

Durham Democratic Women - Biological Questions

Name: DeDreana Freeman

Age: 39

Place of Birth: New Jersey

Marital Status: Married

Children: 11, 8, 8

Education:

- North Carolina Central University, Masters of Public Administration Candidate (current)
- Fellow, North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership
- Rutgers University, Bachelor of Science in Communication (May 2000)

Occupation: Non-Profit Administrator

Current Employer: East Durham Children's Initiative

Public Sector work experience:

- Special Assistant to the President, East Durham Children's Initiative (2016-Present)
- Community Engagement Manager, East Durham Children's Initiative (2013-2016)
- Clean Energy Durham - Transportation Coordinator (2011-2013)
- Communication Consultant, DeDreana & Associates Consulting (2009-Present)
*Projects with ePRn, Partnership Effort for the Advancement of Children's Health (PEACH), etc.

Private sector work experience:

- Information & Business Analyst, Hewlett Packard Enterprises (2007-2008)
- Travel Representative (Trainer), Hewlett Packard Enterprises (2005-2008)

Elected office held, with dates:

- Durham Democratic Party Precinct No.17, Chair 2012-present
- Durham Democratic Party, 3rd-Vice Chair 2014-15
- N.C. Democratic Party, Convention Delegate 2014-present
- N.C. Democratic Party State Executive Board 2016-present

Relevant Experience:

- Episcopalians United Against Racism, Co-Founder/Core Team Leader
- Diocese of North Carolina, Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee Member
- Inter-Neighborhood Council of Durham, President (current), subcommittee participation includes: Transportation, Zoning, Traffic
- Organizing Against Racism (OAR) Durham, Coordinating Committee/Organizer

- Durham Equitable Economic Partnerships (DEEP), Co-founder/Member
- Partnership Effort for the Advancement of Children's Health (PEACH), Steering Committee/Consultant/Volunteer/Trainer 2010-2013
- Durham Mothers of Multiples 2008-2013
- Bless Durham/Christian Community Development Association (CCDA), Alternative Housing Chair
- Affordable Housing and Transit Coalition
- City of Durham -Community Capital Improvement Plan Committee
- Mayor's Poverty Reduction Task Force- Education,Health and Housing Transformation in Ten Taskforces
- Durham Congregations Associations, and Neighborhoods (CAN)
- Durham Together for Resilient Youth
- Communities In Partnership (CIP)
- End Poverty Durham
- Durham Partners Against Crime District 1 (PAC1)
- Northeast Central Durham Leadership Council, Chair
- People's Alliance, former Board Member, Housing Race Equity Team, committee participation includes: Housing Committee and Political Committee
- Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People - Housing, Economic, and Political Committee
- Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties- Issues to Impact, Community Partnerships
- Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) North Carolina Division of Public Health (NCPH), Healthy Homes Task Force
- Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) North Carolina Division of Public Health (NCPH), Lead Poison Prevention Task Force
- North Carolina Division of Public Health (NCPH), Durham County Health Department – Healthy Families Durham - Obesity & Chronic Illness (OCI)
- City of Durham's Office of Economic & Workforce Development- Streetscape Advisory Steering Committee

Board/Commissions:

- Durham City & County Planning Commission, Commissioner 2014- present
- County of Durham Transportation Advisory Board (ACCESS), Chair 2013-2017
- St. Philip's Episcopal Church, former Vestry Member
- Liberia Medicals, Inc. (LMI), Executive Board Member

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Why are you running?

There is a clear and growing distinction between those who are hurting and those who are doing well in Durham. I believe we must redouble our efforts to close this divide. I believe the people have the power to preserve this earth, shape our country, and empower our communities through our government and our politics. We have the ability to create sustainable communities that harness the ingenuity and creativity of the people of Durham and share it with the world. I want to be a community representative who works with others to harness our collective power to cultivate change: to create policies that foster economic growth & stability for all neighborhoods in Durham; to develop land use policies that support Equitable Development & Environmental Justice; to assure that our government enables each of us enjoys our civil rights and all our civil liberties.

What is the best thing about Durham?

The best thing about Durham is how our city is the cultural capital of the Triangle with a rich history of diversity and progressive action that is unique to Durham.