

BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONS

Name: Farad Ali

Age: 50

Place of Birth: New York

Marital Status: Married

Children/school: Ages: 24, 21, 12, and 9 Public Schools

Education: B.S., Business Administration/Finance, Kenan-Flagler School of Business, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
M.B.A., Lundy-Fetterman School of Business, Campbell University.
Post-graduate training for emerging business markets, Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College.

Occupation: President/Chief Executive Officer

Current Employer: The Institute (The NC Institute of Minority Economic Development)

Public Sector Work: Member, Durham City Council, 2007-2011
Chair, Raleigh Durham International Airport Authority, 2012-Present

Private Sector Work: CEO of the Carolinas Minority Supplier Diversity Council (now Carolinas-Virginia Supplier Diversity Council).
25 years' experience in banking, small business development
Assistant Vice President for business and community banking at Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Centura and for Wachovia/Wells Fargo in corporate, retail and commercial lending positions

Elected office held: Member, Durham City Council, 2007-2011

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Chair, Raleigh Durham International Airport Authority, 2012-Present

Board/Commissions: Member, Center for Community Self-Help
Chair, Duke Regional Hospital
Trustee, Duke University Health Systems
Immediate Past Chair, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce
Secretary, Greater Triangle YMCA
Member, Latino Community Credit Union

Chair, Raleigh-Durham International Airport Authority

Member, Research Triangle Regional Partnership

Chair, Southern Coalition for Social Justice

Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Triangle Community Foundation

Member, Uplift Project Inc.

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Why are you running:

I am running for Mayor because I believe in Durham. My combined personal, work and life experiences are the elements of a strong foundation which has provided me the opportunity to demonstrate proven, efficient, and inclusive collaborative leadership. I run for Mayor to not only continue the hard work and legacy of Mayor Bell—but to humbly lend my talent, knowledge and leadership to work to attain greater action, unity and prosperity for the community that I love so much.

My proven leadership makes me the ultimate candidate to continue the economic progress while at the same time address an epidemic of poverty, housing, gentrification and racial divide. I am the candidate for Mayor who can build One Durham where all communities, race and cultural are integrated and share the same prosperity. I will bring all of these traits to serve as Mayor.

There is no question that my experiences have framed my passion and love for my community where I was raised. My mother, father and brother taught me the true meaning of family—what it means to stand up for what you believe, to face challenges, to persevere and to practice my beliefs in loving my neighbor as myself.

Since completing college, I have served the Durham community as a leader, visionary, collaborator and innovator. I come to the people of Durham humbled and ready to serve because my life's work in public service, business, not for profit and community organizations has prepared me well to bring the people of our great City together.

I was educated in the public schools where I excelled academically and in athletics. From my education in the Durham public Schools, to the skills I acquired from attending business school at Campbell, UNC and Dartmouth. I lead the way in launching opportunities for entrepreneurial and start-ups for minorities and women throughout the city and state. I have 25 years of work experience and generated over \$1 billion of economic opportunity within the Durham community and statewide.

I have served as a leader in the White House African American Leadership in Action Conference advising White House staff about strategies for inclusion. I was elected to City Council and served for 4 years. During my term I increased development and job opportunities by working together with the business and civic community and continue to build opportunities for new models of business and entrepreneurial efforts.

What is the best thing about Durham: The PEOPLE of Durham