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Charlotte, NC, October 13, 2014: The Southern Piedmont Central Labor Council affiliation of the NC State AFL-CIO is holding a Get Out the Vote canvass in Southwest Charlotte on Saturday October 18th, 2014.

“We are expecting dozens of volunteers representing local unions and special guests AFGE National President J. David Cox and NC State AFL-CIO President James Andrews” said event organizer Ashley Hawkins Howard.

The event kicks off Saturday at 9:00 AM at 1900 Crossbeam Drive in Charlotte. Volunteers will knock on doors of fellow union members to discuss the upcoming election on November 4th.

“This is a great opportunity to talk to our members about our issues and we will definitely be encouraging folks to take advantage of early voting starting October 23rd,” said Howard.

“The 2014 Election is important to all working families but particularly to those represented by our affiliates in the

Charlotte area. Voters in this election must vote their economic interests and we have a great field of candidates who will really advocate for the middle class. We are excited to be out and mobilizing union members,” said NC State AFL-CIO President James Andrews.

Southern Piedmont Central Labor Council president Tim Rorie sees the importance of the NC Senate race to the rest of the country- “We want to take this opportunity to educate voters on the new voting laws. We want people to know that they don’t need a photo ID to vote at this election, but they should be ready for the 2016 election.”

The Southern Piedmont Central Labor Council will also be hosting the 2nd Annual Victory Dinner the evening of October 18th. Keynote speakers include J. David Cox and James Andrews. The event is a fundraiser for the NC State AFL-CIO Victory Fund, is used to support political education and ground mobilization. Tickets for the dinner are available by calling 704-773-9558.

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