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### Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry L. McFadden Announces a Partnership with *You Can Vote*

(CHARLOTTE, NC)—Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry L. McFadden and *You Can Vote*, a volunteer organization that educates, registers and empowers citizens to cast their ballots, will kick off their partnership on **Monday, September 30, 2019, 11:30 AM** at the Stancil Center/ Detention Center Central. The opportunity to vote and have your voice heard is a right for everyone who qualifies. Citizens never lose the right to vote if they are pre-trial or are serving a sentence for a misdemeanor conviction. *You Can Vote* ([youcanvote.org](http://youcanvote.org)) volunteers will visit residents, educate them about their right to vote and provide information for residents who are eligible and wish to vote in the city council election. Residents, who will be unable to get to the polls on Election Day, can request an absentee ballot and be able to vote by mail. Sheriff McFadden says, ‘he must always strive to infuse humanity while respecting and helping our resident’s capacity to grow and change.’ Voting is a critical piece of re-engaging with civic life and the work of our democracy. “We are proud to partner with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office to educate the residents of the facility, many of whom are eligible to vote and do not lose their right to vote while detained,” said Kate Fellman, founder and executive director of *You Can Vote*.

All volunteers passed a background check and attended a four-hour training on the fundamentals of being inside a detention center.

#### **Schedule (Video opportunities):**

11:30 AM-Kickoff luncheon and on-site training (Stancil Center)

1:00 PM-You Can Vote volunteers with Residents (Detention Center Central)

