Hello, my name is Lawrence Straughn. I am submitting my resume for candidacy as a District Representative for the NCLM in District 9. Please take a few moments to read why I am running and what my credentials are.

I am married and have lived in Jamestown for over 20 years. Our children attended Jamestown’s schools and graduated from Ragsdale. I have been a brick-and-mortar business owner in town. I believe that Jamestown is a true gem. We are all fortunate to have such a wonderful town to call our own. I don’t want to see our town destroyed by bad developments, ones that will take away from its wonderful atmosphere.

I support the leagues forward thinking and how we involve all corners of the state in what we invest our focus on. The League continues to push forward thinking and support endeavors that build upon and create a better state for all. I want to be a more involved participant in this process.

In 2014 I retired from active duty as a Captain with the Guilford County Sheriff’s Office after serving for more than 30 years. After my retirement from fulltime service, I continued to serve for an additional 4 years on the Cold Case Homicides Team and the Motorcycle Team. I owned the Jamestown General Store from 2006 to 2010, and am the owner of Straughn’s Carpentry Service L.L.C.. I wore several hats during my career. I started in the Detention Services, then worked as a patrol officer, special teams’ officer, and was a detective. I commanded the Personnel and Training Division, Internal Affairs, two different District Offices, the Legal Division, and the Special Projects section. I commanded the motorcycle team, the honor guard team and was a forming member representing the Sheriff’s Office for the Family Justice Center. My experience with local, state, and federal agencies give me specific knowledge of interconnectivity and ways to navigate the red tape that so often holds us back.

I currently serve on the Guilford County Parks and Recreation Committee. I served on Jamestown’s Parks and Recreations board and was Chairman. I am a member of the NCLM. I served on the Jamestown 2007 Land Development Ordinance Committee. I have been an alternate with Jamestown’s Planning Board, also serving on our Board of Adjustments. I was Jamestown’s appointee to the PTIA Citizens Advisory Committee Part 150 update. I have served on many other committees in Guilford County, and I am in my third nonconsecutive term on Town Council, the last two being consecutive.

As you can see from my participation in many different boards and commissions, I stay connected with our citizens and with what’s going on county-wide. I speak up when necessary and am an active listener. Since the age of 21, I have served the residents of Guilford County. I believe in the constitution and respect its foundation. I didn’t just show up a couple of years ago and decide I knew what was best for Jamestown. I seek out our citizens’ opinions and use those to form my voting record. It is my duty to see that Jamestown only delivers its best in everything it does for our citizens, that our tax money is spent frugally, and we get the best possible services that we pay for. I respectively ask for your nomination as District 9’s Representative on the NCLM.