

**DURHAM DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONS
MARK-ANTHONY MIDDLETON
DURHAM CITY COUNCIL, WARD 2 CANDIDATE**

Name: **Mark-Anthony Middleton**

Age: **49**

Place of Birth: **Brooklyn, New York**

Marital Status: **Single**

Children: **None**

Education:

Alumnus of North Carolina A&T State University, and Duke University School of Divinity

Occupation(s): **Pastor and CEO**

Radio Talk Show Host

Current employer(s): **Abundant Hope Christian Church, Durham NC**

Abundant Hope Christian Church Inc., Durham NC

Choice FM Radio, Raleigh NC

Private sector work experience:

- **Project Director, Grand Central Partnership Business Improvement District, New York City, New York.**
- **Editorial Assistant, Greensboro News & Record, Greensboro NC.**

Relevant Experience:

- **Served on the city's official assessment team that vetted and hired Durham's new police chief**
- **Served on an official city delegation that travelled to Boston, MA to observe and report back on strategies used to improve police/community relations and lessen youth related crime**
- **Served on the Durham County Sheriff's Department official assessment team that vetted and hired the new Detention Center Director**
- **Coordinated and led Durham CAN's participation in a coalition that successfully led to the adoption of FADE (Fostering Alternatives to Drug Enforcement) recommendations on changes in the city's policing culture including written consent for non-reasonable cause searches**
- **Co led negotiations between Durham CAN and the city which led to an agreement for an 80/20 split between market priced and affordable housing residential units at the city owned Jackson street location**
- **Co led negotiations between Durham CAN and the city which led to a 4 million dollar plus commitment to reacquire the Fayette Place property from the Campus Apartments corporation.**

Board/Commissions:

- **Board of Directors of the Excelsior Classical Academy Charter School**
- **Past Board Member, Interfaith Hospitality Network**
- **Past Board Member and Parliamentarian, NCA&T State University National Alumni Association**
- **Past Assistant State Director, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated**

Website - Middleton4Durham.com

Twitter - [@MarkAMiddleton1](https://twitter.com/MarkAMiddleton1)

Why are you running?

My long history of building relationships across racial, cultural, religious, and political lines has afforded me a deep reservoir of trust and goodwill that has allowed me to play a role in impacting policy around some of the most salient issues facing our city. I am seeking the permission of my fellow citizens to preserve and defend progress that has already been made, and to extend the development of a city that is safe, prosperous, and inclusive.

What is the best thing about Durham?

As a Durham city councilor, I will consider myself and each of my council colleagues a de facto brand ambassador for the city. I will use every platform afforded me to trumpet Durham as America's premiere city to relocate or start a business, further education, raise a family, work, play, and retire. I will do this because I believe it. The best thing about Durham is the vibrancy of its civic culture in between elections. Voter turnout rates do not adequately depict the level of engagement of the Bull City's citizenry. Throughout the course of my participation in the public square I have consistently witnessed multiple citizen groups engage in the democratic process of petitioning and lobbying our local

government concerning a host of issues. Our great restaurants, DPAC, and world class educational institutions are icing on the cake.