

Candidate for Mecklenburg County Commission at Large – Ella Scarborough

Ella Scarborough, 72, is a former member of the Charlotte City Council and Mecklenburg County Commissioner at large incumbent running for reelection. She is the current chairman of the BOCC and second vice-president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

ON SCHOOL CHOICE: Scarborough supports parents' right to choose the school their children should attend.

ON SCHOOL SAFETY: Scarborough supports the use of school resource officers on school campuses as well as other safety measures currently in place.

ON MEASURES TO ADDRESS STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES: Scarborough supports the placement of certified mental health counsellors in each school.

ON POPULATION GROWTH ISSUES: Scarborough does not believe population growth creates problems.

ON ADDRESSING GROWTH PROBLEMS: Scarborough believes that population growth presents opportunities for governing entities to address issues and create better plans for housing, transportation, education, diversity and inclusion.

ON PANTHER STADIUM FUNDING: Scarborough is in favor of taxpayer funding of a new Panther stadium.

ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Scarborough is in favor of a city/county partnership to ensure an adequate amount of affordable housing.

ON 287(G): Scarborough favors a county resolution calling on the Sheriff to discontinue the departments cooperation with federal immigration and customs officials.

ON OTHER ISSUES: Scarborough believes the county board must remain nimble in order to address issues as they present themselves.

1. **Name:** Commissioner Chair Ella Scarborough
2. **Age:** 72
3. **District:** Commissioner-At-Large
4. **Party Affiliation:** Democrat
5. **Political background or other civic engagement endeavors:**
 - Served 10 years on Charlotte City Council

- 2nd Vice President North Carolina League of Municipalities
- Serving 2 full terms as Mecklenburg County Commissioner-At-Large & the current Chair of Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners; the first African American Women to hold this position.
- Member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

6. What are your qualifications for this office?

Having served with dedication and commitment in both the City Council and County Commission for many years; My successful tenure in both positions have more than qualified me to continue to work for the families; my constituents of Mecklenburg County.

7. Do you support the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School choice plan and other options such as charter schools and magnet schools?

I support the parent's right to choose the school that their children should attend.

8. What measures do you support to increase school safety?

I support the continued use of school resource officers on campus at each school; as well as all the measures that are currently in place to protect our children.

9. What measures can Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools take to address student mental health issues?

It would be beneficial to each school to have qualified and certified mental health counselors available to speak to each student; as needed on individual basis; as well as have other resources available for the children who needed additional care beyond what the school could provide.

10. What problems do you believe that Charlotte/Mecklenburg population growth creates?

I do not believe that the population growth actually creates a problem; I believe it creates an opportunity for us to do better as a community and as the political governing body of the City and the County we should use the growth opportunity to make better plans for housing; transportation; education and more.

11. How can the county address those growth problems?

As stated these new growth opportunities provide opportunities for the county to address all the areas of concern; as well as to increase diversity and inclusion in the communities affected by the growth.

12. Do you support the use of County funds to build a domed stadium to guarantee that the Carolina Panthers remain in Charlotte?

Yes, I support the use of County funds to build a domed stadium; not just to keep the Panthers in Charlotte; but because as with any other national recognized team the Panthers deserve that opportunity to have a domed stadium.

13. What measures can the Board of Commissioners take to increase the stock of affordable housing in the County?

We should work with the City and developers to assure that each project that is built in the future has an adequate amount of 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, I feel that 287(G) is just another form of racism and an added way of unnecessary profiling.

15. What other issues do you believe the Board of Commissioners should address?

The BOCC should remain vigilant to all issues and be prepared to address each issue as they arise; and be willing to change to adapt to the needs of the community.