**Biographical Statement:**As a camp counselor and then as a public school teacher in NYC and now as a mom of three, I learned to do more with less. I studied evidence-based practices to ensure children got the very best. I balanced the demands of many to accomplish our goals and ensure everyone got what they needed.

When I moved to Durham with my husband and our new baby almost 15 years ago, things looked pretty different. Since then, Durham has seen a lot of changes – some good and some not so good.

As a stay-at-home mom before returning to the classroom, I volunteered with several local Durham non-profits, including my children’s school PTA and Families Moving Forward. I saw how Durham’s rapid growth was impacting families.

Now, as Durham sits at a crossroads, I am prepared to do the work, the research, the listening, to ensure we move forward in a way that moves our residents forward as well. I’m ready to fight displacement of our longtime residents, work to build more housing at affordable and missing middle pricepoints to ensure everyone has a home, create systems to improve economic development so that everyone has the financial resources to thrive, and fight for the resources our youth need to grow into healthy and happy adults.