

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION  
No. 5:16-CV-913-D

FRANCIS X. DE LUCA, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 v. )  
 )  
 THE NORTH CAROLINA )  
 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, )  
 KIM WESTBROOK STRACH, )  
 A. GRANT WHITNEY, )  
 RHONDA K. AMOROSO, )  
 JOSHUA D. MALCOLM, )  
 JAMES BAKER, and MAJA KRIKER, )  
 )  
 Defendants. )

**ORDER**

On November 23, 2016, proposed defendant-intervenors moved to intervene as of right or permissibly and filed a supporting memorandum. See [D.E. 11, 12]; Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a), (b). In their motion, proposed defendant-intervenors state that defendants do not oppose the motion to intervene and that plaintiff opposes the motion to intervene. See [D.E. 11] 2. On November 28, 2016, plaintiff filed a memorandum in opposition to proposed defendant-intervenors' motion to intervene. See [D.E. 16]. On November 28, 2016, proposed defendant-intervenors replied. See [D.E. 17].

The court has considered the entire record and governing precedent. The court GRANTS proposed defendant-intervenors' motion for permissive intervention under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(b)(1) [D.E. 11]. Defendant-intervenors may file a response in opposition to plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction. Any such response is due no later 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday,

November 30, 2016. Because of a pending criminal trial that is expected to continue into Friday morning on December 2, 2016, the court reschedules the preliminary injunction hearing until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2016.

SO ORDERED. This 29 day of November 2016.

  
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JAMES C. DEVER III  
Chief United States District Judge