

BIOGRAPHY



DeDreana Freeman is a tireless advocate, community leader, and organizer. Raised by a single mother with five of her nine siblings, she experienced the struggle of racial and income inequity and has dedicated her life to demanding power for those who are most impacted by social, economic, and environmental injustices. Through her early experiences, she leveraged her strengths to earn a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University. Later in her career, while being a wife, mother, city council member, and working her daytime job, she earned a master of public administration from North Carolina Central University.

DeDreana has overcome the seemingly impossible. Her personal experience with childhood trauma, domestic abuse, gun violence, housing instability, and racism drives her to be a force of change in challenging the business as usual approach. She is passionate in her fight for equity and justice, understanding that unfair and racist processes and policies must be disrupted for all to have access to a fulfilling life. She also holds firmly to the belief that we must improve and preserve our community for future generations.

Councilmember Freeman's passion is backed by action. She understands the issues facing Durham and brings the leadership skills and policy experience necessary to prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable. DeDreana has the proven ability to organize and engage a broad range of community members, elected officials, and other stakeholders to address issues and build a movement for racial equity. DeDreana's experience on the Planning Commission has and will continue to serve Durham residents well.

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As an administrator for a local non-profit, DeDreana has developed and implemented programs and supports for Durham children and their families around early childhood development, youth development and career pathways. She has also worked with her neighbors in East Durham to support families, businesses, artists, educators and professionals.

A lifelong public servant dedicated to her community, DeDreana served as chair of [Precinct 17](#) in Durham for six years. She also served as the third vice chair of the [Durham County Democratic Party](#). She currently serves as a State Executive Committee Member for the [North Carolina Democratic Party](#) and stays active in [Precinct 17](#). This past summer she was selected to participate in the inaugural [Higher Heights Senior Civic Leadership Fellow Cohort](#). She is also a lay ministry leader engaged in collaborative efforts in international, national, state and community partnerships of the [Episcopal Diocese](#) and the [Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina](#) as a member of [St. Philips of Durham](#).

DeDreana has made Durham her home, where she lives with her husband and three children. She is fully committed to fighting with love for social, economic, and environmental justice so that all Durham residents have access to opportunity and prosperity. She will continue to be a tireless advocate working with community members and leaders to disrupt racism and find community-based, innovative solutions to create jobs and economic growth, increase community health and safety, build sustainable housing and transportation, and create environmental justice in Durham.

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