

Candidate for Mecklenburg County Commission District 3 – Angela Ambroise

ANGELA AMBROISE is a 42-year-old Democrat running for County Commission in District 3. A realtor for over 16 years, Ambroise is a former president and vice president of the Villa Heights Neighborhood Association, an appointee to the CMS bond oversight committee and a member of the One Mecklenburg Housing Committee.

ON SCHOOL CHOICE:

Ambroise is an advocate of the CMS school choice plan, magnet schools and charter schools.

ON MEASURES TO INCREASE SCHOOL SAFETY:

Ambroise supports measures to increase safety awareness and tools that might block any immediate threat to school safety.

ON MEASURES TO ADDRESS STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES:

Ambroise proposes hiring more social workers and school psychologists and proactively addressing bullying in schools.

ON POPULATION GROWTH ISSUES:

Ambroise acknowledges that population growth in the county has created pressures on housing, schools and infrastructure.

ON MEASURES TO ADDRESS POPULATION GROWTH ISSUES:

Ambroise advocates for a comprehensive strategy that addresses affordable housing, education and transportation.

ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

Ambroise recommends the establishment of an ad-hoc committee on affordable housing to evaluate how county-owned land could be used. She supports working with city council on joint initiatives and collaboration with CMS to acquire their buildings for affordable housing.

ON 287(G):

Ambroise supports a resolution calling on the Sheriff's Department to discontinue its enforcement of federal immigration law.

ON PANTHER STADIUM FUNDING:

Ambroise would prioritize funding for affordable housing and schools over stadium improvements but would also support additional study to clarify the investment needed for the stadium project.

ON OTHER ISSUES:

1. **Name** Angela Ambroise
2. **Age** 42

3. **District 3**

4. **Party Affiliation** Democrat

5. **Political background or other civic engagement endeavors**

As a grass-roots activist for the last twelve years, I have been in the weeds of district three advocating for affordable housing for all Charlotteans bringing issues such as displacement and gentrification to the forefront and serving seniors. I have fostered relationships to build bridges and collaboration around existing neighbors and new comers.

I have served in the following capacities:

- Former President and Vice President of Villa Heights Neighborhood Association
- Member of the National Association of Realtors
- Member of the neighborhood coalition
- Appointee to CMS bond oversite committee
- Member of One Meck Housing Committee
- And numerous other community endeavors

6. **What are your qualifications for this office?** I have been a real estate professional for over 16 and held a license for over 14 years. This experience has given me a wide perspective over a number of issues that affect the county and District 3. I have been an advocate for affordable housing, volunteering my time once per week to assist people with an array of housing related issues. This experience coupled with my understanding of housing valuation in relation to setting the tax rate gives me a unique perspective and will add value. In addition to my work in affordable housing, I have also been a community champion for high SES school and played a significant role in Villa Heights Elementary School to ensure the school re-opened to service our neighborhood children. I am an active participant on the Bond oversite committee where I am learning how the county and the CMS board of education interrelate for the benefit of our children. I was a very big advocate for the last bond request and I have continued to be an advocate. As a minority small business owner, every home that I sell-my client has the option to donate to either the local school or neighborhood association. This is just one of the ways I give back.

7. **Do you support the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School choice plan and other options such as charter schools and magnet schools?** Yes, I am huge advocate for public schools which include magnet schools. I support school choice in general. I also support charter schools and feel the system could benefit from more oversight.

8. **What measures do you support to increase school safety?** I support measures that increase safety awareness and tools that would aid and assist in stopping or blocking an immediate threat to school children and staff.

9. **What measures can Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools take to address student mental health issues?** Charlotte Mecklenburg schools will need to provide more resources that flow directly to students to address their needs. We need to hire more social workers and psychologist as a first step. CMS will need to insure that bullying incidents decrease and get addressed in a timely manner.

10. **What problems do you believe that Charlotte/Mecklenburg population growth creates?** Population growth created a barrage of issues particularly for schools, housing, and infrastructure.
11. **How can the county address those growth problems?** The county will need to work in collaboration with other areas of the government such as city council and school board to develop smart growth strategies to increase affordable housing, improve our educational system and invest in our transportation system within our urban core. The county could benefit from adopting policies that address the needs of all citizens.
12. **Do you support the use of County funds to build a domed stadium to guarantee that the Carolina Panthers remain in Charlotte?** More information is needed in terms of the amount of investment for this project. I would need more information in order to make an informed decision. At this time, the county is not adequately supporting affordable housing and schools. I would want to insure that these items take front and center.
13. **What measures can the Board of Commissioners take to increase the stock of affordable housing in the County?** The commissioners should establish an ad-hoc committee on affordable housing to evaluate county owned land for this purpose. The committee would collaborate with city council to make recommendations on how to support city initiatives around affordable housing and also collaborate with CMS to develop strategies on acquiring their buildings for affordable housing.
14. **Are you in favor of a resolution calling on the Sheriff's Department to discontinue its enforcement of federal immigration law (287(g))?** Yes.
15. **What other issues do you believe the Board of Commissioners should address?** The other issues the Board of Commissioners need to address are jobs that pay livable wages, 50 out of 50 economic mobility issues and transportation for seniors and workers. We need to support workers and families by providing vocational training to give them a fast track to prosperity.