



Durham for All Questionnaire for Mayor and City Council Candidates - 2019

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Position sought: Durham City Council at-large

Along with our coalition partners, Durham for All has been working on a People First Policy that would leverage the city’s incentive programs to support equitable development (see attached). What do you think of the policy? As a council member, what kind of projects would you choose to incentivize, and why?

I think the people's first policy is great. It approaches evaluation from a diversity and inclusion lens, which is the first step. Diversity is the first step and now equity goals needs to be incorporated. To change outcomes the policy needs target group and develop strategies that measure outcomes for those groups. Intentional equity has to be planned. I would support after more development and equity goals affordable racial and ethnic disparate populations housing and employment.

Do you support the \$95 million affordable housing bond that will be on the ballot this November? Why or why not? As rents and housing values rise, how can we ensure that everyone has access to a safe and affordable home?

No not at this time. Housing is my top priority but the housing bond under the leadership of the dha is not the route the City should take.

We need comprehensive finance plans with equity goals, proper oversight along with resident approval.

The proposed redevelopment of the Durham Housing Authority properties will have an enormous impact on Durham’s public housing communities. How will you ensure that

public housing residents, who will be directly impacted by this bond, have a seat at the decision-making table throughout the entire redevelopment process?

If the bond passes Create city wide /dha resident at least 51% commission needs to be appointed of (stipend) that approves every aspect of redevelopment.

The Rental Assistance Demonstration (or RAD) program contains protections to prevent displacement and protect the rights of residents, but these rights have not always been implemented or enforced. What actions will you take to ensure the rights of public housing residents, especially the right to return? By “right to return,” we mean the right of all residents who may be rehoused or displaced during redevelopment to move back into the redeveloped communities.

My top priority is to protect residence that will be displaced. We need to guarantee protection. DHA is the biggest evictor in durham county. Housing first means protecting real affordable housing. Landlord incentives and training.

This spring, the city’s community development department recommended ending the longtime homeowners’ grant for longtime, low-income homeowners who have experienced an increase in property taxes. What are your thoughts about this? How can the city support low-income homeowners in the face of rising property values?

The funding for these programs should be saved and expanded to include senior and low income people. And we need these programs to be advertised in the community in order for the be utilized.

This May, Durham residents voted on how the city spends \$2.4 million through a participatory budgeting (PB) process. Did you vote in PB? If so, which projects did you vote for, and why? If not, why not?

See answer. Yes I did participate. I did not agree with the process. But I supported the lgbtq youth center. Any minority or underrepresented population in Durham should be priority of Durham because in Durham we value diversity.

Would you support running PB again? If not, why not? If so, what would you do differently, what would you keep the same, and how much money would you allocate towards the next round of participatory budgeting?

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PB is one example of how elected officials can democratize the powers of their office. If you are elected, what is another example of how you would share your power and give more people in the community the ability to make decisions that directly impact them?

Equity standards. Every department needs to create equity including the people directly impacted at the table, compensate the people \$15 or more to be present. stipend to

You want all people at the table and you are ready to talk

This spring, Durham Beyond Policing led a community coalition in opposing police chief Davis' proposed increase of 72 new police officers over three years (subsequently reduced to 18). In June, council voted to remove funding for increased policing from the 2019-'20 city budget, and instead to raise pay for part-time city workers to \$15.64 an hour. What are your thoughts on this decision?

There is room for both.

Durham Beyond Policing has also urged the city to fund a community-based wellness and safety task force "empowered to research and propose viable, cost-effective, long-term solutions to violence and harm" that do not rely on increased policing. Would you support creating and funding such a task force? Why or why not?

I would support the taskforce if the members and drivers of the people affected and reflect the communities that have the problem. The PAC system is already doing this and needs to be fully funded and supported.

Current city council members attack the community and neighborhood leaders at the PAC. Its important for equity to investing the systems

This Spring, Duke's decision to oppose the Durham-Orange Light Rail effectively killed the project. What's your plan for affordable transit in our city and region given that the light rail proposal is no longer in play?

Expanding the current busing system that is safe, efficient and equitable. We need one bus system.

Currently, North Carolina state law forbids local governments from establishing higher minimum wages than the state minimum and forbids local government from signing collective bargaining agreements with public-sector unions. If Durham could set a higher minimum wage, would you do so, and what would it be? Do you believe that public sector workers should be allowed to collectively bargain? Why or why not?

Local elected officials should vocally advocate for legislative changes in these areas.

Do you support LGBTQ+ equality, including marriage equality and LGBTQ+ non-discrimination laws? Do you support a woman's right to choose? If so, what would you do in office to support LGBTQ+ and women's rights?

BIG 'OLE YES!!!