2026 General Election

Early Voting Plan Input

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Election Services

TIMELINE

May 19	May 21	June 19	June 23	July 14
Present Plan	Survey Opens	Survey Closes	Review Feedback	Board Votes

Plan must be submitted to the State Board of Elections by July 24.

Initial Proposed Plan

- 12 Early Voting Sites
- Closed First Weekend (Oct. 17-18)
- Open Second Weekend (Oct. 24 -25)
- Weekend Hours: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Initial Proposed Sites

1. Bee Tree Fire Station
2. Black Mountain Library
3. E. Asheville Library*
4. Enka-Candler Library*
5. Fairview Library
6. Leicester Community Ctr
7. N. Asheville Library*
8. S. Buncombe Library*
9. Weaverville Community Ctr
10. Wesley Grant Center
11. W. Asheville Library*
12. Former Permits & Inspection Office **or** Friendship Ctr

*Unless a more suitable site is found by July 14, then these libraries will be used.

Sites Available

- Big Ivy Community Ctr
  (Barnardsville)
- Upper Hominy Fire Station
  (Candler)
- Bob Lewis Ballpark (Candler – mobile voting unit)

Sites Not Available

- UNCA
- Woodfin YMCA
- Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Skyland Baptist Church
- Enka Baptist Church
- Comfort Suites (Brevard Rd)
- First Baptist of Black Mtn

No Response to Request

- #852, #848, #856 Merrimon Ave (Old Stein Mart Shopping Ctr)
- Innsbruck Mall (Old Big Lots store)
- Former BI-LO (Black Mtn)
- Newbridge Baptist Church
- Reuter Family YMCA (Biltmore Park)
- Ferguson Family YMCA (Candler)
- Trinity Baptist Church
- Asheville Market (By Whole Foods on S. Tunner Rd)
- Riverbend Marketplace Shopping Ctr (By Walmart on Bleachery Blvd.)
- River Ridge Shopping Ctr
- Goodwill Workforce Ctr
- Heaven's Cloud

Public Input Overview

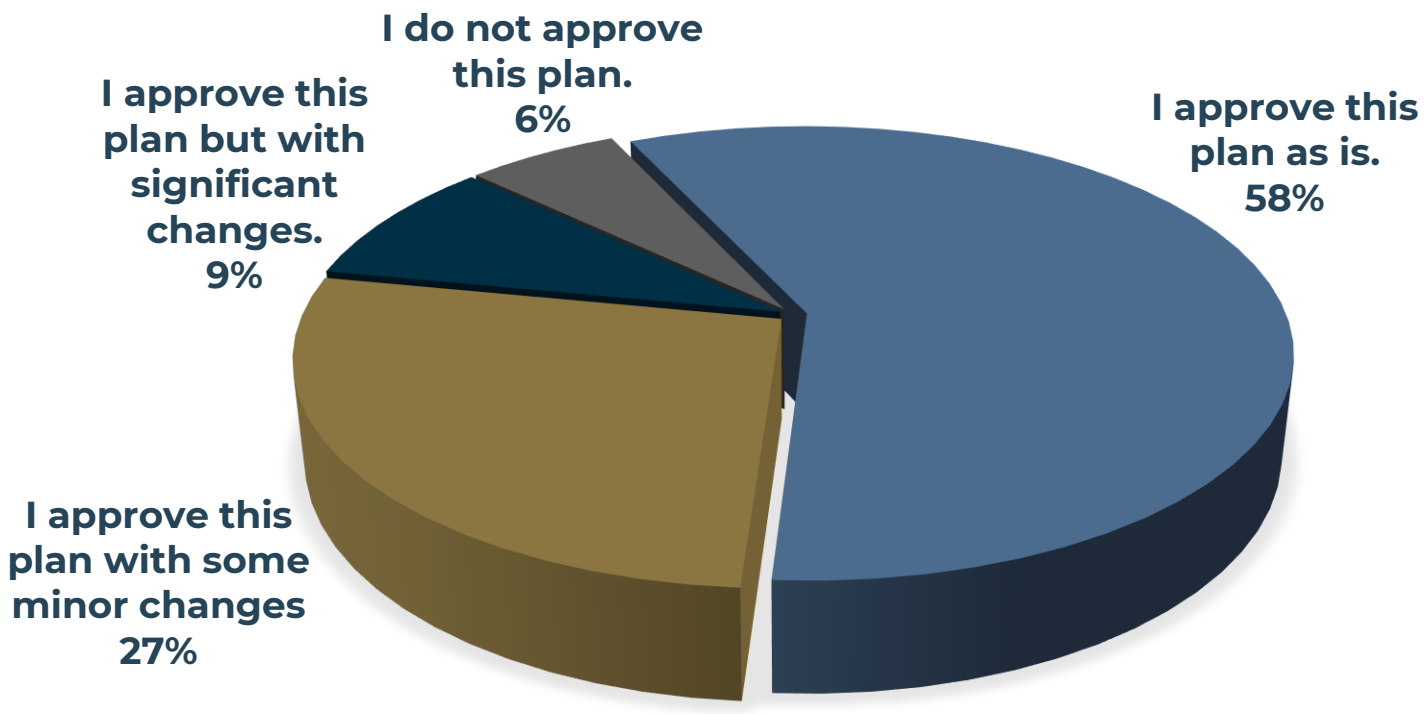
Public Input

- Over 4,600 views
- 5,788 responses
- Over 1,000 participants



Public Input

1. How would you rate the proposed plan?



Public Input

2. What did they like about the plan?

- Weekend voting
- Public transit access
- Early voting flexibility
- Focus on improved parking
- Accessible voting locations

Public Input

3. What other possible early voting sites should the board consider?

- Friendship Center
- UNCA
- Upper Hominy Fire Station
- Stein Mart
- Asheville Mall

Public Input

3. What other possible early voting sites should the board consider?

Available

- Avery's Creek Community Ctr
- AB-Tech (Asheville campus)
- Warren Wilson College

Public Input

4. Additional Comments, questions, concerns to share with BOE.

- Support for early voting
- Increase weekend voting hours
- Ensure accessibility for all voters
- Improve parking and traffic flow
- Concerns about voter intimidation

Thank you survey responders!

Updated Proposed Plan

- 12 Early Voting Sites
- **Open First Saturday** (Oct. 17)
- Open Second Weekend (Oct. 24 -25)
- Weekend Hours: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Updated Proposed Sites

1. Bee Tree Fire Station
2. Black Mountain Library
3. E. Asheville Library*
4. Enka-Candler Library*
5. Fairview Library
6. Leicester Community Ctr
7. N. Asheville Library*
8. S. Buncombe Library*
9. Weaverville Community Ctr
10. Wesley Grant Center (in lieu of BOE)
11. W. Asheville Library*
12. **Friendship Ctr**

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Proposed Plan Overview

12 Early Voting Sites

Weekdays – 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (mandated)

Open Saturdays – 10/17 & 10/24

Open Sunday – 10/25

Weekends – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last Saturday – 10/31

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (mandated)

In-Person Input