2014 Voter Guide for Meredith College

Prepared by POL 207A (Meredith Votes) students



John Bryant

BIO

- BA, Wake Forest University. JD from Wake
- Clerk, U.S. District Court and North Carolina Court of Appeals
- Member of the North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission, the North Carolina Courts Commission and the Wake Tech Criminal Justice Advisory Committee



Lorrin Freeman

Democratic Candidate for District Attorney

http://freemanforda.com



- BA, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. JD from UNC School of Law.
- Served as Clerk of the Superior Court in Wake County since 2008, where she supervised 160 employees managing over 200,000 cases filed annually



Republican Candidate for District Attorney

www.bryantforwakeda.com

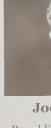
ISSUES

- Reduce minor cases involving minor offenses by educating people about what the laws are
- Improve coordination between law enforcement an government agencies
- Rigorously prosecute cases involving violent



ISSUES

- Improve public awareness of gang activity, domestic violence and elder abuse
- Create collaborative relationships among offices to share information
- Develop more training programs in the DA's office to handle these issues



Joe Bryan

Republican Candidate for Wake County Com-

www.joebryan.org

BIO

- BS in Industrial Relations, UNC-Chapel Hill, MBA from Central Michigan University, Certificate in County Leadership from Robert Wagner School of Public Service
- Chair, Wake County Board of Commissioners, 2005, 2008, and 2013
- First Vice President, Investment Brokerage

Transportation - Does not support draft

Schools – Supports increase compensation

levels for Wake County Public School System

Economic Development - In favor of eco-

employers and/or retain existing employers in

nomic incentives to assist in recruiting new

nance park and recreation facilities

transit plan previously proposed for Wake County

that includes buses, commuter rail and light rail

Parks & Rec - Supports allowing Wake County citizens to vote on a tax referendum to help fi-



Sig Hutchinson

Democractic Candidate for Wake County Commissioner

http://sig4wake.com



- BA from Texas Tech University, M.Ed. from the University of South Carolina
- Consultant, professional speaker and President of Sig Hutchinson Communications
- Board activities include Prevention Partners; NC Alliance for Health; and Open Space & Parks Advisory Committee for Wake County



missioner (Incumbent)

ISSUES

Transportation - Supports listening to citizens about their transportation needs and providing options to better transportation for future

Schools - Supports listening to parents about how to improve the education system, working with the school board, and a competitive salary

Parks & Rec - Bring in the Arts Community, concentrate on clusters of innovation that are already growing in the community, and work with the local colleges and universities

BA, UNC-Chapel Hill, JD from Duke Univer-

Graduate of Raleigh Chamber Leadership

Economic Development—N/A

sity School of Law

Raleigh

Phil Matthews

Republican Candidate for Wake County Commissioner (Incumbent)

http://philmatthews4wakecommissioner.com

BIO

Wake County

teachers

- Wake County Commissioner for 4 years; chair in 2014
- Retired Army Officer

not a rail system in the Triangle

struction and spend money wisely

Former Volunteer Fireman and First Responder

Transportation - supports more busses, but

Schools - wants the Board of County Commis-

Parks & Rec - wants to resume library renova-

Economic Development - IHold the line on

tax increases, but seek ways to invest in economic

sioners to have more control over school con-

Businessman

tions in the county

growth and job creation

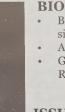
ISSUES



Matt Calabria

Democractic Candidate for Wake County Commissioner

www.mattcalabria.com



ISSUES

Transportation - Referendums for transpor-

Schools - Compensate teachers fairly, review and approve school construction projects and other incentives in a timely, cooperative, fiscally manner

Parks & Rec – Advocate for environmentally friendly conscious public and private development practice, especially in watershed areas Economic Development-Invest in quality of life through businesses and preserve Wake County's top-notch bond rating



Rich Gianni

Republican Candidate for Wake County Commissioner (Incumbent)

http://richgianni.org

BIO

- BS in accounting, University of Steubenville; CPA; MBA, Duke University
- CFO of semi-conductor company
- Member, Wake Young Men's Leader Academy

Transportation - need a transportation consultant to determine which forms of mass transit are best, including bus, more HOV lanes, rail, etc. Schools - spend bond money on school construction wisely; find ways to increase teacher pay supplement in Wake County

Parks & Rec - maintain and protect current

Economic Development - keep taxes low and reduce regulatory burdens on businesses to



Jessica Holmes

Democractic Candidate for Wake County Commissioner

www.jessicaforwake.com



BIO BA, UNC-Chapel Hill; JD, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law

ISSUES

Transportation – need a revised transit plan, including light rail to meet the Triangle's needs **Schools** – competitive pay for teachers with additional supplements; school board should oversee construction of schools

Parks & Rec - supports citizens' right to vote on bond issues that support parks and recreation-

Economic Development—need to attract more businesses, while maintaining smart growth and fiscal responsibility