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Subject: Final Waynesville Municipal Election Analysis.

This will cover the factors in the recent Town of Waynesville election. Source material from the Haywood County Board of Elections Voter Registration Lists are:

- VR_Database_Excel_202310171013499739.xlsx [Haywood County Voters]
- voters in town of WA 11-13-23.xlsx [Town of Waynesville Voters]
- WA voter history 11-7-23.xlsx [People who voted in the Waynesville Election]

Here is a summary of the voters based on party affiliation.

Haywood County

	Voters	Percentage
DEM	12146	26.2 %
GRN	11	.02 %
LIB	311	.7 %
NLB	10	.02 %
REP	16034	35.2 %
UNA	17094	37.5 %
Total	45606	

Town of Waynesville

	Voters	Percentage
DEM	2284	32.0 %
GRN	5	.07 %
LIB	46	.64 %
NLB	3	.04 %
REP	2051	28.7 %
UNA	2758	38.6 %
Total	7417	

Although Republicans hold an 8.6% advantage over democrats in the county, democrats hold a 3.3% advantage in the Town of Waynesville. The number of UNA percentage for each is within 1.1%.

People who voted in the Waynesville election.

	Voters	Percentage
DEM	953	39.8%
GRN		
LIB	4	.2%
NLB		
REP	633	26.4%
UNA	808	33.7%
Total	2397	

33.5% of the eligible voters of the Town of Waynesville voted in this election.

This was a non-partisan election. None the less, this analysis will be based on how party affiliation factored into this election. My guess is that everyone knew the party affiliation of each candidate.

Let's see how the mayor race would compare with the percentages of party affiliation who voted and the actual vote totals for each mayor candidate. It was presumed that a person coming in to vote would at least vote for the mayor, although that was not actually the case. The predicted numbers assume that all DEM voted for Caldwell and all REP voted for Reece. UNA are split 50/50.

	Predicted		Actual	
	DEM	REP	Caldwell	Reece
	953	633		
	404	404		
Total	1,357	1,037	1,283	1,031

- Total votes for predicted = 2394 (didn't count LIB).
- Total actual votes for mayor = 2314. This means that 80 people did not vote for either mayor candidate.
- Predicted vote for Reece was almost exactly the same as the actual votes. So, to me, this election was based on party affiliation.

What happened during early voting compared with voting on election day? Any surprises? We take the list of people that actually voted, and sort them based on the two categories.

Early Voting

	Voters	Percentage
DEM	527	44.1%
GRN		
LIB	1	
NLB		
REP	267	22.3%
UNA	400	33.5%
Total	1195	

Election Day Voting

	Voters	Percentage
DEM	425	35.4%
GRN		
LIB	3	.2%
NLB		
REP	366	30.4%
UNA	408	33.9%
Total	1202	

The people that voted during early voting was almost exactly the same as those that voted on election day. I would not have guessed that.

In every category that was sorted, democrats always out voted the Republicans, and in the final analysis, made the difference for Gary Caldwell (and of course the Town Council members).

Early Voting: DEM over REP by 21.8%.

Election Day: DEM over REP by 5%.

Well, here is a surprise! Remember all of the people that were using the Bethel House as their voting address? There were eleven (11).

[Email Dialog with Doyle Teague, Deputy Director, Haywood County Board of Elections. Homeless using Bethel House as Voting Residence. 11/10/2023...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/231110EmailDialogTeagueBethelHouse.pdf>

Guess how many of those people actually voted in this election?

Zero. (0)

What a surprise.

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