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 Tara L Fikes for County Commissioner 2020



REASON FOR RUNNING FOR OFFICE

I am a long-time resident of Durham, with many years of professional experience as a county government employee, who would now like to serve in a policy making role in my local community. Specifically, as Durham has grown and become known in the state as a place with a thriving downtown with high rise condos, new business with many high-paying jobs, nice restaurants, nice entertainment venues like the DPAC and the Carolina Theater and so on many have been attracted to the area to enjoy all of these “nice” things. But, I am afraid that many of our long-time residents are not able to enjoy these things because they are not able to afford those things.

Therefore, I want to be the voice at the table that ensures that as thrive as a community, EVERYONE thrives not just a specific segment of the population.

TOP 3 PRIORITIES

To ensure that everyone thrives, my top three priorities as County Commissioner will be:

Education, Workforce Development, and Enhancing Our Quality of Life. To thrive, we must invest the resources necessary to provide effective strategies for ALL students to be prepared to pursue either career or college options upon completion of high school.

Also, Durham County is doing a great job recruiting new business to locate here now we need to **increase the ability of our local residents to fill the new jobs available by providing workforce training opportunities in partnership with the local community college system.**

I believe we must focus on **enhancing the quality of life for Durham residents** by supporting programs that address our critical community needs such as affordable housing, safety, and health care.
