

Letter to the Editor

Cindy and I recently returned from an Immigration Immersion Mission Trip to El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico. What we saw, heard, and learned was horrifying. The immediate need is for Humanitarian Parole for Andrea Pedro-Francisco. She is a 23 year old woman from Burnsville, Minnesota. She came to the US with her Mother at age 16. She has lived there for nearly 7 years, properly applied for asylum, working toward citizenship, active in her church, working to make a living, and has no criminal history.

On February 5th she was arrested by ICE in a random sweep. She was sent to El Paso on February 6th. All this is bad enough but the real problem is that she was diagnosed with an ovarian cyst in Minneapolis and scheduled for surgery there on February 11th. Two clergy members of our mission group were able to visit Andrea with her pro bono attorney on April 17th. Andrea is in

a lot of pain and bleeding excessively. Meanwhile, for 3 months Andrea has not received the care she needs and her condition is worsening. She is being given laxatives for constipation and ibuprofen for pain even though an ER Doctor in Texas has confirmed the need for immediate surgery.

Letters and calls on April 18th to our ND Congressional Delegation have yielded no response. I had especially hoped to hear from Representative Fedorchak who would surely understand the severity of this female problem. We ask for immediate help for Humanitarian Parole in this life and death situation. We had lunch with U.S. House Candidate Trygve Hammer yesterday and he listened attentively. He promised to work for change when elected. We are all called to be the hands and feet of Christ in Matthew 25.

Bruce R Carlson
Bismarck, ND

Legal Notices:

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NORTH PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

North Prairie Township would like to inform all landowners, farmers, and residents that we have been informed by NDIRF that the road right of way (33.5 feet on each side of the road) must be kept clear of all obstructions. This includes crops, hay bales, machinery, trees, ect.

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ANALYSIS OF THE STATEWIDE MEASURES APPEARING ON THE ELECTION BALLOT JUNE 9, 2026


The following analysis is for the measure appearing on the statewide Primary Election ballot on June 9, 2026. This publication is required by section 16.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code to enable voters to become familiar with the effect of proposed measures. The full text of each measure is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov or by requesting a copy from the Elections Division at 701-328-4146, or from the office of any County Auditor.

In addition, as required by section 16.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, a copy of the Legislative Council's report on the estimated fiscal impact of initiated Measures No. 1 is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov, by phone at 701-328-4146, by email at soselect@nd.gov, or by letter to Secretary of State, 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 108, Bismarck ND 58505-0500.

Analysis of Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007, 2025 Session Laws, Ch. 615)

Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 was placed on the ballot by action of the 2025 North Dakota Legislative Assembly with passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007 (2025 Session Laws, Chapter 610). If approved, this constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to requiring each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment be comprised of a single subject. The proposed amendment would require constitutional amendments to be limited to one subject. The Secretary of State shall not approve an initiative petition for circulation if the Secretary determines that the proposed amendment comprises more than one subject. Additionally, the legislative assembly is required to limit proposed amendments to the constitution to one subject.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none. Voting "YES" means you approve the measure summarized above. Voting "NO" means you reject the measure summarized above.



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A Thank You to the Park Board

Dear Velva Park Board and Velva Area Voice,

I recently had the opportunity to walk through the park and noticed that cleanup efforts have begun along the baseball and softball fields. I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for starting work to remove the downed trees and overgrown weeds in that area.

The cleanup will make a huge improvement to the appearance and overall enjoyment of the ball diamonds. Its clear that this effort will have a positive impact on both players and the community, and its greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for your time, effort and commitment to maintaining and improving our park.

Sincerely,

A Grateful Community Member



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