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Triangle Candidates Participate in Election Year TCC Political Pig Picking and Straw Poll

Raleigh, NC (October 2, 2008) – More than a dozen local candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, the N.C. General Assembly and County Commissions attended the [Triangle Community Coalition's \(TCC\)](#) annual political pig picking event on September 30.

More than 200 attendees participated in the event, held at the Briar Creek Country Club, giving local business and community members the opportunity to mingle with the candidates before hearing their “stump speeches.”

Following the speeches, there was the annual “straw poll” among attendees, calculated by software technology and providing immediate results. The poll covered races ranging from the Presidential race at the top of the ticket to local County Commissioner races and all of the in-between races including US Senate and Congress, the NC Governor’s race and Triangle NC General Assembly contests.

Gubernatorial candidate Pat McCrory had the strongest-support among high-profile races with 65% of participant support followed by Senator Dole at 62%. Democrats Congressman Etheridge and State Senator Vernon Malone also held a lead among attendees in contested races. In the Wake County contests, Republican candidates lead among the attendees.

“The annual TCC political pig picking has become one of the most popular political events in the region,” said Chris Sinclair, President of the TCC. “The fact that we are drawing so many candidates from a wide-range of local offices means that it’s a productive, and fun, event for candidates and attendees alike.”

Event sponsors included Toll Brothers, Raleigh Regional Association of Realtors and the John R. McAdams Company among others

“This event is one of the few that has such a large concentration of candidates from both sides of the ticket in one place during this election year,” said Sinclair. “And if you like politics and barbecue, you were guaranteed to have a good time.”

To get full results of the TCC straw poll, visit the TCC Web site at www.tricc.org.

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