

# Nate Baker

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## REASON FOR RUNNING FOR OFFICE

I want to serve as a member of the Durham County Commission because I believe we need to change the way government works to be more democratic and responsible to future generations. I was born and raised in Durham and lived in a small house across the street from Northgate Mall (even before Southpoint Mall existed!). I attended Durham Public Schools K-12 before moving around and living in a number of places, like New York, West Texas, and Brazil. I received my Master's degree at UNC and have been an urban planner for a decade, helping local governments implement community-driven long range plans that create more sustainable and inclusive cities and counties. I believe that I have the experience and vision that Durham needs to make this community more sustainable, just, and responsible to young people and future generations.

## TOP 3 PRIORITIES

My top three priorities as commissioner will be to:

Restructure government from top-down to bottom up by empowering residents of all ages with meaningful decision-making;

**Achieve greenhouse gas neutrality** and transform the built and natural environment by ending our current practice of allowing endless automobile-oriented sprawl and by instead creating walkable, green, diverse communities;

**Expand opportunity and advance equity** by transitioning our economic development strategy to one that democratizes work places and gives the workers power over themselves and through better and more accessible public schools, health services, housing, and just law enforcement.

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