

# Triangle area

## Equality NC PAC announces primary endorsements

RALEIGH — Equality NC PAC (ENC) announced April 5 its endorsements in contested primary races for the state legislature. The group, which works to secure equal rights for LGBT North Carolinians, will be supporting nine legislative candidates running in the May 2 primary election, including seven Democrats and two Republicans. The group also endorsed Mike Nelson, the former mayor of Carrboro and an openly gay candidate for the Orange County Commission.



**Equality NC PAC endorses former Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson for Orange County Commissioner.**

"Our slate for the primary includes a remarkable mix of candidates, from old friends to new leaders," said Ian Palmquist, the group's executive director for programs. "We believe it is important for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied community to actively support candidates who believe in justice and equality for all North Carolinians."

"We are especially excited that several moderate Republicans sought our support this year, including two who have earned our primary endorsement," added Ed Farthing, executive director for development.

To develop its slate, the group carefully reviewed the records of the incumbents and surveyed candidates on issues such as employment discrimination, anti-gay violence, safe schools, and the proposed anti-LGBT state constitutional amendment. The endorsements for the Nov. 7 general election will be issued following the primary.

### Equality NC PAC 2006 Primary Endorsements

#### North Carolina House

Dist.	Candidate (Party)
13	Dave Fowler (R)
18	Laura Padgett (D)
38	Rep. Deborah Ross (D)
41	Ty Harrell (D)

#### North Carolina Senate

Dist.	Candidate (Party)
3	Shelly Willingham (D)
19	Sen. Tony Rand (D)
21	Sen. Larry Shaw (D)
28	Sen. Katie Dorsett (D)
35	William Brooks (R)

#### Significant Local Race

Orange County Commissioner  
Mike Nelson (D)

## LGBT workplace advocates summit

RALEIGH — The LGBT Workplace Advocates Summit will offer an introduction to the Out and Equal Workplace Advocates organization and their mission, as well as provide participants details on the Triangle's application to bring the Annual O&E

Workplace Summit, the national LGBT workplace conference, to Raleigh in 2009.

Discussion topics include the validity of starting a Triangle Out and Equal

Affiliate organization to support ongoing workplace equality efforts in N.C. and identifying employee representatives from N.C. companies that have formal and informal LGBT employee networks or employees who want to form LGBT employee network groups at their companies.

The organizers of the event are Audrey Lin, O&E Workplace Advocates board member and co-chair of the 2005 Denver O&E Workplace Summit; Mandy Carter, national LGBT rights advocate and Durham resident; Ronna Dornisife, Triangle LGBT leader and workplace advocate; and Stephen Jackson from the Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The LGBT Workplace Advocates Summit will be held May 4, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., at the Sheraton Hotel, located at 421 S. Salisbury St. For more details go to [www.outandequal.org](http://www.outandequal.org).

## Creating a culture of peace

DURHAM — How can one make this community a safer, saner, more peaceful place to live? How can we help our church or synagogue or mosque to learn to live peacefully with all? For all of the world to coexist we must learn to lay down our sword and shield and study war no more.

Come to the weekend-long Training in Non-Violence program and learn how to transform our homes and schools into places of refuge and reconciliation.

**By participating, you will:**

- Deepen understanding of what violence is and the principles, practice and power of active nonviolence.
- Enhance the ability to nonviolently face those with perspectives hostile to your own.
- Learn to analyze the stages successful nonviolent social movements go through and the roles needed for effectiveness in each stage.
- Tap the spiritual roots of nonviolent action and help build a supportive community committed to nonviolence.
- Identify peace and justice issues of concern to members of the community, and plan nonviolent projects to address these concerns.

The training is highly participatory. Attendees will share their knowledge, experience and stories, while learning from other participants.

Expect a variety of small and whole group work, brainstorming, role plays, readings, video and music. There will also be time and space for private and group reflection, meditation, prayer and journaling.

The event takes place April 28-30 at the following times: Friday, 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Host is Calvary United Methodist Church, 304 E. Trinity Ave. Co-sponsors are the Methodist Federation for Social Action and the N.C. Conference Committee of Church and Society.

For more details go to [www.forusa.org](http://www.forusa.org) or contact Henry Jarrett at [jarreth@bell.south.net](mailto:jarreth@bell.south.net).

**Arpad Miklos**

April 29

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Sat April 29 - Super Sized Bear Party - Adult Super Star - Arpad Miklos - hosted by DC Bear Club plus Miller Lite Girls

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