

## **Candidate for Mecklenburg County Commission at Large – Gerenda Davis**

**GERENDA DAVIS**, 58, is a Democrat running for a Commissioner at-Large seat. She has a Master's Degree in Public Administration and spent 28 years working for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department. She retired in 2010.

### **ON CMS SCHOOLS:**

Davis supports the Charlotte Mecklenburg school choice plan and placing metal detectors in schools to increase school safety. She also supports increasing the number of guidance counselors in the schools

### **ON GROWTH:**

Davis believes that the population growth that Mecklenburg is experiencing has both good and bad sides. It increases the human and financial resources necessary to address problems but also increases the number of people who have problems.

### **ON 287(g):**

Davis favors discontinuing the County's enforcement of federal immigration law.

### **ON A NEW PANTHER STADIUM:**

Davis is in favor making a loan to the Panthers to build a new stadium if the team was responsible for the stadium's care and upkeep.

### **ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING:**

Davis believes the County should set time limits on the length of time individuals can reside in subsidized housing.

### **OTHER ISSUES:**

Transparency, accountability, equality in reference to where, when and how equipment paid for with taxpayer dollars are used and stored.

1. **Name:** Gerenda D. Davis
2. **Age:** 58
3. **District:** 3
4. **Party Affiliation:** Democrat
5. **Political background or other civic engagement endeavors:** Past Governor of Optimist International
6. **What are your qualifications for this office?** I have a Master Degree In Public Administration and I worked in government at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department as a supervisor for 28 and a half years before retiring in 2010. While there I led several projects that had major effects on the county and its citizens such as the police in-car cameras, seatbelt and car seat safety and the restructuring of the police Internal Incident Investigation Package.

7. **Do you support the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School choice plan and other options such as charter schools and magnet schools?** Yes as long as it has no negative effect on the public school system.
8. **What measures do you support to increase school safety?** I support metal detectors at the main entrance and the other doors can only be entered with security cards like the police department has.
9. **What measures can Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools take to address student mental health issues?** Increase the number of Guidance Counselors and Therapy Counselors in schools.
10. **What problems do you believe that Charlotte/Mecklenburg population growth creates?** The population growth is good and bad. It increases the pool of people we have to address problems and it increases the number of people who have problems. It also increases the amount of money needed to solve them.
11. **How can the county address those growth problems?** The county is already addressing those problems, however, they need to look at their methods and make the changes needed to update and better resolve them.
12. **Do you support the use of County funds to build a domed stadium to guarantee that the Carolina Panthers remain in Charlotte?** Only if the money is a loan to be repaid back in full and the contract states that the team is responsible for its care and upkeep.
13. **What measures can the Board of Commissioners take to increase the stock of affordable housing in the County?** They can place time limits as to how long people can stay in affordable housing and stop what appears to be generational occupation of the affordable housing communities.
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?** Transparency, accountability, and equality are extremely important. They should be able to identify where, when, and how much publicly purchased items are used and /or stored.