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REASON FOR RUNNING FOR OFFICE

I am Chair of the Durham County Board of Commissioners and am currently in my second term of office. I am a former Durham Public Schools teacher and my three children are DPS graduates. I am running for re-election for county commissioner because I love serving the people of our community in this role. I work hard every day to bring people together to come up with solutions to address our problems and make Durham a better place to live for everyone. I am passionate about being your county commissioner and working in partnership with all parts of our diverse community, to build an equitable, thriving Durham where everyone can take care of themselves and their families and have a good quality of life.

TOP 3 PRIORITIES

My top three priorities are all related to ending child poverty in Durham. Today one out of four children in Durham lives in poverty. This is unacceptable in a community like ours that has so much. We can make sure all our children have an equitable opportunity for life long success.

Strong Early Childhood System

Our children are our future. There is nothing more important than investing in our children. I supported more than \$10 million of funding for our Durham PreK Program and our fantastic early childhood programs. I will keep supporting these programs in our budget. Research has shown with a strong foundation of literacy beginning at birth, our children will start kindergarten ready to learn and on the pathway to success in school and life!

Strong Education to Jobs Pipeline- Cradle to Career System

We have the highest paying jobs in our state right here in Durham County. I have helped create more than 2,500 good paying jobs over just the past two years and more than \$1.5 billion worth of investment in our tax base to fund our schools and county services. I support strong K-12 schools and Durham Tech. Our students, youth and adults must have the education and training they need and be directly connected to the great jobs in Durham.

Health and Well Being for All

I will keep fighting for a Durham where everyone can feel safe and have the resources they need. I strongly support county programs that help people with mental health, substance misuse and connect people to jobs, healthcare, education, transportation and housing. Root causes of community and family violence can and must be addressed.
