

## Biographical Statement



Charlitta E. Burruss, born March 4, 1959 has been active in community outreach since the age of 9 years old (54 years) An upbringing that has enlivened her pursuit of getting into government as a greater means to make a positive impact in the lives of the people. Education has been a pivotal part of Charlitta's life toward the achievement of her outreach goals. She attended Brightwood Elementary, MacFarland Jr. High, and graduated from McKinley Tech Sr. High School, all in Washington DC. She attained her associates in human services from South Piedmont Community College (2004), Polkton, NC. She graduated from Gardner-Webb University with a Bachelor of Sciences in Social Work (2006), Boiling Springs, NC.

Charlitta has had a number of occupations through the years. She's worked as a phlebotomist at Howard University Hospital, an administrative assistant at Department of Justice and Superior Court in Washington, DC. She relocated to Pageland, SC after having her first child, son Darius "Nice" Burruss (now 36 years old) where she first began preaching. While living in Charlotte, NC she worked as a group home manager for Nevins Inc. for 5 years (2003-2008). She and her family then relocated to Marshville, NC where she drove school buses for several years; elementary to high school, then special education. She also worked as a teacher's assistant and then a CNA for 12 years. Her passion and commitment has always been serving the community.

Politically, Charlitta has a growing presence in local government with a focus on community outreach; in 2007 she was a candidate for Mayor in Monroe, NC against now Mayor Bobby Kilgore. Then, in 2009 she ran for City Council after moving back to Marshville, NC. She moved to Suffolk, VA in 2012, there she drove for Head Start and was an Assistant Deputy Judge for the Presidential Election and other Elected Officials. In 2014 she worked as an Assistant Chief for the Board of Elections. After returning to live in North Carolina in 2015, she became very active volunteering in various capacities throughout communities, even serving as residential council at Calvert Place Townhomes where she then resided. In 2018, she received the Neighborhood Spotlight Award, for outreach services done in Durham, NC. For the past three years she has been an active volunteer for Triangle Non-Profit Volunteer Leadership Center, feeding families during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Every election year, when she wasn't a candidate Charlitta worked at the Board of Elections of Durham and was assigned at a poll site to work. In 2019 she became a candidate for City Council of Durham, NC, where she now plans to run for Mayor, and still maintained her active role of volunteering in the community; providing food and other goods for those in need with the help of known and anonymous donations. Also in 2019 a residential council was established for Edgemont Elms Townhomes, in which Charlitta is the Vice President, serving with Mr. Derrick Poole (president). In July (2021), under the direction of the council at Elms, parking lines were added to the parking lot, signs have been put up to help regulate speeding for residential safety, lights were added at the entrance sign, larger dumpsters were put in place and they are presently working with the Department of Recreation to discuss the beautification of Edgemont Elms Park. Her current positions also include Assistant Chairperson for the Consumer Family Advisory Committee of Durham, NC (CFAC), the Assistant Chairperson for Northeast Central Durham (NECD), a member of the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI), a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and a member of the Residential Advisory Board (RAB) of Durham Housing Authority. In 2021 she has been newly appointed as the Chairperson of CFAC.

Charlitta has always had a love for government and history and strives to follow her passions to support, improve and preserve systems that represent what good government stands for in Durham. She strives to lead by example and her hands-on approach to addressing the concerns of the people has been an impactful force of change in communities where she's lived, volunteered and worked; she is not one to hesitate to pound the pavement when it comes to seeking after what she believes in and what others need. Though Charlitta is a "spokeswoman" of a different sort she will speak up and stand up for what is right. Regardless of her financial state or place of residency she has no reservations about running for Office to be in a better position to help people throughout Durham that, as she believes, are more alike than different.

Despite her hard work, Charlitta still makes time to enjoy life and count it a blessing that God has placed her on this earth to make a difference in the lives of others. Serving others in need is in her blood; as the mantle has been passed down from her parents she intends to change lives for the better and inspire the next generation to continue the legacy.

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