “Mayor Tony Chavonne said he and a majority of the council support the bus fare increases. “It’s a partnership, and the city continues to make improvements, with any fare proceeds being reinvested into the system,” he said. Several other council members, including Keith Bates and Val Applewhite, agreed. Revenue to operate FAST comes from fares and federal, state and city taxpayers, including a \$5 annual tax on vehicles. Since 2008, the portion of the city’s general fund going to FAST has grown 38 percent to \$2.5 million annually. The proposed fare increases would take effect next spring and generate an estimated \$190,000 a year, a city staff memo says.” (*Fayetteville Observer*, 11/4/12)

### **Curbside Recycling Fee**

**In January 2008, Applewhite Was Among The Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Unanimously Adopt A \$42 Fee And Implement A Curbside Recycling Program For City Residents.** “At an annual cost of \$42 per house, Fayetteville will roll out its curbside recycling program July 1. The City Council on Monday unanimously adopted the fee and agreed to buy 35-gallon rollout carts for 60,000 homes. The fee will show up on property tax bills mailed late this summer. For the first time, city residents will be allowed to recycle, among other items, newspapers, soda cans, milk jugs and corrugated cardboard -- and throw all of the items into the cart for weekly curb pickup. “I think it’s a great day for the city of Fayetteville,” Mayor Tony Chavonne said. The program will be voluntary, and officials estimate that at least 50 percent of families will participate in the first year. The program will exclude apartments and businesses. Doug Hewett, an assistant city manager, said the city would rely on a public education campaign to boost participation. News would spread through radio spots, brochures, the public access channel and at neighborhood watch meetings. “Recycling is one of those things where we have to appeal to people that it’s the right thing to do, it’s environmentally friendly and it’s also patriotic,” he said.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 1/29/08)

- **“\$42 Is Equivalent To 4.7 Percent Increase On The City Tax Bill (Not Including County Taxes) For A Typical \$150,000 Home.”** “-- 35-gallon rollout cart Cost: \$42 per year Dimensions: Roughly 37 inches high; 19 inches wide and 23 inches deep. Benefits: Easier to push to the curb, similar to city trash bins, lid keeps out pests, slightly cheaper than estimates earlier this month for a \$45 rollout bin. Consider this: \$42 is equivalent to 4.7 percent increase on the city tax bill (not including county taxes) for a typical \$150,000 home.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 1/26/08)

### **Rental Registry Fee**

**In October 2010, The Fayetteville City Council Voted Against A “Proposed Registry Fee Would Have Been \$15 Per Unit And Vary Based On Size For Apartment Complexes.”** “The Fayetteville City Council voted Monday night to eliminate a program that would have charged annual fees for every apartment and rental house. Doug Hewett, an assistant city manager, had recommended the registry to pay for a crackdown on slum lords and properties, where housing code violations and crimes, such as prostitution and felony gun possession, occur three or four times every two years. The proposed registry fee would have been \$15 per unit and vary based on size for apartment complexes. Hewett said the city should adopt the registry in conjunction with a program that would put troublesome properties on probation for two years; the owners



would have to pay a fee, such as \$500 a year, to rent the place during probation.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/5/10)

- **“Voting In Favor Of The Registry Were Val Applewhite, Keith Bates And D.J. Haire.”** “The council voted 6-3 to kill the registry and the proposed fee structure. Voting to kill it were Chavonne, Kady-Ann Davy, Robert Massey, Bobby Hurst, Ted Mohn and Wesley Meredith. Voting in favor of the registry were Val Applewhite, Keith Bates and D.J. Haire. “We don't want to be in the police housing business, but here we are because our citizens have demanded it,” Applewhite said.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/5/10)

### **False Alarm Fee**

**In July 2010, The Fayetteville City Council Voted To Levy Fees For False Alarms Involving Police.** “A Fayetteville City Council vote Monday on new fees for false alarms involving police was based on incorrect information provided by city staff, officials said Tuesday. The council believed it was implementing fees on a model used by Greenville. But Fayetteville's new fees -- up to \$400 a year for multiple false alarms -- are four times higher than those in Greenville, council members learned Tuesday. Businesses and residents won't be charged the fees until the council meets again to discuss the matter on Aug. 2, Mayor Tony Chavonne said. The new fees range from \$25 for the second false alarm within a year to \$400 for every false alarm after the ninth. Greenville charges fees to register an alarm, and that city gives offenders the option of attending an "alarm school" in lieu of paying a fine. Neither of those provisions was included in the model adopted by the Fayetteville council.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 7/14/10)

- **“On Monday, The False Alarm Fees Were Approved By A 7-3 Vote. Voting In Favor Of Them Were Chavonne, Wesley Meredith, Keith Bates, Bill Crisp, Bobby Hurst, Ted Mohn And Val Applewhite. Voting No Were D.J. Haire, Kady-Ann Davy And Robert Massey Jr.”** (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 7/14/10)

### **Planning And Zoning Fees**

**In June 2011, Applewhite Noted Her Support For The 2011 – 2012 Budget, Which Represented A 3.3 Percent Spending Increase And Also Increased Some Fees In Planning, Zoning, And Engineering.** “The Fayetteville City Council is set to approve a fiscal 2012 budget Monday that keeps taxes the same, avoids cuts to services and gives employees pay raises. City Manager Dale Iman has recommended spending \$179.5 million -- a 3.3 percent increase from last year. A majority of the council members said they intend to vote in favor of the budget. Monday's meeting is at 7 p.m. Virtually no one spoke at last month's public hearing on the spending proposal. Iman has recommended improving transit service, replacing older vehicles and repaving streets at levels similar to past years. Some fees, particularly in planning, zoning and engineering, would increase. According to the new budget, households will get six free bulky-item trash pickups a year; subsequent pickups would be \$50 each. There is no charge for excess collections now. Eligible employees would get 2.5 percent pay raises, and most police officers would see raises of between 4 percent and 5 percent. “I'm glad we were able to give them raises,” Councilman Robert Massey said Friday. City employees received no raises in 2009 and 2 percent raises last year. Police received raises of between 4 percent and 5 percent in each

of the past two years. Officials said they needed to raise police pay to recruit and retain officers and to reduce vacancies in the department. Mayor Tony Chavonne said he expects the budget to pass. He is not aware of any unresolved issues with it, he said. Besides Chavonne, council members Massey, Val Applewhite, Jim Arp, Keith Bates, Bill Crisp and Bobby Hurst say they plan to vote for the budget. "I think, overall, the budget is pretty good," Arp said. "I don't see any glaring issues. My No. 1 priority is not to raise taxes." Applewhite said she hasn't heard any complaints from residents. "Green light from me," she said." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/12/11)

### **License Fees**

**In October 2011, Applewhite Was Among The Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Vote Against Exempting Certain Catalogue Sales And Certain Rental Properties From License Fees.** "The city of Fayetteville has backpedaled from plans to collect past license fees from businesses that had no idea they were due. But rental property owners will be required to pay a \$50 annual fee to the city from now on. The move, approved by the City Council this week, reverses attempts made by a city-hired auditor this summer. MuniServices LLC was employed to find businesses that owed annual fees for what's called a privilege license. The company found that under city ordinances, the fee was due from rental property owners and people who sell cosmetics and other catalogue items from home. Not even city staff were aware of that provision. When the auditor set about billing those businesses, the complaints started. The council voted to exempt catalogue sales from the fee and to return any back fees collected from rental property owners over the past three years. The measure passed 6-4, with Keith Bates, Val Applewhite, Ted Mohn and D.J. Haire voting no. Trudy Matthews, a Mary Kay cosmetics sales director who was one of two salespeople to pay up after receiving letters from the city, will be reimbursed for what she had complained was an outrageous fee. "I'm just waiting for my refund," she said. "It worked out good." Councilman Bobby Hurst had moved to exempt from the fee any landlords who own only one rental property. Mayor Tony Chavonne and councilmen Robert Massey and Jim Arp voted with him, but the motion was defeated 6-4. As a result, all landlords will be required to pay the fee from now on." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/14/11)

### ***Notable Budgets***

#### **2008 – 2009**

**In June 2008, Applewhite Was Among The Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Adopt The \$175 Million 2008-2009 Budget, Which Included Doubling The \$5 Vehicle Tax And Implemented A \$42 Recycling Fee; The Budget Represented A 7.5 Percent Increase From Last Year.** 'Fayetteville residents will pay more for their cars and curbside recycling beginning next month. On Monday, the City Council adopted a \$175 million budget that doubles the \$5 vehicle tax and implements a \$42 annual fee for curbside recycling. Single-family homes will be assessed the recycling fee. The recycling service begins July 7 with blue bins that are being distributed. The budget, which excludes the Public Works Commission, is a 7.5 percent increase -- partly to pay for the recycling service and the first year of a capital improvement plan that will cost \$120.8 million over five years. The new city budget includes \$1.2 million more for the bus system, but it remains to be seen how or when residents will see additional routes, longer hours or better service. The 53-cent tax rate per \$100 in assessed value remains the same. The new

fiscal year starts July 1. The budget also includes pay raises for city employees. The only controversy Monday was over a proposal to create a new position to manage downtown development. The new job would cost the city \$75,000, including fringe benefits. City Manager Dale Iman said the new position was needed. But several council members were not persuaded that Iman's administration, which includes three assistant city managers, was unable to absorb the new duties. "I'm hearing a lot of criticism that the city is heavy at the top for a city of 175,000," Councilman Bill Crisp. Crisp made a motion to approve the budget, including \$75,000 for the new position, but not let Iman fill it until he could come back and better explain why the job was needed. The council at that time would vote on whether to authorize the new job. Voting for the motion were Crisp, Mayor Tony Chavonne, Keith Bates, Robert Massey, D.J. Haire, Val Applewhite and Ted Mohn. Voting against the motion were Charles Evans, Bobby Hurst and Wesley Meredith." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/10/08)

### **2009 – 2010**

**In June 2009, Applewhite Was One Of Only Two Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Vote Against Lowering The City Tax Rate From 53 Cents To 45.1 Cents.** "Fayetteville City Council has settled on a lower tax rate after cutting nearly \$3 million in proposed spending. The council voted 8-2 Monday to levy taxes at 45.1 cents for every \$100 in property value. The current rate is 53 cents, and City Manager Dale Iman had recommended 47.5 cents. The county's revaluation of every parcel this year fueled the city's desire to reduce the tax rate. Monday's action at a work session was preliminary and will require a final vote on a budget ordinance scheduled for Monday. Everyone but Val Applewhite and D.J. Haire voted for the tax rate and cuts. "This entire budget is about tightening our belts, and we are willing to do that," Mayor Tony Chavonne said. Iman had proposed increasing the general fund budget by 4.8 percent, to \$140.9 million." (*Fayetteville Observer*, 6/2/09)

- **"Applewhite Said She Had A Problem With Not Giving Hard-Working City Employees Raises."** "The council agreed to eliminate a proposed 2 percent pay raise for city employees that would have cost taxpayers \$1 million. Police officers still will get their pay raises averaging 4.8percent in the new budget. Applewhite said she had a problem with not giving hard-working city employees raises. "I think from the very beginning, the chances of you getting a pay raise were slim to none," she said. Applewhite wondered if the council would have been so eager to cut taxes if this had not been an election year." (*Fayetteville Observer*, 6/2/09)

**The Fayetteville City Council Affirmed The 45.1 Cent Rate In Mid June 2009 With Applewhite Voting Against The Measure.** "Fayetteville City Council voted Wednesday to instruct city manager Dale Iman to construct a budget based on a 45.1-cent tax rate per \$100 in assessed value. The rate was less than the revised revenue-neutral tax rate of 45.7 cents and Iman's suggested rate of 46.4cents. The 45.1-cent rate passed by a vote of six to four after several votes. Councilman D.J. Haire was the deciding vote, switching to support the 45.1 rate after having earlier voted against it. Mayor Tony Chavonne and councilmen Wesley Meredith, Keith Bates, Bobby Hurst and William Crisp supported the 45.1-cent rate. The approved rate was equivalent to the previously determined revenue-neutral rate, which was revised up after the city

received more detailed data from state and county officials about sales tax revenue and property revaluation appeals, Iman said. The current tax rate is 53cents.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/18/09)

- **“Councilwoman Val Applewhite Was One Who Pushed For A Rate That Would Allow The Employee Pay Raise.”** “Councilwoman Val Applewhite was one who pushed for a rate that would allow the employee pay raise. She said the increase would show that the city values its employees. “We don't run this city,” Applewhite said to applause. “We only manage this city.” Chavonne said the councilmen who voted against the higher rate weren't against raises for employees, but felt the timing wasn't right with the current economic climate.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/18/09)

**Applewhite Voted Against The 2009-2010 Budget In Late June 2009.** “The Fayetteville City Council has a new tax rate and a budget that boosts spending on public safety and bus service but eliminates most employee pay raises. Monday night's 6-4 vote comes after weeks of wrangling over a budget process made more complicated this year by the shaky economy and higher property values. The council settled on a tax rate of 45.6 cents per \$100 in property value, down from last year's 53-cent tax. Cumberland County's reassessment this year for a single-family home in Fayetteville rose by an average of almost 30 percent. The new tax rate will cost the owner of a \$132,256 home -- the average new assessment inside the city -- \$603 in city property taxes, excluding county taxes and local fees. Fayetteville's new tax rate is based on what has been a moving target -- the revenue-neutral rate that would generate the same amount of city money if there had been no property reassessments this year. City Manager Dale Iman and his staff originally calculated the revenue-neutral figure in May to be 45.1 cents. Then last week, after fresh numbers from the county's Tax Office were released, he said the figure was 45.7 cents. It changed again Friday to 45.6 cents. Voting for the 45.6-cent rate and the new budget were Mayor Tony Chavonne, Mayor Pro Tem Wesley Meredith and council members Robert Massey, D.J. Haire, Bobby Hurst and Ted Mohn. Voting against were Val Applewhite, Keith Bates, Charles Evans and Bill Crisp. The \$136.6 million general-fund budget is 1.6 percent higher than what was adopted last year, even though the city has since made cuts to that budget because of the recession.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/23/09)

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### **2012 – 2013**

**Applewhite Voted Against Adopting The 2012-2013 Fayetteville Budget.** "Fayetteville's new budget, which take effect July 1, holds property taxes steady, hires seven more police officers and pays for a new rental housing inspection program. The City Council voted 9-1 on Monday night to adopt a fiscal 2013 budget that totals \$187 million, an amount about 4.5 percent more than last year. The city's tax rate of 45.6 cents for every \$100 in valuation stays the same. Other city fees on tax bills won't change. The budget will give most city employees, including the mayor and council members, 2.5 percent pay raises; and sworn officers will get raises of either 4 percent or 5 percent, based on tenure. Val Applewhite cast the only dissenting vote. She wanted \$400,000 in the new budget to study the next phase of building a police substation, and she wanted the city to move more aggressively in producing bilingual city documents for Spanish residents." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/12/12)

### **2013 – 2014**

**In June 2013, Applewhite Noted Her Support For The 2013-2014 Budget Which Increased Property Taxes By 1 Cent, Or 2.2 Percent, To Raise \$1.3 Million For Public Safety.**

"Fayetteville's tax rate is expected to rise by almost 2.2 percent, or a penny, this year to boost law enforcement, a majority of the City Council agreed Monday night. Seven of the 10 council members, including the mayor, said they would support a budget proposal made at a work session that would raise the city tax levy by 1 cent. The new tax revenues -- about \$1.3 million annually -- would be used toward the hiring of 15 more police officers and construction of a police district office. The same budget proposal ironed out Monday would not include any of the fee increases recommended by City Manager Ted Voorhees on May 6, and the proposal would not raise taxes to build more parks or swimming pools. "I think that seems to be a consensus," Mayor Tony Chavonne said. The mayor directed Voorhees to incorporate the council-driven changes for final adoption at next Monday's scheduled meeting, when a public hearing on the new fiscal 2014 budget will be held. Fiscal 2014 starts July 1. The city's current levy is 45.6 cents for every \$100 in assessed value. Adding a penny to the tax rate would cost the owner of a \$150,000 home \$15 more each year. Chavonne and the following six council members said they would support the budget proposal reached Monday night: Keith Bates, Robert Massey, D.J. Haire, Bobby Hurst, Bill Crisp and Val Applewhite." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/4/13)

**However, In June 2013, Applewhite Voted For A Final 2013-2014 Budget That Did Not Include A Tax Increase For Additional Police.** "Tax bills in Fayetteville will not go up this year, and the city will withdraw its grant application for 15 police officers. The council voted 9-1 on Monday night to adopt the latest budget proposal by City Manager Ted Voorhees. The plan, made last week in light of looming budget challenges out of Raleigh and a recent court ruling in favor of the sweepstakes gaming industry, avoids a penny increase on the tax rate and forgoes the new 15 officers. The plan trims \$2 million of planned spending from savings and gives employees 2 percent "merit" raises. Councilman Bobby Hurst made the motion to support the proposal. "I believe that the city manager's budget is a conservative approach," Hurst said. "No

tax increase." Councilman Keith Bates seconded the motion. Little discussion followed, except to clarify the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Arp cast the dissenting vote, saying the city could pursue the 15 officers through the grant without a tax increase. "If police is our No. 1 priority," Arp said, "we could have found the money, if we had wanted to find it." Mayor Tony Chavonne said the lopsided vote was a surprise. "This is a compromise," Chavonne said after the meeting. "But in light of the uncertainty out there, a majority of the council members recognize that this is the best they could do at this time." The plan totals \$200 million -- or about 6.5 percent more over last year -- for the fiscal 2014, which starts next week. For more than a month, the council had been debating a new spending plan and a possible tax increase for police." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/25/13)

### ***Development***

#### **Annexation**

**In February 2008, Applewhite Was Known To Be Opposed To Annexing The Gates Four Development.** "Some of the most recently elected council members rose to political prominence because of the Big Bang -- most notably, Bill Crisp and Ted Mohn. Councilwoman Val Applewhite's defeat of longtime Councilman Curtis Worthy was heavily aided by long-smoldering resentment for his pro-annexation vote. Now, it's coming back yet again. On June 30, the city's five-year agreement to exempt the Gates Four development from the annexation will expire. On June 30, 2009, the city could complete the necessary steps to make the exclusive, gated subdivision part of Fayetteville. It's tempting. Gates Four is a pot of gold at the end of Fayetteville's rainbow. Its 610 homes have an average tax value of \$225,000 -- higher than many city neighborhoods. At today's tax rate, it would add nearly \$800,000 a year to the city's treasury, at little added expense. Four council members favor annexing Gates Four as soon as it's legally possible. Three more, including the mayor, say they're leaning that way. Only Crisp, Mohn and Applewhite firmly oppose it." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 2/12/08)

#### **Parking**

**In November 2008, Applewhite Opposed Negotiating "A Two-Year Lease To Reopen A Downtown Parking Lot That Merchants Say Is Vital To Business."** "The Fayetteville City Council agreed Monday to try to negotiate a two-year lease to reopen a downtown parking lot that merchants say is vital to business. The decision came after a contentious debate on whether buying the lot on Hay Street or entering into a long-term lease was a good investment. Councilman Keith Bates worried if the council did nothing and left the 44-space lot closed, progress to improve the city center would stall. Councilwoman Val Applewhite disagreed. She said the city has supported various downtown initiatives, but it should not invest in this lot, which is in the 100 block of Hay Street next to the Gotham building. "Our focus has to be much greater than downtown," she said. "There are needs across this city that are great." The city had leased the lot from BB&T since 1988 and operated it as a public parking lot. In April, the bank said it wanted to sell the property. A majority on the City Council in September decided against buying the property for an asking price of \$395,000." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/25/08)



**In April 2010, Applewhite Voted Against “A Plan To Borrow \$5.9 Million For A Four-Level Parking Deck Off Franklin Street That Will Connect To The Robert C. Williams Business Center.”**

“Construction on Fayetteville's first public parking deck downtown could start by the end of this year. The City Council agreed Tuesday to support a plan to borrow \$5.9 million for a four-level parking deck off Franklin Street that will connect to the Robert C. Williams Business Center. The business center is also known by its owner, the Public Works Commission. Tuesday's 6-2 vote to proceed with the deck's architectural and engineering work marks a big step toward the city's long-held goal of a parking deck downtown. Until now, there was no political support to pay for a deck. City officials say the parking problem will worsen as the city center continues to grow. Last year, the council instituted paid parking in several municipal lots in anticipation of building a deck one day. Voting for the deck were Mayor Tony Chavonne, Mayor Pro Tem D.J. Haire and Keith Bates, Kady-Ann Davy, Bobby Hurst and Bill Crisp. Voting against the deck were Val Applewhite and Ted Mohn. Robert Massey and Wesley Meredith were absent.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/7/10)

**Condemnation**

**In November 2009, Applewhite Was Among The Fayetteville Councilmembers To Vote In Favor Of Beginning Condemnation Proceedings On Several Privately Owned Lots For A New Transit Transfer Station.**

“On Nov. 9, the City Council voted to begin condemnation proceedings for her parcel after she refused to consider selling it, city officials said. The condemned lot is one of seven parcels that comprise a city block -- bounded by Robeson, Franklin, Winslow and West Russell streets -- where the city wants to put a new Fayetteville Area System of Transit transfer station. In a memo this month, City Attorney Karen McDonald said officials began pursuing acquisition of the property after the council voted in December to put the transfer station at that location. That was before Pfendler bought the land. A city appraiser said the land is worth \$210,000. The county Tax Office lists its value at \$218,000. The council's vote to condemn Pfendler's land was 6-3. Voting for the condemnation were Mayor Tony Chavonne, Charles Evans, Robert Massey, Bobby Hurst, Val Applewhite and Wesley Meredith. Voting against were Ted Mohn, Bill Crisp and D.J. Haire. "I don't like taking people's property like that," Crisp said this week. "I just think we need to negotiate the sale of properties instead of condemn properties. That's just my philosophy." Craig Hampton, the city's special projects director, said officials expect to be able to buy the other six parcels that make up the block without the need for eminent domain.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/27/09)

**Zoning**

**In April 2010, Applewhite Voted For “A Staff Request To Halt Zoning And Planning Requests” For 90 Days.**

“In other business, the council voted down a staff request to halt zoning and planning requests. Rob Anderson, the city's chief development officer sought a 90-day moratorium to speed up the process of drafting a new ordinance, which could take until the fall. "There are big projects in the pipeline now," Chavonne said, in opposition to the moratorium. "So do we tell them to talk to Moore County and develop it there?" Bates and Applewhite voted for the moratorium.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/7/10)

### **Tourism**

**In March 2011, “Voted 7-3, With Ted Mohn, Val Applewhite And D.J. Haire Against, To Spend \$50,000, Which Already Was Budgeted, Toward The Development Of New Tourism Signs Downtown.”** “Voted 7-3, with Ted Mohn, Val Applewhite and D.J. Haire against, to spend \$50,000, which already was budgeted, toward the development of new tourism signs downtown. The project's \$450,000 cost includes money from various outside sources. Voting for the \$50,000 allocation were Mayor Tony Chavonne, Keith Bates, Kady-Ann Davy, Robert Massey, Bobby Hurst, Jim Arp and Bill Crisp.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 3/29/11)

### **Notable Project Decisions**

**In December 2007, Applewhite Voted Against Approving “The Construction Of A 90-Bed, \$8 Million Skilled Nursing Home On 71st School Road, Off Old Bunce Road.”** “Voted 8-2 to approve the construction of a 90-bed, \$8 million skilled nursing home on 71st School Road, off Old Bunce Road. The project is a joint venture between Autumn Corp. and Cape Fear Valley Health System. The council approved the project with conditions, including that the developer align the entrance of the planned nursing home with the existing entrance on 71st School Road to the Remington subdivision, as well as improve that new intersection with turn and deceleration lanes. One Remington neighbor, Nathaniel Patillo, worried about increased traffic on an already busy two-lane road. Voting against the project were Val Applewhite and D.J. Haire.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 12/18/07)

### ***Parks And Recreation***

**In 2012 And 2013, Applewhite “Vocally Fought Against Holding A \$45 Million Referendum Last Winter To Build More Parks, Swimming Pools And Ball Fields.”** “Joining them in the hour long debate in the Council Chambers were the other three mayoral candidates: former four-term Councilman Nat Robertson, former three-term Councilman Paul Williams and retired tire maker Charles Ragan. About 150 people were in the audience. Without naming anyone, DeViere took a jab at Applewhite, who vocally fought against holding a \$45 million referendum last winter to build more parks, swimming pools and ball fields. Applewhite publicly clashed with the park plan's chief supporter, outgoing Mayor Tony Chavonne, who is not seeking re-election. "The bond was another example of where we let conflict and divisiveness hurt the greater good," deViere said. Applewhite defended her stance on the issue, which stalled last November by a 5-5 vote of the council. "That park bond was a back-door deal," she said.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/2/13)

**In 2016, Applewhite Noted Her Opposition To A \$35 Million Parks Bond.** “Eight former members of the Fayetteville City Council have come out against the \$35 million parks bond that goes before voters next month. Curtis Worthy, a former councilman who is chairman of the Vote No Bond Tax referendum committee, identified the others as Johnny Dawkins, Robert Massey, Paul Williams, Don Talbot, Val Applewhite, Juanita Gonzalez and Lois Kirby. All of them, including Worthy, had council terms that extended into the early to mid-2000s. They are a mix of Republicans and Democrats. Applewhite, who served on the council from 2007 to 2011, twice ran for mayor, losing close elections both times. The referendum committee, which can raise and spend money on advertising, was organized last month to urge Fayetteville voters to reject the

bond issue that will be on the March 15 primary ballots. Worthy said he and other committee members don't oppose new parks and recreational amenities. Rather, he said, they oppose the estimated city tax increase of 1.35 cents per \$100 for each \$100 in tax value that would be needed to retire the general-obligation bond debt.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 2/5/16)

### ***Regulations***

#### **Miscellaneous**

**In August 2009, Applewhite Was One Of Only Two Councilmembers To Vote Against Directing Staff Members To Research Revision Of An Ordinance Barring Hogs Inside Fayetteville And To Allow Domesticated Pigs As Pets.** “The Fayetteville City Council agreed to direct staff members to research what would be needed to revise an ordinance now barring hogs inside the city and allow domesticated pigs as pets. The 6-2 vote was a relief to Lisa Pia and her husband, Bobby Tibbetts, who want permission to keep their year-old pot-bellied pig named Loopey. They live in College Lakes off Ramsey Street. “We aren't happy that we can't take her home tonight, but we are happy to get six votes,” Lisa Pia said. The couple brought two of their children, Anthony Pia, who is 8, and Victoria Pia, who is 10. All four wore matching white T-shirts that read: “Loopey for Autism. Bring Anthony's Pet Home.” Anthony, who is autistic, is especially attached to the pig. The family sees the animal as therapeutic for the boy. They bought the piglet last year unaware of the city's ban on swine. Family members returned the pig to a ranch last month after they learned of the city prohibition. Their plight made national headlines last weekend after the story was first reported. Because of that interest and the family's attendance at its meeting Monday, the council moved the discussion toward the top of the work session agenda. Voting for the staff direction to rethink the pig ban were Ted Mohn, Charles Evans, Mayor Tony Chavonne, D.J. Haire, Bill Crisp and Keith Bates. Voting against the idea were Val Applewhite and Mayor Pro Tem Wesley Meredith. Neither could be reached for comment after the meeting.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 8/4/09)

- **Applewhite Voted Against Amending The Pig Ban Despite The Request To Do So From A Family With A Pot Bellied Pig As A Pet With Therapeutic Purposes For Their Autistic Son.** “The Fayetteville Observer reported Wednesday that the city council deadlocked 5-5 on a proposal that would have allowed Loopey to return from a ranch to its home in a city subdivision. The council considered giving the city manager authority to grant exemptions to the hog ban under conditions that included a doctor's note saying the animal was needed to help treat a medical ailment. Lisa Pia and Bobby Tibbetts say the pig is therapeutic for their autistic 8-year-old son, Anthony. The 80-pound pig had a shelter in the backyard and slept on a pillow in Anthony's room at night. “How can you do this to a child?” Pia asked after the vote. Tibbetts said too much attention has been misplaced on the pig. “It's about our son,” he said. “Nobody cares about him.” Council members discussed whether they set a precedent by allowing Loopey to live inside the city limits. “It's not a service animal by law,” said council member Bill Crisp, who voted against the exception. “It does not meet the federal or state criteria for a service animal. That could very well open Pandora's box.” Council member Val Applewhite said resident hogs might hurt property values and generate bad odors. “Are people able to enjoy their property?” she asked.” (*The Associated Press*, 9/9/09)

***Labor***

**In 2013, “The AFL-CIO Union And Local Democratic Party Endorsed Applewhite.”** “In 2013, Applewhite, a city councilwoman, was running for mayor against Nat Robertson, a Republican and former councilman. Municipal races are officially nonpartisan but party politics entered the race, especially down the stretch. The council's four Republicans sent out a negative letter against Applewhite, and a real-estate group, which backed a slate of GOP candidates, also supported Robertson. Meanwhile, the AFL-CIO union and local Democratic Party endorsed Applewhite.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 3/16/20)

**MUNICIPAL ANALYSIS – CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE*****Budget Table***

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>Fire</b>	<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>	<b>Millage</b>	<b>Vote &amp; Date</b>
FY 2007-08	\$128,546,453	\$40,570,374	\$19,246,423	\$666,076	5.3	N/A
FY 2008-09	\$134,449,389	\$41,472,956	\$20,292,639	\$522,982	5.3	Yea – 6/9/08
FY 2009-10	\$136,657,667	\$43,620,994	\$20,887,715	\$748,983	4.75	Nay – 6/22/09
FY 2010-11	\$134,209,248	\$41,918,152	\$23,041,486	\$538,317	4.56	Yea – 6/28/10
FY 2011-12	\$139,009,028	\$41,347,094	\$23,718,627	\$804,888	4.56	Yea – 6/13/11
FY 2012-13	\$144,971,623	\$43,261,252	\$24,558,152	\$552,729	4.56	Nay – 6/11/12
FY 2013-14	\$150,614,725	\$44,942,775	\$24,823,433	\$758,831	4.56	Yea – 6/24/13

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08 – FY 2013-14](#), Independent Analysis)

**NOTE:** Applewhite did not vote on the FY 2007-08 City of Fayetteville budget; the numbers are included as a benchmark from which to compare budget figures.

***General Fund***

**During Applewhite’s Tenure Serving On The Fayetteville City Council, The City’s General Fund Increased From \$128,546,453 To \$150,614,725 Or By 17 Percent.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08](#); City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2013-14](#))

- **The FY 2007-08 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$128,546,453 For The City’s General Fund.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08](#))
- **The FY 2013-14 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$150,614,725 For The City’s General Fund.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2013-14](#))

***Police***

**In 2010, Applewhite Voted Yea On The FY 2010-11 City Of Fayetteville Budget, Which Reduced Appropriations For The City’s Police Department By \$1,702,842 Or 4 Percent.** (City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/28/10; City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2009-10](#); City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2010-11](#))

- **In 2010, Applewhite Voted Yea On FY 2010-11 City Of Fayetteville Budget.** (City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/28/10)

- **The FY 2009-10 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$43,620,994 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2009-10](#))
- **The FY 2010-11 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$41,918,152 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2010-11](#))

**In 2011, Applewhite Voted Yea On The FY 2011-12 City Of Fayetteville Budget, Which Reduced Appropriations For The City's Police Department By \$571,058 Or 1.4 Percent.** (City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/13/11; City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2010-11](#); City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2011-12](#))

- **In 2011, Applewhite Voted Yea On FY 2011-12 City Of Fayetteville Budget.** (City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/13/11)
- **The FY 2010-11 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$41,918,152 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2010-11](#))
- **The FY 2011-12 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$41,347,094 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2011-12](#))

**In 2012, Applewhite Voted Nay On The FY 2012-13 City Of Fayetteville Budget, Which Increased Appropriations For The City's Police Department By \$1,914,158 Or 5 Percent.** (City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/11/12; City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2011-12](#); City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2012-13](#))

- **In 2012, Applewhite Voted Nay On FY 2012-13 City Of Fayetteville Budget.** (City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/11/12)
- **The FY 2011-12 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$41,347,094 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2011-12](#))
- **The FY 2012-13 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$43,261,252 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2012-13](#))

### ***FY 2007-08***

#### **General Fund**

**The FY 2007-08 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$128,546,453 For The City's General Fund.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08](#))

	<b>FY 2006 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2007 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2008 Recommended</b>	<b>FY 2008 Adopted</b>
<b>General Fund</b>				
City Attorney	1,161,724	1,194,314	1,040,973	1,044,335
City Manager	911,132	890,517	921,948	921,948
Community Development	295,414	1,087,987	1,133,452	1,133,452
Engineering & Infrastructure	8,649,061	10,666,718	12,239,584	11,664,584
Finance	1,933,308	2,505,843	2,602,911	2,602,911
Fire	17,590,267	17,912,483	19,246,423	19,246,423
Human Relations	261,916	235,566	243,687	243,687
Human Resource Development	731,726	1,025,524	1,105,052	1,105,052
Information Technology	1,156,433	1,404,363	2,124,446	2,124,446
Inspections	2,260,694	2,517,912	2,724,512	2,724,512
Management Services	839,861	1,175,709	1,328,975	1,328,975
Mayor and Council	660,845	619,576	666,078	666,078
Other Appropriations				
Agencies	346,500	346,500	346,500	264,000
Transfers	4,340,966	5,490,594	4,609,748	4,685,042
Debt Management	5,730,498	5,219,687	5,743,584	5,743,584
Other	3,503,376	8,129,766	8,412,507	8,412,507
Parks, Recreation & Maintenance	13,872,983	14,418,373	14,699,990	14,699,990
Planning	485,031	590,368	667,883	707,883
Police	33,978,452	39,556,677	40,570,374	40,570,374
Solid Waste Management	7,600,679	8,325,314	8,656,670	8,656,670
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,310,866</b>	<b>\$123,313,791</b>	<b>\$129,085,297</b>	<b>\$128,546,453</b>

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08](#))**Police**

**The FY 2007-08 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$40,570,374 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08](#))

	<b>FY 2006 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2007 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2008 Recommended</b>	<b>FY 2008 Adopted</b>
<b>General Fund</b>				
Police	33,978,452	39,556,677	41,413,630	40,570,374

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08](#))**Fire**

**The FY 2007-08 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$19,246,423 For The City's Fire Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08](#))

	<b>FY 2006 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2007 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2008 Recommended</b>	<b>FY 2008 Adopted</b>
<b>General Fund</b>				
Fire	17,590,267	17,912,483	20,135,797	19,246,423

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08](#))**Millage**

**The FY 2007-08 City Of Fayetteville Budget Imposed A Millage Rate Of 5.3.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08](#))



The total General Fund budget for FY 2008 is \$129,085,297 or about 4.7% higher than the current year budget. Given the significant improvement in a number of high priority areas, it is felt that the increase is well justified. The present tax rate will remain unchanged at 53 cents per \$100 of value. The General Fund Balance is projected to be \$16.1 million at 13.7% of General Fund Budget.

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2007-08](#))

### ***FY 2008-09***

#### **Vote**

**In 2008, Applewhite Voted Yea To Adopt FY 2008-09 City Of Fayetteville Budget.** (City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/9/08)

**MOTION:** Council Member Crisp moved to adopt the proposed budget ordinance, fee schedule, capital project ordinances and capital project ordinance amendments with the exception that funding for the Downtown Manager be included in the budget but for the position not to be authorized for filling until the City Manager has been given an opportunity to review current staff capacity, makes a detailed report of the job description to Council and the position is approved by vote of Council.

**SECOND:** Council Member Applewhite

Council Member Evans inquired about the Downtown Manager position and whether the downtown area encompassed areas outside the Hay Street and Person Street areas. Mr. Iman replied the position was for the broader downtown area and major projects contained therein. Council Member Applewhite stated management of downtown projects is needed; however, the City Manager should determine whether the management responsibilities could be incorporated into an existing staff position.

Council Member Crisp spoke to concerns expressed by his constituency regarding the additional expenditure of \$75,000 for the Downtown Manager position. Council Member Crisp noted Council had not set a time frame for the report from the City Manager.

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 7 in favor to 3 in opposition (Council Members Evans, Hurst and Meredith)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

(City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/9/08)

#### **General Fund**

**The FY 20 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$134,449,389 For The City's General Fund.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2008-09](#))



<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2007 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2008 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2008 Estimated</b>	<b>FY2009 Recommended</b>	<b>FY2009 Adopted</b>
City Attorney	1,045,944	1,044,335	1,033,002	1,093,122	1,093,122
City Manager	860,591	921,948	913,005	886,602	886,602
Community Development	1,078,050	1,133,452	612,548	1,373,631	1,273,631
Engineering & Infrastructure	10,385,474	11,664,584	13,001,811	10,030,915	10,030,915
Finance	2,191,534	2,602,911	2,534,625	2,492,882	2,492,882
Fire	19,668,071	19,246,423	19,631,502	20,292,639	20,292,639
Human Relations	224,636	243,687	240,439	253,676	253,676
Human Resource Development	941,427	1,105,052	1,102,443	1,154,060	1,154,060
Information Technology	1,260,812	2,124,446	2,245,205	2,096,142	2,096,142
Inspections	2,529,046	2,724,512	2,747,251	2,905,332	2,905,332
Management Services	1,138,903	1,328,975	1,374,686	1,126,865	1,126,865
Mayor and Council	596,390	666,078	625,287	513,982	522,982
Other Appropriations					
Agencies	352,142	264,000	264,000	339,000	339,000
Transfers	4,288,603	5,224,942	10,837,499	8,639,248	8,860,248
Debt Management	5,624,684	5,203,684	4,714,171	5,604,864	5,604,864
Other	8,090,015	8,412,507	6,751,301	9,788,883	9,788,883
Parks, Recreation & Maintenance	14,510,636	14,699,990	15,345,838	15,394,643	15,394,643
Planning	473,189	707,883	824,436	842,913	846,543
Police	37,687,428	40,570,374	42,002,894	41,472,956	41,472,956
Solid Waste Management	9,206,762	8,656,670	12,161,217	8,143,404	8,013,404
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$122,154,337</b>	<b>\$128,546,453</b>	<b>\$138,963,160</b>	<b>\$134,445,759</b>	<b>\$134,449,389</b>

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2008-09](#))**Police**

**The FY 2008-09 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$41,472,956 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2008-09](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2007 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2008 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2008 Estimated</b>	<b>FY2009 Recommended</b>	<b>FY2009 Adopted</b>
Police	37,687,428	40,570,374	42,002,894	41,472,956	41,472,956

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2008-09](#))**Fire**

**The FY 2008-09 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$20,292,639 For The City's Fire Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2008-09](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2007 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2008 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2008 Estimated</b>	<b>FY2009 Recommended</b>	<b>FY2009 Adopted</b>
Fire	19,668,071	19,246,423	19,631,502	20,292,639	20,292,639

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2008-09](#))

### Millage

**The FY 2008-09 City Of Fayetteville Budget Imposed A Millage Rate Of 5.3.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2008-09](#))

While the cost of providing the vital services needed by our citizens has increased, the proposed budget maintains the City's current tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 for the ninth straight year. This was achieved through the modest growth in the City's revenues and again, the City staff's commitment to cost-effective service delivery. Additionally, the proposed budget provides continuance of all existing services and programs and maintains fund balance sufficient to meet cash flow requirements and unforeseen needs.

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2008-09](#))

### ***FY 2009-10***

### Vote

**In 2009, Applewhite Voted Nay On The FY 2009-10 City Of Fayetteville Budget.** (City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/22/09)

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Meredith moved to adopt Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget Ordinance, Fee Schedule, Capital Project Ordinances 2010-1 through 2010-3, and Capital Project Amendments 2010-1 through 2010-8 with a tax rate of 45.6 cents tax rate.

**SECOND:** Council Member Hurst

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Council Member Bates moved to adopt Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget Ordinance, Fee Schedule, Capital Project Ordinances 2010-1 through 2010-3, and Capital Project Amendments 2010-1 through 2010-8 with a tax rate of 45.1 cents tax rate, and authorize the City Manager to remove up to and not to exceed \$1,000,000 for police pay out of the general reserves.

**SECOND:** Council Member Crisp

**VOTE:** FAILED by a vote of 2 in favor (Council Members Bates and Crisp) to 8 in opposition

**ORIGINAL MOTION VOTE:**

PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor to 4 in opposition (Council Members Evans, Applewhite, Bates, and Crisp)

(City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/22/09)

### General Fund

**The FY 2009-10 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$136,657,667 For The City's General Fund.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2009-10](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2008 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2009 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2009 Estimated</b>	<b>FY2010 Recommended</b>	<b>FY2010 Adopted</b>
City Attorney	973,700	1,093,122	1,053,324	1,088,164	1,076,690
City Manager	847,512	886,602	847,127	893,362	833,969
Community Development	436,880	1,273,631	774,973	1,418,798	1,193,365
Engineering & Infrastructure	12,324,798	10,030,915	13,018,306	11,455,529	11,015,401
Environmental Services	10,966,339	8,013,404	9,393,582	7,435,826	7,327,661
Finance	2,329,443	2,492,882	2,612,188	2,498,488	2,477,239
Fire	19,594,722	20,292,639	22,082,789	21,220,974	20,887,715
Human Relations	225,804	253,676	242,358	245,673	241,746
Human Resource Development	1,074,993	1,154,060	1,110,748	1,217,250	1,202,869
Information Technology	1,696,128	2,161,360	2,802,447	2,668,538	2,651,639
Inspections	2,647,814	2,905,332	2,868,014	2,823,036	2,784,560
Management Services	1,271,774	1,061,647	972,393	858,763	829,642
Mayor and Council	596,395	522,982	533,946	803,422	748,683
Other Appropriations					
Agencies	264,000	339,000	339,000	339,000	376,500
Transfers	7,312,501	8,860,248	11,609,634	5,729,859	5,643,190
Debt Management	4,650,115	5,604,864	4,504,233	6,198,523	6,198,523
Other	6,858,908	9,788,883	7,484,409	12,019,533	11,603,368
Parks, Recreation & Maintenance	14,275,367	15,394,643	15,948,441	15,356,691	15,209,364
Planning	695,471	846,543	917,217	812,968	734,549
Police	40,215,435	41,472,956	41,121,164	45,858,434	43,620,994
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$129,258,099</b>	<b>\$134,449,389</b>	<b>\$140,236,293</b>	<b>\$140,942,831</b>	<b>\$136,657,667</b>

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2009-10](#))**Police**

**The FY 2009-10 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$43,620,994 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2009-10](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2008 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2009 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2009 Estimated</b>	<b>FY2010 Recommended</b>	<b>FY2010 Adopted</b>
Police	40,215,435	41,472,956	41,121,164	45,858,434	43,620,994

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2009-10](#))**Fire**

**The FY 2009-10 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$20,887,715 For The City's Fire Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2009-10](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2008 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2009 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2009 Estimated</b>	<b>FY2010 Recommended</b>	<b>FY2010 Adopted</b>
Fire	19,594,722	20,292,639	22,082,789	21,220,974	20,887,715

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2009-10](#))

### **Millage**

**The FY 2009-10 City Of Fayetteville Budget Imposed A Millage Rate Of 4.75.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2009-10](#))

The property tax rate recommended for fiscal year 2009-2010 is 47 ½ cents. This tax rate represents a 5 ½ cent or a 10.4% reduction from the current fiscal year 2008-2009 tax rate of 53 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The recommended tax rate will fund significant police, fire, public transit and economic development initiatives. The additional revenues generated will be used to fund:

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2009-10](#))

### ***FY 2010-11***

### **Vote**

**In 2010, Applewhite Voted Yea On FY 2010-11 City Of Fayetteville Budget.** (City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/28/10)

- **Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget Ordinance, Fee Schedule, Fiscal Year 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Plan, Capital Project Ordinance 2011-1, and Capital Project Amendments 2011-1 through 2011-7.**

**ORIGINAL MOTION VOTE:**

**PASSED** by a vote of 7 in favor to 3 in opposition (Council Members Davy, Crisp, and Mohn)

(City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/28/10)

### **General Fund**

**The FY 2010-11 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$134,209,248 For The City's General Fund.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2010-11](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2011</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Adopted</b>
City Attorney	1,023,176	1,076,690	1,298,516	1,131,964	1,131,964
City Manager	781,149	833,969	860,721	883,524	883,524
Community Development	636,830	1,193,365	941,672	1,209,596	1,069,596
Development Services	3,526,739	3,519,109	3,575,971	3,667,814	3,774,490
Engineering & Infrastructure	10,519,965	11,015,401	13,575,206	10,428,935	10,428,935
Environmental Services	8,473,778	7,327,661	7,250,858	8,242,806	8,242,806
Finance	2,446,734	2,477,239	2,509,645	2,519,388	2,519,388
Fire	21,780,439	20,887,715	22,210,429	23,041,486	23,041,486
Human Relations	224,471	241,746	242,140	254,529	254,529
Human Resource Development	1,033,764	1,202,869	1,201,220	1,200,754	1,200,754
Information Technology	2,392,870	2,651,639	2,975,183	3,215,286	3,215,286
Management Services	895,080	829,642	774,290	767,605	741,805
Mayor and Council	451,702	748,683	731,675	538,317	538,317
Other Appropriations					
Agencies	339,000	376,500	376,500	307,375	307,375
Annexation Reimbursements	5,088,885	8,065,723	7,474,135	7,507,511	7,531,804
Debt Service for CIP Projects	4,591,752	6,198,523	4,581,206	5,406,353	5,406,353
Refunded Bonds	0	0	8,600,308	0	0
Transfers to Other Funds	12,668,555	5,643,190	6,950,183	5,437,014	5,437,014
Other	1,157,787	3,537,645	2,076,791	1,335,021	1,335,021
Parks, Recreation & Maintenance	14,692,698	15,209,364	15,659,224	15,230,649	15,230,649
Police	39,333,877	43,620,994	41,670,047	41,582,115	41,918,152
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$132,059,251</b>	<b>\$136,657,667</b>	<b>\$145,535,920</b>	<b>\$133,908,042</b>	<b>\$134,209,248</b>

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2010-11](#))**Police**

**The FY 2010-11 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$41,918,152 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2010-11](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2011</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Adopted</b>
Police	39,333,877	43,620,994	41,670,047	41,582,115	41,918,152

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2010-11](#))**Fire**

**The FY 2010-11 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$23,041,486 For The City's Fire Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2010-11](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2011</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Adopted</b>
Fire	21,780,439	20,887,715	22,210,429	23,041,486	23,041,486

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2010-11](#))

**Millage**

**The FY 2010-11 City Of Fayetteville Budget Imposed A Millage Rate Of 45.6.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2010-11](#))

The recommended tax rate for fiscal year 2011 is 45.6 cents per 100 dollars of property valuation, with total taxable values estimated to be \$12,831,233,808 and collection rates estimated at 99.46 percent for real and personal property and 80.63 percent for motor vehicles.

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2010-11](#))

***FY 2011-12***

**Vote**

**In 2011, Applewhite Voted Yea On FY 2011-12 City Of Fayetteville Budget.** (City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/13/11)

**MOTION:** Council Member Crisp moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule, Fiscal Year 2012-2016 Capital Improvement and Information Technology Plans, Capital Project Ordinances 2012-1 through 2012-8, and Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance Amendment 2012-1.

**SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Haire

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Mohn)

(City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/13/11)

**General Fund**

**The FY 2011-12 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$139,009,028 For The City's General Fund.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2011-12](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2012</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Adopted</b>
City Attorney	1,153,909	918,036	978,838	981,028	981,028
City Manager	854,835	883,524	881,464	863,179	863,179
Community Development	759,032	1,069,596	1,504,615	1,390,366	1,390,366
Development Services	3,195,374	3,774,490	3,961,989	3,814,234	3,814,234
Engineering & Infrastructure	13,341,085	10,642,863	10,801,898	12,404,537	12,404,537
Environmental Services	7,163,761	8,242,806	10,185,498	8,373,860	8,373,860
Finance	2,398,112	2,519,388	2,506,460	2,484,466	2,484,466
Fire	22,114,843	23,041,486	23,290,174	23,718,627	23,718,627
Human Relations	229,986	254,529	252,706	242,044	242,044
Human Resource Development	1,094,528	1,200,754	1,190,949	1,244,544	1,244,544
Information Technology	2,604,324	3,215,286	3,347,724	3,003,080	3,003,080
Management Services	659,459	741,805	740,350	702,171	702,171
Mayor and Council	668,527	538,317	536,798	804,888	804,888
Other Appropriations					
Agencies	376,500	307,375	376,500	307,375	307,375
Annexation Reimbursements	7,199,231	7,531,804	7,306,112	6,813,185	6,813,185
Debt Service for CIP Projects	4,420,696	5,406,353	5,390,194	6,378,983	6,378,983
Refunded Bonds	8,731,321	0	0	0	0
Lease Payment to COFFC	3,535,342	1,449,475	1,450,010	1,414,250	1,414,250
Transfers to Other Funds	4,288,525	3,987,539	5,601,426	4,540,825	4,540,825
Other	1,021,384	1,335,021	1,162,281	1,278,614	1,361,614
Parks, Recreation & Maintenance	14,265,690	15,230,649	15,709,265	16,818,678	16,818,678
Police	39,342,920	41,918,152	41,847,683	41,227,094	41,347,094
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$139,419,384</b>	<b>\$134,209,248</b>	<b>\$139,022,934</b>	<b>\$138,806,028</b>	<b>\$139,009,028</b>

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2011-12](#))**Police**

**The FY 2011-12 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$41,347,094 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2011-12](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2012</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Adopted</b>
Police	39,342,920	41,918,152	41,847,683	41,227,094	41,347,094

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2011-12](#))**Fire**

**The FY 2011-12 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$23,718,627 For The City's Fire Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2011-12](#))



<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2010 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2011 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2011 Estimated</b>	<b>FY2012 Recommended</b>	<b>FY2012 Adopted</b>
Fire	22,114,843	23,041,486	23,290,174	23,718,627	23,718,627

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2011-12](#))

### **Millage**

**The FY 2011-12 City Of Fayetteville Budget Imposed A Millage Rate Of 4.56.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2011-12](#))

Municipal budgets are tools that help create and sustain the quality of life for a community. More than simply an exercise in governmental accounting, successful budgeting strives to provide resources for what is needed, what is desired, and what the future may bring. The enclosed \$179,546,327 balanced budget addresses all of those areas while maintaining the property tax rate at 45.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value. It is worthy to note that the City of Fayetteville has not increased the ad valorem tax rate since FY 2001 and, in fact, reduced the tax rate by 7.4 cents in June of 2009.

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2011-12](#))

### ***FY 2012-13***

### **Vote**

**In 2012, Applewhite Voted Nay On FY 2012-13 City Of Fayetteville Budget.** (City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/11/12)

**MOTION:** Council Member Bates moved to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule, Fiscal Year 2013-2017 Capital Improvement and Information Technology Plans, Capital Project Ordinances 2013-1 through 2013-13 and Capital Project Ordinance Amendments 2013-1 through 2013-12.

**SECOND:** Council Member Massey

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor and 1 in opposition (Council Member Applewhite)

(City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/11/12)

### **General Fund**

**The FY 2012-13 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$144,971,623 For The City's General Fund.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2012-13](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2013</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Adopted</b>
City Attorney	992,618	981,028	1,006,133	1,008,373	1,008,373
City Manager	878,040	863,179	1,134,200	890,272	890,272
Community Development	1,367,820	1,390,366	1,477,824	1,419,402	1,419,402
Development Services	3,522,904	3,814,234	3,972,741	4,290,398	4,287,898
Engineering & Infrastructure	10,160,861	12,404,537	12,631,374	11,022,966	11,147,966
Environmental Services	10,191,628	8,373,860	9,390,674	8,093,074	7,915,583
Finance	2,413,391	2,484,466	2,432,702	2,564,823	2,564,823
Fire	22,860,099	23,718,627	23,726,596	24,846,979	24,558,152
Human Relations	228,524	242,044	274,972	249,642	249,642
Human Resource Development	1,125,206	1,244,544	1,315,909	1,151,314	1,151,314
Information Technology	3,110,069	3,003,080	3,162,355	4,202,706	4,202,706
Management Services	603,323	702,171	816,281	800,210	800,210
Mayor and Council	472,131	804,888	754,312	552,729	552,729
Other Appropriations					
Agencies	376,500	307,375	307,375	312,875	312,875
Annexation Reimbursements	7,306,075	6,813,185	7,626,117	8,026,962	7,905,848
Compensation Funding Reserve	0	0	0	700,000	700,000
Debt Service for CIP Projects	5,200,067	6,378,983	6,197,052	6,203,842	6,203,842
Lease Payment to COFFC	1,449,979	1,414,250	1,413,750	816,750	816,750
Transfers to Other Funds	5,686,621	4,540,825	4,880,339	7,450,496	6,799,977
Other	1,331,090	1,361,614	1,411,303	1,399,254	1,499,254
Parks, Recreation & Maintenance	14,450,395	16,818,678	17,310,589	16,623,162	16,722,755
Police	41,080,295	41,347,094	42,573,787	42,378,697	43,261,252
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$134,807,636</b>	<b>\$139,009,028</b>	<b>\$143,816,385</b>	<b>\$145,004,926</b>	<b>\$144,971,623</b>

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2012-13](#))**Police**

**The FY 2012-13 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$43,261,252 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2012-13](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2013</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Adopted</b>
Police	41,080,295	41,347,094	42,573,787	42,378,697	43,261,252

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2012-13](#))**Fire**

**The FY 2012-13 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$24,558,152 For The City's Fire Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2012-13](#))

Expenditures	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Budget	FY 2012 Estimated	FY2013 Recommended	FY2013 Adopted
Fire	22,860,099	23,718,627	23,726,596	24,846,979	24,558,152

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2012-13](#))

### **Millage**

**The FY 2012-13 City Of Fayetteville Budget Imposed A Millage Rate Of 4.56.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2012-13](#))

The adopted tax rate for fiscal year 2013 is 45.6 cents per 100 dollars of property valuation, with total taxable values estimated to be \$13,415,084,728 and collection rates estimated at 99.13 percent for real and personal property and 81.53 percent for motor vehicles. These estimates do not include \$225,330,340 in taxable value from the Gates Four area which was deannexed by the State of North Carolina effective June 30, 2012.

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2012-13](#))

### ***FY 2013-14***

### **Vote**

**In 2013, Applewhite Voted Yea On FY 2013-14 City Of Fayetteville Budget.** (City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/24/13)

**MOTION:** Council Member Hurst moved to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule, Fiscal Year 2014-2018 Capital Improvement and Information Technology Plans, Capital Project Ordinances 2014-1 through 2014-10 and Capital Project Ordinance Amendments 2014-1 through 2014-16.

**SECOND:** Council Member Bates

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition (Mayor Pro Tem Arp)

(City Of Fayetteville, [City Council](#), 6/24/13)

### **General Fund**

**The FY 2013-14 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$150,614,725 For The City's General Fund.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2013-14](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Adopted</b>
City Attorney	1,052,238	1,008,373	1,074,778	1,155,395	1,154,285
City Manager	1,090,065	890,272	983,206	1,422,616	1,420,357
Community Development	1,097,438	1,419,402	1,974,878	2,212,412	1,211,954
Corporate Communications	691,328	800,210	872,708	865,198	948,868
Development Services	3,414,881	4,287,898	4,408,256	4,094,899	4,395,222
Engineering & Infrastructure	11,866,242	11,147,966	11,511,365	12,161,346	11,113,557
Environmental Services	8,618,276	7,915,583	8,599,273	0	0
Finance	2,377,648	2,564,823	2,560,373	2,916,118	2,756,236
Fire	23,493,633	24,558,152	24,789,067	24,932,342	24,823,433
Human Relations	248,774	249,642	265,284	268,665	287,665
Human Resource Development	1,290,119	1,151,314	1,082,635	1,180,134	1,201,899
Information Technology	2,853,368	4,202,706	4,675,534	5,573,827	5,640,118
Mayor, Council and City Clerk	663,137	552,729	576,118	923,896	945,671
Other Appropriations					
Agencies	307,375	312,875	312,875	312,875	312,875
Annexation Reimbursements	7,501,403	7,905,848	7,703,113	7,877,783	7,877,783
Compensation Funding Reserve	0	700,000	0	0	0
Debt Service for CIP Projects	6,180,822	6,203,842	6,572,037	6,564,679	6,564,679
Lease Payment to COFFC	1,413,492	816,750	816,510	806,750	806,750
Transfers to Other Funds	4,251,466	6,799,977	8,638,329	14,584,462	14,671,568
Other	1,217,776	1,499,254	1,365,674	1,640,392	1,640,328
Parks, Recreation & Maintenance	16,291,938	16,722,755	17,471,899	17,962,336	17,898,702
Police	41,274,110	43,261,252	43,574,692	45,118,950	44,942,775
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$137,195,529</b>	<b>\$144,971,623</b>	<b>\$149,828,604</b>	<b>\$152,575,075</b>	<b>\$150,614,725</b>

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2013-14](#))**Police**

**The FY 2013-14 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$44,942,775 For The City's Police Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2013-14](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Adopted</b>
Police	41,274,110	43,261,252	43,574,692	45,118,950	44,942,775

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2013-14](#))**Fire**

**The FY 2013-14 City Of Fayetteville Budget Appropriated \$24,823,433 For The City's Fire Department.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2013-14](#))

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Adopted</b>
Fire	23,493,633	24,558,152	24,789,067	24,932,342	24,823,433

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2013-14](#))

### **Millage**

**The FY 2013-14 City Of Fayetteville Budget Imposed A Millage Rate Of 4.56.** (City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2013-14](#))

The base budget will be developed utilizing the existing property tax rate of \$.456 per \$100 of assessed valuation

(City Of Fayetteville, [FY 2013-14](#))

### ***Taxes & Fees***

#### **Equipment**

**In March 2009, Applewhite Voted Yea To Approve The Consent Agenda, Which Contained A Resolution “Levying A Tax On Gross Receipts Derived From The Retail Short-Term Lease Or Rental Of Heavy Equipment”.** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 3/9/09)

#### **3. CONSENT**

Council Member Bates requested Item 3.I. pulled.

Council Member Mohn requested Item 3.H. and Item 3.K. pulled.

**MOTION: Council Member Massey moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 3.I., Item 3.H. and Item 3.K.**

**SECOND:** Council Member Meredith

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)**

The following items were approved:

**G. Adopt a Resolution Levying a Tax on Gross Receipts Derived From the Retail Short-Term Lease or Rental of Heavy Equipment**

**RESOLUTION LEVYING A TAX GROSS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM RETAIL SHORT-TERM LEASE OR RENTAL OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT. RESOLUTION NO. R2009-017**

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 3/9/09)

#### **Bus Fare**

**In April 2008, Applewhite Voted Yea To Approve A Motion To “Increase The Fixed Route Fare To \$1.50, Increase The ADA Fare To \$2.50, And Add \$5.00 To The Motor Vehicle License Tax,” Which Would Add An Estimated \$89,267 In Revenue.** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/7/08)

**MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to increase the fixed route fare to \$1.50, increase the ADA fare to \$2.50, and add \$5.00 to the motor vehicle license tax**

**SECOND: Council Member Applewhite**

**VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor (Council Members Haire, Applewhite, Massey, Evans, Hurst and Chavonne) to 4 in opposition (Council Members Mohn, Bates, Meredith and Crisp)**

Discussion ensued regarding the Triangle Transit Authority's 5% vehicle gross receipts tax.



(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/7/08)

### 3. DISCUSSION OF TRANSIT REVENUES

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(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/7/08)

### Recycling

**In January 2008, Applewhite Voted Yea On A Motion To “Authorize The Curbside Recycling Fee Of \$42 Per Each Single-Family Household For FY 2009.”** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 1/28/08)

## 4. CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of events leading up to the recommended curbside recycling program and outlined the main components of the program as follows: 1) weekly single-stream curbside recycling; 2) using 35-gallon rollout recycling carts; 3) with an initial annual fee of \$42 per household; and 4) with service to begin in July 2008. Mr. Hewett clarified materials that could be recycled, reviewed educational and marketing plans for the recommended program, and reviewed items requiring Council action.

**A. Authorize the curbside recycling fee of \$42 per each single-family household for FY 2009. The fee will be billed on the property owner’s tax bill each year.**

**MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to authorize the curbside recycling fee of \$42 for each single-family household for FY 2009.**

**SECOND:** Council Member Bates

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)**

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 1/28/08)

### Taxis

**In April 2008, Applewhite Voted Yea To Approve The Consent Agenda, Which Included An “Increase For Taxi Fares”.** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/14/08)

**3. CONSENT:**

Council Member Hurst requested Item 3.G. pulled for discussion.

**MOTION:** Council Member Meredith moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 3.G.

**SECOND:** Council Member Crisp

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The following items were approved:

**CITY WITH A SUCCESSOR REMARKETING AGENT. RESOLUTION NO. R2008-026**

**D. Proposed Increase for Taxi Fares**

**E. Bid Recommendation - Purchase of Network Equipment for Core Switch**

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/14/08)

**In April 2011, Applewhite Voted To Approve A Motion To “Approve The Fare Rate Increase” For Taxi Cabs Anywhere From 5 To 20 Percent.** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/26/11)

**8.6 Taxicab fare rate increase.**

Mr. Bart Swanson, Housing and Code Enforcement Division Manager, presented this item and provided background information. He stated the last taxi rate increase was April 28, 2008. He stated a representative of the Fayetteville taxicab franchises submitted a written request to the

City Council for a fare increase as follows:

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Drop Fee	\$2.00	\$2.10
Per Mile Fee	\$2.10	\$2.40
Per Hour Wait Time Fee	\$15.00	\$18.00

He stated Council directed staff to conduct a survey and 47 licensed taxi franchise operators received the survey. He stated 30 operators responded with 26 of those in favor of the proposed increase. He stated the Taxi Review Board heard testimony related to the proposed increase and voted in favor. He stated a survey was also conducted with other North Carolina cities.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time. The public hearing was opened.

Mr. Joseph Robinson, 890 Santiato Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28314, appeared in favor and expressed concern regarding the increase in costs for insurance, vehicle maintenance, and gas.

Mr. Darcy Neil Perry, 331 Jesse Road, Broadway, NC 27505, appeared in favor and expressed concern regarding the increase in gas cost.

Mr. Randall B. Revis, 7130 Hypony Trail, Parkton, NC 28371, appeared in favor and expressed concern regarding the increase in gas cost.

There being no one further to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Council Member Bates moved to approve the fare rate increase.

**SECOND:** Council Member Applewhite

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/26/11)



### Motor Vehicle Taxes

**In April 2008, Applewhite Voted Nay On A Motion To “Deny The \$5.00 Additional Motor Vehicle License Tax.”** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/7/08)

**MOTION:** Council Member Bates moved to deny the \$5.00 additional motor vehicle license tax.

**SECOND:** Council Member Crisp

Discussion ensued.

**VOTE:** FAILED by a vote of 5 in favor (Council Members Bates, Crisp, Hurst, Mohn and Meredith) to 5 in opposition (Council Members Chavonne, Evans, Massey, Haire and Applewhite)

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/7/08)

**In April 2008 Applewhite Voted Yea To Approve A Motion To “Add \$5.00 To The Motor Vehicle License Tax,” Which Would Add An Estimated \$543,000 In Revenue.** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/7/08)

**MOTION:** Council Member Haire moved to increase the fixed route fare to \$1.50, increase the ADA fare to \$2.50, and add \$5.00 to the motor vehicle license tax

**SECOND:** Council Member Applewhite

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor (Council Members Haire, Applewhite, Massey, Evans, Hurst and Chavonne) to 4 in opposition (Council Members Mohn, Bates, Meredith and Crisp)

Discussion ensued regarding the Triangle Transit Authority's 5% vehicle gross receipts tax.

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/7/08)

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(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/7/08)

### Sales Tax

**In April 2008, Applewhite Voted Yea To Approve A Motion, Which Would “Consider” The Adoption Of A Resolution “In Support Of The Sales Tax Increase And Reduction Of Property Taxes”.** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/28/08)

**4. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SALES TAX INCREASE AND REDUCTION OF PROPERTY TAXES**

Mr. Iman stated the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners is requesting City Council consider the adoption of a resolution in support of the sales tax increase, which will appear on the May 2008 ballot. In response to a question posed by Mayor Chavonne, Mr. Iman stated his understanding was that all other municipalities in Cumberland County had adopted a resolution of support. A brief discussion followed.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOCAL OPTION QUARTER CENT SALES TAX. RESOLUTION NO: R2008-030**

**MOTION:** Mayor Chavonne moved to approve and adopt the resolution.

**SECOND:** Council Member Applewhite

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 7 in favor to 3 in opposition (Council Members Evans, Haire and Crisp)

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/28/08)

***Notable Legislative Maneuvers***

**Israel**

**In October 2012, Applewhite Voted Nay On A Motion To Approve A “Resolution Of City Council Of The City Of Fayetteville Sister City Dimona, Israel.”** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 10/8/12)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE SISTER CITY DIMONA, ISRAEL. RESOLUTION NO. R R2012-040.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Davy moved to adopt the resolution approving the candidacy of Dimona, Israel, as a sister city.

**SECOND:** Council Member Hurst

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor to 2 in opposition (Council Members Applewhite and Bates)

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 10/8/12)

**Opposition To HB 773**

**In May 2013, Applewhite Voted Yea On A Motion To Adopt A “Resolution Of The City Council Opposing House Bill 773.”** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 5/28/13)

**5.2 Adoption of a resolution of the City Council opposing House Bill 773.**

This item was pulled by Council Member Fowler. He stated he was not in agreement with the Rental Action Management Program (RAMP) as it treated property owners that rent out their properties differently from property owners that reside in their homes.

Council Member Crisp stated there were mechanisms in place that addressed resident home owners that do not comply with the Code, and stated he did not see a disparity.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 773. RESOLUTION NO. R2013-023.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Davy moved to adopt the resolution opposing House Bill 773.

**SECOND:** Council Member Hurst

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Fowler)

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 5/28/13)

**House Bill 773 Would Limit A Local Government's Ability To Target No "Greater Than One Square Mile Or Five Percent Of The Area Within The Corporate Limits Of The City," For Inspecting "Blighted Or Potentially Blighted Conditions" Within The City.** (North Carolina General Assembly, [HB 773](#), 5/13/13)

- NOTE: "A city may require periodic inspections as part of a targeted effort to respond to blighted or potentially blighted conditions within a geographic area that has been designated by the city council. However, the total aggregate of targeted areas in the county shall not be greater than one square mile or five percent (5%) of the area within the corporate limits of the city, whichever is greater. The targeted area designated by the city shall reflect the city's stated neighborhood revitalization strategy and address significant levels of disrepair. The municipality city shall not discriminate in its selection of areas or housing types to be targeted and shall provide notice to all owners and residents of properties in the affected area about the periodic inspections plan and information regarding a public hearing regarding the plan; hold a public hearing regarding the plan; and establish a plan to address the ability of low-income residential property owners to comply with minimum housing code standards." (North Carolina General Assembly, [HB 773](#), 5/13/13)

**Opposition Of SB 1004 & HB 1252 (Level Playing Field Act)**

**In April 2009, Applewhite Voted Yea On A Motion To Adopt A "Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 1004 And House Bill 1252".** (City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/27/09)

## 2.Q. Consider Adoption of Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 1004 and House Bill 1252

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA AGAINST SENATE BILL 1004 AND HOUSE BILL 1252 (LEVEL PLAYING FIELD ACT). RESOLUTION NO. R2009-028**

Dale E. Iman, City Manager, explained both bills had been introduced and would put prohibitive requirements on municipalities were they to seek to offer broadband services to their residents, particularly in underserved areas. Mr. Iman further explained the bills would prohibit municipalities from receiving stimulus funds to develop rural communication infrastructure. Mr. Iman responded to questions and further explained the significance of the resolution under consideration. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Council Member Meredith moved to adopt the resolution opposing Senate Bill 1004 and House Bill 1252.

**SECOND:** Council Member Crisp

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 2 in opposition (Council Members Bates and Mohn)

(City Of Fayetteville, [Meeting Minutes](#), 4/27/09)

**Senate Bill 1004 & House Bill 1252 Would Require Local Governments That “Provide Communication Services” To “Comply With Laws Applicable To Private Providers”.** (North Carolina General Assembly, [SB 1004/HB 1252](#), 4/8/09)

- NOTE: “An act to regulate competition between local government and private business by requiring cities that provide communications services to the public to comply with laws applicable to private providers, to establish separate enterprise funds, to not cross-subsidize communications service with other governmental funds, to impute the costs that would be incurred by private providers, to annually remit to the city's general fund the costs that would be incurred by private providers, and to prepare an annual audit of competitive activities.” (North Carolina General Assembly, [SB 1004/HB 1252](#), 4/8/09)

## EDUCATION

### *Overall*

**Applewhite: “. I Would Work With Gov. Cooper To Achieve Goals Similar To The Ones He Fought For During The Last Round Of Budget Negotiations. Those Goals Included A 10% Pay Raise For Teachers, Restoring Master's Pay Compensation And Fully Funding The First Two Years Of The Leandro Plan.”** “What are the most important issues impacting K-12 education in our state? How would you address these issues? The problem with public education in North Carolina is that our schools are underfunded and our teachers are underpaid. The ongoing Leandro case has repeatedly made it clear that as a state we aren't meeting our students' rights to a quality public education, and we must do more. I would work with Gov. Cooper to achieve goals similar to the ones he fought for during the last round of budget negotiations. Those goals included a 10% pay raise for teachers, restoring Master's pay compensation and fully funding the first two years of the Leandro plan. Unfortunately, during the last round of budget negotiations my opponent sided with Republicans and voted for a budget

that fell drastically short of these goals, breaking with Gov. Cooper in exchange for pork spending and projects.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/27/22)

## HEALTHCARE

### *Medicaid*

#### Expansion

**Applewhite: “I Strongly Support Medicaid Expansion.”** “Do you favor Medicaid expansion? Why or why not? If you do, what steps would you take to make it happen? I strongly support Medicaid expansion. The pandemic has brought the racial disparities in health care to the forefront. Expanding Medicaid would give health care to more than 500,000 North Carolinians and significantly expand health care access in Black and brown communities. I would stand with Gov. Cooper to make it a priority in the next round of budget negotiations and would not vote for any budget that did not include full Medicaid Expansion.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/27/22)

**“Val Applewhite, The Southeastern Organizer For Democracy North Carolina, Said During The Press Conference That Her Group Is Proud To Stand With The NAACP”; Applewhite Indicated Her Support For The NAACP’s Efforts To Fight FOR Medicaid Expansion.** “About 15 people attending the press conference held signs that said, "Health care," "Voter protections," "Stand for love and justice," and "Stand against Hate Bill 2." Val Applewhite, the southeastern organizer for Democracy North Carolina, said during the press conference that her group is proud to stand with the NAACP. "Every day is a good day to fight for health care, isn't it?" she said. "Every day is a good day to fight for voting rights, isn't it?" Jimmy Buxton, the president of the Fayetteville branch of the NAACP, said after the press conference that he is concerned about the General Assembly dismantling the authority of Gov. Roy Cooper. He said he doesn't like that the state has not expanded Medicaid to people who need it.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 1/31/17)

- **Roy Cooper’s Democratic Strategist Noted Applewhite Would Be An Advocate For Medicaid Expansion.** “Morgan Jackson, a Democratic strategist to Cooper, said the endorsement for Applewhite came because it "is critically important that we have strong Democratic senators in Raleigh who are focused on expanding Medicaid and strengthening our public schools." "Val Applewhite will be a champion for both. That's why she has Gov. Cooper's strong support," Jackson told The N&O. He said that with Applewhite in the Senate, "we have a much better chance to expand Medicaid and invest in our public schools than we do right now." Medicaid expansion is the subject of a legislative study committee and a possible vote on expansion is expected later this year. Newly elected lawmakers would take office in 2023.” (*News & Record*, 3/10/22)



## LAW AND ORDER

### *Law Enforcement*

#### Stop And Frisk

**In 2020, Applewhite Declined To Appear With Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg Amid His Previous Support For Stop And Frisk Policies.** “Some Democrats have been critical of Bloomberg because when he was the mayor of New York he had a "stop-and-frisk" policy. Police stopped people on the street and searched them without a warrant or other specific cause that could be legally justified. The policy was used heavily on minorities and eventually found to be unconstitutional. Prominent Fayetteville Democrat Val Applewhite was to appear with Bloomberg during his visit on Jan. 3, but she canceled. On Facebook this month, Applewhite said the stop-and-frisk issue was one reason she changed her mind. Bloomberg has apologized for the policy, The New York Times reported.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 1/20/20)

#### Miscellaneous

**In January 2012, Applewhite Voted Against A Measure Suspending Police Consent Searches During Traffic Stops.** “Starting this week, Fayetteville police can't ask drivers for consent to search them, their passengers or their vehicles during a traffic stop until an independent review is completed. The Fayetteville City Council voted 8-2 on Monday night to impose the moratorium until members of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives complete a review into the controversial practice. The lead consultant for the review will be Jimmy L. Wilson, a retired Washington, D.C., deputy police chief. Wilson is expected to begin his work today by visiting the Police Department, City Manager Dale Iman said. His team will join him Wednesday, Iman said. The review, along with a final report and future presentation to the council, is expected to take less than two months, Iman said. The contract with the organization will cost the city about \$30,000. Iman said the team's review will include interviews with local residents and elected officials and an analysis of traffic-stop data. The moratorium is to last four months -- or until the review is done. During the moratorium, 53 additional patrol cars will be equipped with cameras. Iman said the camera installations would be done by early March. Voting for the moratorium were Mayor Tony Chavonne, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Arp, Kady-Ann Davy, Robert Massey, D.J. Haire, Bobby Hurst, Bill Crisp and Wade Fowler. Voting against the moratorium were Keith Bates and Val Applewhite.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 1/24/12)

**In 2015, “In Another Robertson Mailer That Went To Some Voters Friday, He Said Crime Increased Every Year While Applewhite Was On The Council, And He Said She Voted Against A City Budget In 2009 That Would Have Used Grant Money To Hire More Police Officers.”** “He narrowly defeated her two years ago in an open mayoral seat. Their rematch is Tuesday, when the polls are open. His advertising mailer is the first this season to criticize a candidate. Robertson mailed several pieces to voters, ahead of the Oct. 3 primary, that stuck to positive themes. In another Robertson mailer that went to some voters Friday, he said crime increased every year while Applewhite was on the council, and he said she voted against a city budget in 2009 that would have used grant money to hire more police officers. Applewhite has

said she opposed the budget that year because of its inequality over city employee pay raises. Applewhite, who has limited campaign dollars, said she is not using any election mailers.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/30/15)

### ***Miscellaneous***

#### **Peddlers**

**In June 2008, Applewhite Was The Only Fayetteville Councilmember To Vote Against A Tentative Ban On Roadside Peddlers.** “The city of Fayetteville is one step closer to shutting down roadside peddlers, which some see as a growing and unscrupulous blight along major thoroughfares. Most of the City Council said Wednesday they wanted to ban commercial peddlers, except those selling seasonal goods such as fireworks or produce. The ban would not apply to nonprofit groups, such as churches and the Salvation Army, or vendors who sell prepared food at kiosks. The council directed city staff to finish drafting an ordinance that could be presented as soon as next month. Whether a public hearing will be held before the vote has not been announced yet. Roadside vendors are currently legal. There are 168 traveling peddlers with city licenses, plus six itinerant merchants who pay small fees to hawk their wares. Many set up along major roads on weekends when enforcement is lax, officials said. Councilman D.J. Haire said some business owners say peddlers appear near their stores with lower-priced -- and sometimes worthless -- goods. “It makes it difficult for them,” he said. Assistant City Manager Doug Hewett said he was presenting the proposed ban Wednesday after some shopkeepers and residents have complained to city officials about the vendors. Councilman Charles Evans asked Hewett if the city derives any benefits from roadside vendors. Hewett said that given their proliferation, their unattractiveness and the complaints they have generated, no. “I would say we don’t enjoy any benefits from them,” Hewett said. With a show of hands, the council voted 9-1 to tentatively approve the concept of a ban and ask for a final vote at a later council meeting. Councilwoman Val Applewhite cast the only dissenting vote.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 6/19/08)

#### **Drug Addiction Counseling**

**In March 2010, Applewhite Was Among 7 Fayetteville Councilmembers To Vote Against A Rezoning Request To Allow A Church To Expand Its Counseling Program For Drug Addicts And Alcoholics.** “A western Fayetteville church will not be allowed to expand its counseling program for drug addicts and alcoholics. Jesus' Peace Ministries wanted to operate Multicultural Resources Center Inc. -- a for-profit corporation formed in December by church officials -- in its old sanctuary on the church campus. The church opened in 1997 on the edge of Lake Rim Estates, which is off Rim Road. It built a larger sanctuary last year. Church officials needed to rezone the land from an agricultural-residential district to a commercial one with conditions before the for-profit company could operate there. The new district would have been limited only to a substance abuse treatment center during normal business hours, according to a revised request the church presented Monday before the Fayetteville City Council. The council voted 7-3 to deny the request and, in effect, prevent the for-profit drug treatment program from operating on the ground property. Voting to deny the request were Mayor Tony Chavonne, Keith Bates, Bobby Hurst, Bill Crisp, Val Applewhite, Ted Mohn and Wesley Meredith. Voting in



favor were Mayor Pro Tem D.J. Haire, Robert Massey and Kady-Ann Davy.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 3/23/10)

## IMMIGRATION

### *Miscellaneous*

**“It Was Her Idea To Have The City Expand Its Policy For Providing Public Documents And Other Information To Spanish Speakers.”** “It was her idea to have the city expand its policy for providing public documents and other information to Spanish speakers. She said she is proud of her efforts, along with other council members who represent the annexed areas, of working to add streetlights and sidewalks to some thoroughfares and expanding bus service.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/3/13)

## SOCIAL ISSUES

### *Abortion*

**In June 2022, Applewhite Posted On Facebook Expressing Her Opposition To The Supreme Court Ruling Overturning Roe V. Wade.** (Applewhite Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/22)



(Applewhite Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/22)

### *Race*

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### **Black Lives Matter**

**Applewhite: “Movements Like Black Lives Matter Have Made It Crystal Clear We Still Have Work To Do To Eliminate Unnecessary Use Of Force And Make It Easier For The Public To Hold Bad Actors In The Police Department Accountable.”** ‘Is law enforcement reform, especially in terms of use of force, still an issue? If you think so, what steps does the state need to take going forward to pursue reform? Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to keep us safe, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. Keeping our communities safe must continue to be a top priority. At both the state and local level we should ensure our law enforcement have the resources they need. At the same time, movements like Black Lives Matter have made it crystal clear we still have work to do to eliminate unnecessary use of force and make it easier for the public to hold bad actors in the police department accountable. We need to add more mental health professionals as first responders so citizens experiencing mental health episodes are met with help rather than force. We need to expand access to body camera footage and make it much easier to suspend and/or fire officers with a record of misconduct.’ (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/27/22)

### **Civil War**

**In 2019, Applewhite Indicated Her Opposition To A Proposed Civil War History Museum In Fayetteville.** “Colvin said a growing number of black people in the community are expressing concerns about the project, as the war and the issue of slavery is a sore subject with many. He said he no longer supports the project, which could cost between \$65 million and \$80 million. The city and county have agreed to pitch in \$7.5 million each toward the project, but Colvin said that agreement has expired and a new vote by the council will be required. Colvin said several council members he has spoken with are reviewing their stance on the project. "If a vote was taken again (on city funding) like it will need to be to make it legal I'm not sure it will pass," he said. Colvin said the \$7.5 million the city would have to invest in the project could be put to better use on more pressing needs than the proposed North Carolina Civil War & Reconstruction History Center on Branson Street. Three residents at Monday night's council meeting held up signs to express their opposition to the project, with one saying: "Build it so we can burn it down." Former City Councilwoman Val Applewhite made her opposition known during the public comment period of the meeting. Applewhite said that an advocacy organization she is

involved with, Advance Carolina, is holding a public meeting on the museum project later this month. She invited the council to attend, and asked that each member give a direct "yes" or "no" answer whether they support the project. "No spin. I know the political spin. I've played that game before," she said. Applewhite said Tuesday that she is learning through social media that there is a growing number of black people in the community who don't want the museum. "The Market House is already painful enough for African-Americans. We've not yet even resolved the issue as to whether or not slaves were sold there," Applewhite said. But there are black people in the community who support the project. Among them: Former Fayetteville State University Chancellor James Anderson." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 9/10/19)

## POLITICAL

### *Ethics*

#### Ethics Commission

**In September 2008, Applewhite Was Among 4 Fayetteville City Councilmembers To Vote Against Proceeding With An Ethics Commission To Investigate The So-Called Ticketgate Scandal Involving A Friend Of Mayor Tony Chavonne.** 'Fayetteville City Council members have clarified how they voted Tuesday for a planned ethics commission to investigate Ticketgate. The 6-4 vote was unclear after the meeting, but The Fayetteville Observer clarified the count by interviewing council members this week and reviewing city clerk Candice White's notes. It was clear after the vote that the motion passed, but Mayor Tony Chavonne said his tally wasn't certain. The ethics panel issue arose after a friend of Mayor Tony Chavonne's was involved in a three-car wreck Oct. 25. Her traffic citation was voided. Tuesday, Councilman D.J. Haire made a motion to proceed with the formation of the ethics commission, which is expected to be ready by early next year. The motion also asked the panel to investigate the conduct of top officials, including the mayor, who became involved after the wreck. Voting for his motion were Haire, Chavonne, Keith Bates, Charles Evans, Bobby Hurst and Ted Mohn. Voting against the motion were Mayor Pro Tem Wesley Meredith, Robert Massey, Bill Crisp and Val Applewhite. The ethics panel, which Chavonne first broached in January, is expected to issue advisory rulings on inquiries and complaints into ethical governmental matters." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 9/4/08)

**"Councilwoman Val Applewhite, Who Only Recently Embraced The Concept Of An Ethics Commission, Said Tuesday She Would Not Support It If The City Has To Hire A New Employee."** (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/26/08)

**In September 2009, Applewhite Gave Final Approval To Establish An Ethics Commission.** "Fayetteville ethics panel that will give advice on moral dilemmas and investigate complaints of misconduct is scheduled to get started early next year. The City Council voted 7-2 on Monday to form the Fayetteville Ethics Commission -- a panel of five volunteers that will be given authority to hold hearings into ethical lapses and issue civil penalties up to \$1,000. City Attorney Karen McDonald, who studied the new commission's bylaws, said she believes no other local board like it exists in North Carolina. The vote Monday was a victory for Mayor Tony Chavonne, who had spearheaded the effort since the 2007 controversy over a traffic ticket -- dubbed "Ticketgate" -- called into question the judgment of top city officials including the mayor. But concerns this

year about an ethics commission's complexity and costs nearly derailed the concept. "It's much more watered down than the previous version," Councilman Ted Mohn said Monday. Voting for the commission were the mayor, Mohn, Keith Bates, D.J. Haire, Bobby Hurst, Val Applewhite and Wesley Meredith." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 9/29/09)

### **Transparency**

**In April 2010, Applewhite Was The Only Fayetteville City Councilmember To Vote Against Keeping All Budget Meetings Open To The Public.** "All city budget meetings this spring will be open to the public, the Fayetteville City Council decided Monday. City Manager Dale Iman had wanted to meet privately with small groups of council members for some of the meetings while holding the rest of the sessions in larger, public settings. But the council voted to keep everything open. The calendar of meetings will run from April 21 to June 14, when the council may be ready to adopt a budget. The new fiscal year starts July 1. A public hearing will be May 24. Iman has warned the council that it will have to entertain potentially deep and controversial cuts or raise taxes. The recession has hurt city revenue, and Iman has projected a \$4.8 million budget shortfall this year. The council last year adopted a \$136 million general fund budget, which pays for most city services. Ted Mohn made a motion Monday that sought to do three things: keep the budget meetings open, require them to start no earlier than 5 p.m. and request that council members attend all of them. The motion passed 9-1. Val Applewhite voted against it." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 4/13/10)

### **Census Office**

**"An Employee At A Temporary Census Bureau Office In Fayetteville Six Years Ago Claimed She Was Demoted In Retaliation For Complaints Of Alleged Harassment. Sherry Strickland Of Clinton Filed A Complaint With The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission In 2009."** (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/28/13)

- **"An Administrative Judge For The Commission Who Took Up The Case In 2011 Made No Ruling About Discrimination But Found Strickland Was Wrongfully Demoted By An Area Manager, Kim Frahn."** (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/28/13)
- **"The Commission Ordered The U.S. Department Of Commerce, Which Runs The Census Bureau, To Pay Strickland \$210,995 In Damages, Including Back Pay, Medical Bills And Attorney Fees."** "The commission ordered the U.S. Department of Commerce, which runs the Census Bureau, to pay Strickland \$210,995 in damages, including back pay, medical bills and attorney fees. The Fayetteville census office was established to conduct the 2008 rehearsal for the 2010 count." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/28/13)

**"Another Complaint By Strickland Was Over A Comment Made By Val Applewhite, Who Managed The Office But Didn't Supervise Strickland. Applewhite Said At A Staff Meeting, "That's Why I Hate Working With Women," Referring To Female Employees Who Were Arguing About Giving Money For Another Female Employee's Going-Away Present, The EEOC Report Said."** "Another complaint by Strickland was over a comment made by Val Applewhite, who managed the office but didn't supervise Strickland. Applewhite said at a staff meeting, "That's why I hate working with women," referring to female employees who were

arguing about giving money for another female employee's going-away present, the EEOC report said. Applewhite, a mayoral candidate in the Nov. 5 election, said Sunday that the comment wasn't directed at Strickland and that she was expressing disappointment over the lack of donations for the gift. Frahn, who supervised Applewhite and Strickland, told investigators that he addressed "each and every issue" raised by Strickland but could not substantiate her claims, records show. Frahn gave Strickland a bad performance review and demoted her in September 2007." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/28/13)

## ***Governance***

### **Agenda Practices**

**In August 2009, *The Fayetteville Observer* Criticized A Proposal From Applewhite To Limit Work Session Policy Proposals To One Proposal.** "If each member of the Fayetteville City Council were limited to one five-minute presentation involving one policy proposal per work session, the members could have shorter meetings and fewer headaches, and city staff would have a lighter workload. The proposal, brought up in an e-mail exchange initiated by Councilwoman Val Applewhite, would make sense -- if scores of thousands of city residents could identify only 10 problems per month. Unfortunately, that isn't the case. At its work session last week, Councilman Keith Bates raised four concerns. Councilman Charles Evans raised two. Mayor Tony Chavonne raised one. This meant three people guaranteed at least 35 minutes of presentations. Applewhite's greater concern is for those ideas the council votes to pursue, because they are the ones that require staff work. To that, we don't know what to say other than that's what staffers are paid to do, just as council members are elected to respond to the real and perceived needs of their constituents. Applewhite said that her only request, at the council's Sept. 8 work session, will be for a rules change. That's her privilege. We hope the other members exercise their privilege and vote it down. City government isn't there for the convenience of city government. That's why they call it public "service.'" ("EDITORIAL: To Serve: City Council Shouldn't Limit Agendas," *The Fayetteville Observer*, 8/12/09)

### **Disposition**

**Applewhite "Could Be Abrupt And Confrontational With Senior City Administrators, According To Sources On The Council, And She Quit Her Committee Assignments She Didn't Like."** "Applewhite also may need to defend how she served on the council. She could be abrupt and confrontational with senior city administrators, according to sources on the council, and she quit her committee assignments she didn't like. When she lost her bid for the mayor pro tem seat to Jim Apr four years ago, she wrote an op-ed in *The Fayetteville Observer* that said, in part: "Sour grapes? You bet, but not about a title." The 20-year military veteran dismisses talk that she is brash. "It's interesting when women show leadership qualities, somehow, it's out of character," Applewhite said. "But it's nothing that I haven't done my entire career. My disposition hasn't changed from being on City Council." In her first attempt at elected office in 2007, she defeated an incumbent in District 7, which takes in neighborhoods mostly west of Skibo Road." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 9/20/15)

**In December 2011, Applewhite Launched Public Criticism In The Local Media After City Councilmembers Voted 6-4 To Make Jim Arp Mayor Pro Tem Despite Her More Substantial Political Experience.** ‘His plea follows Councilwoman Val Applewhite's public criticism in the local media that she was passed over for the job. The council voted 6-4 this month to give the title to Jim Arp. Applewhite, who won a third term last month, complained that she had more political experience than Arp, who was appointed a year ago to fill a vacancy and then ran unopposed for his first election in November. Applewhite has made the selection a partisan issue, complaining that her fellow Democrats on the council should have stuck together in picking her over Arp, a Republican. Although municipal races in this county are nonpartisan, registered Democrats outnumber registered Republicans on the council by a 6-4 margin. Applewhite doesn't have a specific procedure in mind. She said she hopes staff will research what other municipalities do and bring ideas back for council discussion. "However, no policy will work if there is a predetermined effort to elect or prevent a member from serving as pro tem," Applewhite said in an email. "First and foremost, I would hope council members would consider what is best for this city.’” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 12/26/11)

**In March 2013, Fayetteville Observer Editor Tim White Criticized Applewhite For Walking Out Of Meetings Amid Disagreements As “Destructive.”** “But that hit a new roadblock Monday with the dispute between Councilwoman Val Applewhite, City Manager Ted Voorhees and several other council members, including Mayor Pro Tem Jim Arp. Applewhite wanted local Internet company AIT to do a presentation on its GovTide software that helps manage municipal bidding. Of course it's a good idea for the city to take a look. But it's not the council's job. It's the city manager's. The council sets policy; the manager and his staff carry out that policy. If the manager fails to do that, he goes the way of Dale Iman. What is so complicated about that? Apparently, it's not only complicated but infuriating, too. Applewhite and Haire walked out of the meeting. If that's the way they want to do council business, they should keep walking. This is destructive. It's corroding the council's ability to function effectively. From meeting to meeting, nobody knows when the next mine will explode. But they do know another explosion is likely.” (Tim White, Column, *The Fayetteville Observer*, 3/31/13)

### ***Election Law***

#### **Redistricting**

**In March 2017, Applewhite ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet Expressing Her Opposition To State Legislature’s Being In Control Of Drawing District Lines.** (Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/1/17)



Val Applewhite Retweeted



Democracy NC  
@democracync

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Lawmakers should not be choosing their voters. We voters should be choosing our lawmakers. -- western NC constituent at [#fairmapsday](#) [#ncga](#)

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(Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/1/17)

**In January 2017, Applewhite ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet Describing North Carolina’s Redistricting As “Racist”.** (Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/28/17)

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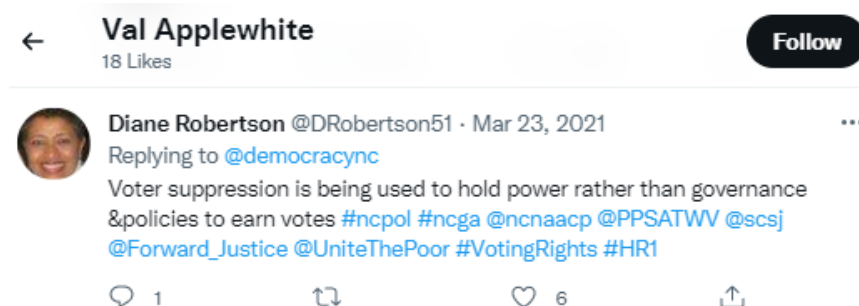


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### **“Voter Suppression”**

**In March 2021, Applewhite ‘Liked’ A Tweet That Claimed “Voter Suppression Is Being Used To Hold Power Rather Than Governance & Policies To Earn Votes”.** (Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/23/21)



(Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/23/21)

### ***Democratic & Liberal Affiliations***

#### **Joe Biden**

**Applewhite Supported Joe Biden In 2020 And Hosted Jill Biden In Her Home.** “That’s one of the reasons why she said she wanted to hear from military families and veterans in Fayetteville on Tuesday. Air Force veteran and former City Council member Val Applewhite, who hosted Biden at her home, said the Bidens are no strangers to the military, which is why she is supporting Joe Biden’s bid for president this year. “What I hope Dr. Biden will bring back is just an update and hear new issues that are troubling our community and our hopes and aspirations,” Applewhite said. Kelly, who said she is the wife of a Special Forces soldier but did not give her last name, introduced Jill Biden as a “steadfast champion for military families” who “influenced trajectories” when Joe Biden was vice president. And Biden said if her husband is elected, she plans to continue that work as first lady.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/6/20)

#### **Barack Obama**

**Applewhite Backed Obama Over Clinton During The 2008 Democratic Primary.** “City Council member and former Clinton supporter Val Applewhite said it’s exciting to have a woman as a contender in the nomination process, but not exciting enough to sway her vote from Obama. “Way back a year or so ago, I really came to the decision that we do need a change, and I don’t believe that Hillary will go to the White House without Bill,” Applewhite said. “Really, as a Democrat, I feel lucky that whatever we do is relatively new.” Applewhite said one reason black women may lean toward Obama is they feel more of a shared experience with Obama because of race than with Clinton because of gender. North Carolina probably will not stray far from what has happened in primaries across the country, said Roberta Waddle, chairwoman of the Cumberland County Democratic Party.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 3/27/08)

- **“Fayetteville Councilwoman Val Applewhite, Who Is A Co-Chairwoman Of N.C. Veterans For Obama, Said She Has Been Asking For Several Weeks That Obama Visit The City.”** “Part of Obama’s strategy has been amassing volunteers. And according

to campaign spokesman Paul Cox, he has more than 17,000 volunteers in North Carolina. They are knocking on doors, making phone calls and staging public rallies. Cox wouldn't say how many of those volunteers were based in Cumberland County. Fayetteville Councilwoman Val Applewhite, who is a co-chairwoman of N.C. Veterans for Obama, said she has been asking for several weeks that Obama visit the city. The local party and the Obama camp are sharing a campaign headquarters at the Bordeaux Shopping Center.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/17/08)

**Applewhite Indicated That Some Of Her Support For Obama Stemmed From Her Opposition To The Iraq War.** “His next two visits were limited to largely military audiences on post: In June 2005, to deliver a televised speech reaffirming his Iraq policy, and on July 4, 2006, to celebrate Independence Day. Bush's national approval rating early this month stood at 28percent, according to a USA Today/Gallup poll. Fayetteville City Councilwoman Val Applewhite, who is retired from the Air Force, questioned why Bush would come to North Carolina now. "It's an election year," said Applewhite, who supports Democrat Barack Obama for president. "The Republicans need to smooth some things over." She added, "I have very strong views on the war. I'm an Obama supporter for a reason." No details were released Friday concerning who will be attending the Fort Bragg events with the president.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 5/17/08)

**In May 2012, Applewhite Campaigned With Beau Biden As Part Of Obama's 2012 Reelection Campaign.** “Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden, a major in the Delaware Army National Guard, will kick off a gathering of North Carolina veterans for Obama Monday in Fayetteville. Biden, of course, is the son of Vice President Joe Biden. The event will also include former U.S. Senate candidate Cal Cunningham, an Iraq and Afghanistan veteran, Rob Diamond, Obama's veterans outreach director and Councilwoman Val Applewhite, a retired Air Force veteran. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Room, 109 Green Street, in Fayetteville.” (*The News & Observer*, 5/21/12)

### **Roy Cooper**

**In March 2022, “Cooper Endorsed Applewhite, Saying She 'Isn't Afraid To Stand Up To Right Wing Republicans.’”** ‘In an unusual move, North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, endorsed the primary opponent of a sitting Senate Democrat. The Democratic state senator, Kirk deViere, said the decision surprised him and criticized Cooper for trying to influence a primary election. DeViere is running for reelection to represent Cumberland County in Senate District 19. Both he and his primary opponent, Val Applewhite, are former Fayetteville City Council members. DeViere and Applewhite both ran for mayor in 2013, and both lost. Candidate filing ended Friday. The primary is May 17. On Tuesday, Cooper endorsed Applewhite, saying she "isn't afraid to stand up to Right Wing Republicans." DeViere said he was taken aback, both by Applewhite's run and the governor's endorsement. "I was very disappointed to see the governor of our state and the leader of our Democratic Party attempt to put his foot on the scale and use the weight of his office in a primary in support of Val," deViere told *The News & Observer* in an interview Tuesday.” (*The News & Observer*, 3/8/22)

**“Cooper’s Chief Outside Consultant, Who For Years Had Provided Campaign Services To Deviere, Now Works With Applewhite, According To Campaign Finance Reports.”** (*The Associated Press*, 5/13/22)

**In May 2022, Applewhite Shared A Tweet Stating Her Campaign Has Been Endorsed By Roy Cooper.** (Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/8/22)



(Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/8/22)

### **Democracy North Carolina**

**“Val Applewhite, The Southeastern Organizer For Democracy North Carolina, Said During The Press Conference That Her Group Is Proud To Stand With The NAACP”; Applewhite Indicated Her Support For The NAACP’s Efforts To Fight FOR Medicaid Expansion.** “About 15 people attending the press conference held signs that said, “Health care,” “Voter protections,” “Stand for love and justice,” and “Stand against Hate Bill 2.” Val Applewhite, the southeastern organizer for Democracy North Carolina, said during the press conference that her group is proud to stand with the NAACP. “Every day is a good day to fight for health care, isn’t it?” she said. “Every day is a good day to fight for voting rights, isn’t it?” Jimmy Buxton, the president of the Fayetteville branch of the NAACP, said after the press conference that he is concerned about the General Assembly dismantling the authority of Gov. Roy Cooper. He said he doesn’t like that the state has not expanded Medicaid to people who need it.” (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 1/31/17)

### **Advance North Carolina**

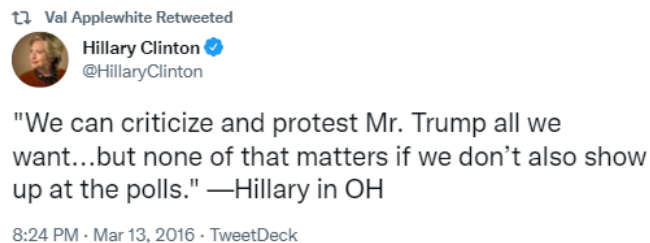
**In 2019, Applewhite Indicated She Was Involved With Advance North Carolina.** “Colvin said a growing number of black people in the community are expressing concerns about the project, as the war and the issue of slavery is a sore subject with many. He said he no longer supports the project, which could cost between \$65 million and \$80 million. The city and county have agreed to pitch in \$7.5 million each toward the project, but Colvin said that agreement has

expired and a new vote by the council will be required. Colvin said several council members he has spoken with are reviewing their stance on the project. "If a vote was taken again (on city funding) like it will need to be to make it legal I'm not sure it will pass," he said. Colvin said the \$7.5 million the city would have to invest in the project could be put to better use on more pressing needs than the proposed North Carolina Civil War & Reconstruction History Center on Branson Street. Three residents at Monday night's council meeting held up signs to express their opposition to the project, with one saying: "Build it so we can burn it down." Former City Councilwoman Val Applewhite made her opposition known during the public comment period of the meeting. Applewhite said that an advocacy organization she is involved with, Advance Carolina, is holding a public meeting on the museum project later this month. She invited the council to attend, and asked that each member give a direct "yes" or "no" answer whether they support the project. "No spin. I know the political spin. I've played that game before," she said. Applewhite said Tuesday that she is learning through social media that there is a growing number of black people in the community who don't want the museum. "The Market House is already painful enough for African-Americans. We've not yet even resolved the issue as to whether or not slaves were sold there," Applewhite said. But there are black people in the community who support the project. Among them: Former Fayetteville State University Chancellor James Anderson." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 9/10/19)

### ***Republican Affiliations***

#### **Trump**

**In March 2016, Applewhite ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet From Hillary Clinton Expressing Her Opposition To Trump.** (Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/13/16)



(Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/13/16)

**In January 2021, Applewhite ‘Liked’ A Tweet Expressing Support For Trump’s Impeachment And Potential Removal From Office.** (Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/13/21)





(Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/13/21)

### **Ben Carson**

**In Mach 2017, Applewhite ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet Describing Ben Carson As A “MUTHAFUKKA” And “Dick Heat Tom”.** (Applewhite Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/6/17)



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### ***Campaign Notes***

#### **Campaign Finance Complaints**

**In 2007, A Fayetteville Man Filed A Campaign Finance Complaint Alleging That Corporate Phones Belonging To Reed Lallier Chevrolet Were Used For A Phone Bank To Support Applewhite’s Fayetteville City Council Campaign.** “A man active in Fayetteville politics filed a campaign finance complaint Friday against Reed Lallier Chevrolet. The complaint, filed just before 5 p.m. by Robert Anderson, alleges the business's telephones were used for a phone bank supporting Fayetteville City Council candidates Ted Mohn and Val

Applewhite, which could amount to an in-kind donation. Donations to political campaigns by corporations are illegal. Both candidates will be charged for the time they used the business and its phones, said Mike Lallier, owner of Reed Lallier Chevrolet, making the issue of illegal donations moot. "I imagine it'll amount to \$3 or \$4 per phone, times four phones," Lallier said, explaining that he will charge the candidates a fraction of the monthly phone bill for the two days the phones were used. Gary Bartlett, executive director of the State Board of Elections, said it's impossible to determine whether any law has been violated until the candidates file their final finance reports after the Tuesday elections." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/3/07)

**In October 2013, "Cumberland County Republican Party Chairwoman Linda Devore Filed A Complaint Friday With The County Board Of Elections Alleging That Voters Are Illegally Being Given Food And Limousine Rides To The Polls To Vote For Fayetteville Mayoral Candidate Val Applewhite."** "Cumberland County Republican Party Chairwoman Linda Devore filed a complaint Friday with the county Board of Elections alleging that voters are illegally being given food and limousine rides to the polls to vote for Fayetteville mayoral candidate Val Applewhite. Applewhite and the man in charge of the limos said on Friday afternoon they are doing nothing wrong. Applewhite, a city councilwoman, is running against former council member Nat Robertson. Early voting started Thursday. It's legal to give people rides to the polls. It's illegal to give someone anything in exchange for his vote. The results of an investigation may hinge on whether the food was exclusively for Applewhite supporters. "I am requesting that the Board of Elections conduct an investigation to determine whether there is and has been a coordinated effort by the Val Applewhite campaign, or others, to offer free food and beverages, round trip transportation to and from the BOE polling site, and other amenities to voters in exchange for their vote, or to influence their decision to vote," Devore said in a letter to county Elections Director Terri Robertson. Devore's complaint is based on the activities of Swan Davis of Let's Make It Happen Inc., a nonprofit community organization that conducts charitable activities." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 10/19/13)

## PERSONAL

### *Additional Background Notes*

**"Val Applewhite Was Born In Harlem, N.Y., In 1961 To Claudette And Joseph Sharperson. She Was The Youngest Of Four Girls."** "Val Applewhite was born in Harlem, N.Y., in 1961 to Claudette and Joseph Sharperson. She was the youngest of four girls. Her father died of cancer when she was entering high school, and her mother struggled to care for the family. They moved to Connecticut when Applewhite was growing up. "She made a lot of sacrifices," Applewhite said of her mother. "It was tough." Applewhite joined the Air Force in 1979, she said, to get an education. She said her mother "always believed in education and being the best that you can be." About 14 years ago, her mother died of Lou Gehrig's disease. Applewhite, who is a 10-year breast cancer survivor, said she prays not to be fearful about life." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/3/13)

**Applewhite Is "A Census Office Manager Who Is Retired From The Air Force."**

"Applewhite, a census office manager who is retired from the Air Force, says people who assume she will vote based on her donors' dictates don't know her. "What I hold onto is



integrity," she says. "That's not something I relate to money. I have to be able to sleep at night." Gonzalez, in defeat, smiled and maintained that the mayor had finally gotten his Tony clones. She coined the expression in an op-ed." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/7/07)

**Applewhite Is "A Breast Cancer Survivor."** "Applewhite, meanwhile, will be the council's only woman. A breast cancer survivor, she says she is sensitive to the fact that women often have different concerns than men. She said that from her 20-year military career, "I'm used to being on teams with all men." She joked that she would keep them in line." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/7/07)

**"Applewhite Overcame Her Stutter With The Aid Of A Speech Therapist And Went On To Have A 20-Year Career In The Air Force Before Winning A Seat On The Fayetteville City Council In 2007."** "When she was a child, Val Applewhite had a stutter so severe she was afraid to talk. Her older sister often spoke up for her. But one day, her mother pulled young Valencia aside with some advice. "You know, your sister and I are not always going to be around," her mother said. "You have got to learn how to speak up for yourself." Applewhite overcame her stutter with the aid of a speech therapist and went on to have a 20-year career in the Air Force before winning a seat on the Fayetteville City Council in 2007. Applewhite and Nat Robertson, a former four-term councilman, are vying to become the city's next mayor in Tuesday's elections. The winner will lead a mostly new City Council in December. Applewhite, 52, has not been shy about speaking up on issues important to her -- or going toe-to-toe with the outgoing mayor, Tony Chavonne, during testy public debates." (*The Fayetteville Observer*, 11/3/13)