



## **Candidate Profile Form for 2015 Durham Voter Guide**

The information you submit in this profile will be included in the 2015 Durham Voter Guide, produced by the nonpartisan Common Cause North Carolina and available online at **NCVoterGuide.org**. The guide will also be printed and distributed to thousands of Durham voters. Thank you for your participation and for your willingness to serve the people of Durham.

**This profile form can also be found online at: [NCVoterGuide.org/candidates](http://NCVoterGuide.org/candidates)**

Please submit your profile and a candidate photograph as soon as possible and no later than **Monday, September 7**. You can do so in any of the following ways:

Email: **[candidates@ncvoterguide.org](mailto:candidates@ncvoterguide.org)**

Mail: **Attn: Voter Guide  
Common Cause NC  
907 Glenwood Ave.  
Raleigh, NC 27605**

Entries that are left blank will be marked as "No Response" in the voter guide. Note that fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are for our internal reference only and will not appear in the voter guide. Word limits, where applicable, will be strictly enforced, so please count your words before submitting. Thank you!

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[www.facebook.com/Jillian4Council](http://www.facebook.com/Jillian4Council), [www.twitter.com/Jillian4Council](http://www.twitter.com/Jillian4Council)

Your background/experience (*40 words maximum*):

I have been a community organizer for 15 years on campaigns for labor rights, LGBTQ equality, and racial justice. I am on the adult board of iNSIDE oUT 180 and the advisory board of the Durham Solidarity Center.

1. How important is affordable housing to Durham's future and how do you propose ensuring that the city maintains an adequate stock of affordable housing? (50 words maximum)

Providing affordable housing is critical to maintaining the racial and economic diversity of our city. We should partner with nonprofit housing providers to construct housing that is affordable for low-income people and demand that developers who request city funding or zoning changes provide affordable units as part of their developments.

2. What are your ideas to bring more jobs to young people, especially those groups with traditionally higher unemployment rates like young African-Americans? (50 words maximum)

The city should partner with local educational institutions and employers to provide training for living wage jobs that will be coming to the area over the next 10 years (tech, light rail, healthcare, etc.) and target these programs to communities with the highest unemployment rates.

3. What can, or should, Durham do to provide access to efficient, reliable public transportation for all citizens? (50 words maximum)

The city should invest in bus and rail transit options both within Durham and to Chapel Hill/ Raleigh to reduce traffic on our roads and environmental impact. We should target transit improvements in neighborhoods where transit-dependent people live and provide affordable housing in those neighborhoods.

4. Across the nation there is a growing demand to hold police departments more accountable for their actions. Durham's Civilian Police Review Board currently has no authority to investigate or discipline officers. Would you support or oppose giving the board more power to investigate and discipline police officers? (50 words maximum)

It is important that police officers are accountable to the community and that independent oversight of their actions takes place. I would support giving the review board the power to investigate and discipline officers. They should also have the authority to enforce their recommendations and control of the departmental budget.

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