

Voices to Votes NC Questionnaire: Chakema Clinton-Quintana

1. As a Council member, which factor will carry more weight in your decision making...your professional experience and personal opinions or the wishes of a majority of Wilmington residents?
2. Every candidate for city council lists affordable housing as one of their priorities but there are minimal specific ideas presented. The terms “affordable housing”, “housing that is more affordable” and “workforce housing” are often used interchangeably by our elected leaders and this creates confusion for many citizens. If you are elected, please advise if you will be more focused on “affordable housing” as defined by HUD or “housing that is more affordable”? What specific policies and actions will you introduce to alleviate this challenging issue?
3. Safety is a major concern for every citizen. Gun violence, gang issues, drugs, traffic; What specifically would you propose to ensure our citizens are safe? Would you advocate for a larger police force, alternative punishments for petty crimes, etc?
4. What is the ideal population size for Wilmington? Development, especially of multi-family residential units has grown at a rapid pace in recent years, far faster than the infrastructure improvements needed to keep pace. Would you support concurrency ordinances in our building codes? If elected, will you support more multi-family developments or will you seek a better balance between growth and infrastructure needs?
5. You mention “strengthening public transportation” as something important to help alleviate traffic congestion and improve citizens’ quality of life. What specific solutions would you propose to expand public transportation options? Expanding bus service, light rail, etc? How would the city pay for the improvements?