



**Durham People's Alliance PAC Endorsements -
May 6 Democratic Primary and Non-partisan Elections:
PLEASE GET OUT AND VOTE!
(early voting begins April 17th)**

**Be sure to vote in all contests –
make sure your vote counts!!**

Your ballot (assuming you are voting in the Democratic Primary) has two sides. Non-partisan contests (Judges and School Board) are on the back, **be sure to turn the ballot over and vote all offices.**

More information about the Durham People's Alliance is available at our website <http://www.durhampa.org/>. We would love to have you as a member and supporter. All of our endorsement decisions are made at democratically-run meetings of all our members. We do not give money to candidates, but use our resources to inform voters about the candidates we endorse. If you want to support these candidates, please contact their campaigns. Their websites are provided where available.

President

Hillary Clinton or **Barack Obama**; PA-PAC has chosen not to make an endorsement for President between Senators Clinton and Obama. Either of these qualified and worthy candidates would make a great President, you should vote for one of them on May 6.

U. S. Senate

Kay Hagan has an impressive record of legislative leadership in the North Carolina State Senate. She will bring a common-sense approach to taxes and the economy, and will replace tax breaks for big oil companies with new incentives for clean energy entrepreneurs. She has the best chance of removing Senator Dole, who has not provided effective service to North Carolina. <http://www.kayhagan.com/>

Governor

We support **Richard Moore**. Treasurer Moore has been a steadfast ally for progressive causes, championing the minimum wage, the state earned income tax credit, fighting predatory lending, and other important issues. In addition, his stewardship of the state pension fund has been widely recognized as very strong and competent. <http://www.richardmoore.org/>

Lieutenant-Governor

Durham native **Hampton Dellinger** brings his extensive governmental experience as Chief Legal Counsel in the Governor's office and as Attorney General and Special Counsel in the NC Department of Justice. He offers a genuine commitment to progressive stances on environmental, labor, public health, tax, and pro-choice issues. Mr. Dellinger has an ability to draw together a wide range of political support, and has been endorsed by many progressive

organizations and community groups across the state. <http://www.hd08.com/>

State Auditor

Beth Wood has ten years of experience in the Auditor's office and five years in the State Treasurer's office. While in the Auditor's office, she worked to ensure that federal grants were being used as intended, and redesigned the Auditor's Office training program. Ms. Wood has also been endorsed by Ralph Campbell, former state Auditor, and by the NC AFL-CIO. <http://www.bethwoodcampaign.com/>

Commissioner of Insurance

David C. Smith, president-elect of the N.C. Health Underwriters Association, brings a reformer's perspective to the office as well as a bevy of experience from the insurance industry. In particular, he believes the commissioner can play a more muscular role in reducing health insurance costs. A resident of Durham, Smith also has been a neighborhood and Democratic Party activist. <http://www.electdavidsmith.com/>

Commissioner of Labor

Mary Fant Donnan has served as the Director of Policy and Research at the Department of Labor from 1994 to 2001 and subsequently as a program officer with the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, involved with community economic development grantmaking. Ms. Donnan has been endorsed by the N.C. AFL-CIO and by former Commissioner of Labor Harry Payne. <http://www.maryfantdonnan.com/>

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Eddie Davis receives our endorsement based on his personal knowledge of every aspect of education from the classroom to the NC State Education Boardroom. He stands for respecting children and their families, trusting teachers, and insisting on accountability from educational and political leaders. His platform includes creating regional alternative schools to "recapture" dropouts, developing a statewide network of clusters of parents and community leaders to increase parental involvement, and promoting a process that assists staff, parents, and community leaders to monitor school budgets, and providing more vocational and technical course offerings.

State Treasurer

We strongly endorse **Janet Cowell** based on her combination of training, experience in the financial industry, and service in both the NC Senate and the Raleigh City Council. The State Treasurer manages the pension fund for government employees and chairs the State Banking Commission, among other duties. Educated at the Wharton School, she worked for

two international investment banks and for a Durham-based venture capital fund. She has taken principled, progressive stands, sometimes in the face of great political pressure, and championed a number of innovative programs to make government more efficient.
<http://www.cowellfortreasurer.com/>

N. C. Senate (District 20)

We endorse newly appointed Senator **Floyd McKissick Jr.**, whose only Democratic opposition has withdrawn from the race. Senator McKissick has shown an ability to represent Durham in a very effective manner, and we need him doing this job for a full term.

District Attorney, District 14

We have endorsed **Tracey Cline** over her three challengers. We think that her experience, courtroom skills, and leadership as Assistant District Attorney will serve Durham well.

Board of County Commissioners

Ten Democrats are vying for the five seats on the Durham County Board of Commissioners. Since there are no Republican candidates, the May 6 primary will be the de facto election. Two current commissioners chose not to seek re-election, providing voters the opportunity to make a real impact on the board's direction.

PA-PAC endorses the three incumbents - **Becky Heron, Michael Page,** and **Ellen Reckhow** – along with newcomers **Brenda Howerton** and **Don Moffitt**. The incumbents bring their hard work, years of service, and proven progressive stands on the issues of county government. Brenda and Don both have long records of service to the Durham community.

A former PA president and a current member of the City/County Planning Commission, **Moffitt** offers the rare combination of practical business skills as a former Whole Foods executive with progressive sensibilities in such areas as economics, land use, and the environment.
<http://donmoffitt.org/>

Howerton is a business consultant and coach with an impressive client list and is currently serving her second term as an elected Soil and Water District Supervisor. She has been involved in numerous progressive organizations including Durham CAN, the Human Relations Commission, the Million Mom March, and the NAACP. <http://brendahowerton.com/>

For more than a quarter century, **Heron** has been a champion for the environment, effective land use planning and transportation, and strong

courts and human services, while also serving as a thoughtful watchdog of tax dollars.
<http://beckyheron.org/>

Page, the Commissioners' vice-chair as well as a former School Board chair, is the senior pastor at Antioch Baptist Church. In his first term, Page has distinguished himself as an advocate for Durham's low-wealth citizens and for effective social service programs.
<http://www.pagefordurham.net/>

With 20 years as a Commissioner and six years as chair, **Reckhow** has shown strong, knowledgeable, progressive leadership in such critical areas as planning, transportation, education, and healthcare.
<http://ellenreckhow.org/>

Non-partisan Contests

NC Court of Appeals Judge

There are two separate contests for Court of Appeals Judge. You will be able to vote for one candidate in each one. We support:

Wynn Seat - Judge **James C. Wynn**, a experienced and progressive incumbent Appeals Court Judge

Tyson Seat - Judge **Kristin Ruth**, a distinguished District Court Judge in Wake Co.
<http://www.judgeruth.com/>

Durham School Board

In these elections, Durham voters will decide who will fill an At-large and two consolidated district seats on the Durham School Board. Your ballot will allow you to vote in your district (A or B) only. In the At-large contest a runoff election is possible.

At Large

We endorse **Leigh Bordley**, who has a clear and personal understanding of the diverse needs of children; from those struggling in poverty and alienated from school, to those students who are highly motivated and high achieving. Through Partners for Youth, the non-profit she founded and has nurtured for ten years, Bordley has been establishing community support for poor children while coaching them through school and on to success in college. She has direct experience increasing the achievement of poor children and making a substantial decrease in the dropout rate.

Consolidated Districts A and B

We support **Minnie Forte-Brown** and **Heidi Carter**, who are running unopposed for consolidated Districts A and B, respectively

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President - Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama
U. S. Senate - Kay Hagan
Governor - Richard Moore
Lt. Governor - Hampton Dellinger
Auditor - Beth Wood
Insurance Commissioner - David C. Smith
Labor Commissioner - Mary Fant Donnan
Supe. of Public Instruction - Eddie Davis
Treasurer - Janet Cowell
N.C. Senate, District 20 - Floyd McKissick, Jr.

District Attorney, District 14 - Tracey Cline
County Commissioners - Heron, Howerton,
Moffitt, Page, Reckhow

Court of Appeals – James C. Wynn
Court of Appeals – Kristin Ruth

School Board:

At-Large - Leigh Bordley
District A – Minnie Forte-Brown
District B – Heidi Carter

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