

Candidate for Mecklenburg County Commission District 3 – George G. Dortche

GEORGE GIOVANNI DORTCHE, 33, is a Democrat running in the District 3 race for County Commission. He is currently serving on the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee where he works on four subcommittees. He also chairs the Black Business Owners of Charlotte.

ON SCHOOL CHOICE:

Dortche supports the CMS choice plan and other options including charter and magnet schools.

ON MEASURES TO INCREASE SCHOOL SAFETY:

Dortche favors metal detectors at school entrances and an increase in the number of school resource officers. He also proposes electronic key fobs for additional access security for schools buildings.

ON MEASURES TO ADDRESS STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES:

Dortche is in favor of hiring mental health professionals for each school and increasing community mental health resources for families.

ON POPULATION GROWTH ISSUES:

Dortche believes that the area's rapid growth is contributing to a shortage of housing, infrastructure problems and overcrowded classrooms.

ON MEASURES TO ADDRESS POPULATION GROWTH ISSUES:

Dortche pledges to bring a more forward-thinking approach to the board.

ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

Dortche recommends evaluating county owned land and unoccupied buildings to determine if they could be repurposed for affordable housing

ON 287(G):

Dortche opposes the county's cooperation with federal immigration and customs officials.

ON PANTHER STADIUM FUNDING:

Dortche does not support the use of public funds for sports teams or stadium improvements.

ON OTHER ISSUES:

Dortche believes the Board of County Commissioners needs to be responsive to its constituents.

1. **Name:** George Giovanni Dortche
2. **Age** 33
3. **District:** 3
4. **Party Affiliation:** Democrat

5. **Political background or other civic engagement endeavors:** No Political background. I'm a Public Servant and a Difference Maker. Elected by the Board of County Commissioners to serve on the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee. In which I serve on 4 subcommittees. Education/Young Leaders, Police Relations, MLK Parade and Crisis Response Subcommittees. I'm very engaged and active in every community in Mecklenburg County. I'm also the Chairman of Black Business Owners of Charlotte. I Chair the Community Relations Committee for that organization. Black Business Owners of Charlotte had an event called Black Restaurant Week. Where we highlighted 24 Black owned restaurants to patronize during that week. It was a success. Those restaurants earned in total \$800,000 that week.
6. **What are your qualifications for this office?** Qualifications: I have a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love and that's all you need to serve. I have a degree from CPCC in Paralegal Technology. I have the ability to listen well to others and understand where they are coming from. I take a personal interest in helping to resolve issues for constituents. A life serving others is a life worth living!
7. **Do you support the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School choice plan and other options such as charter schools and magnet schools?** Yes. I do support CMS choice plan and other options such as charter schools and magnet schools. I also believe it's up to the parent on how they want their child educated.
8. **What measures do you support to increase school safety?** In order to increase school safety, I would implement metal detectors at entrances of school dwellings and increase the number of school resource officers. I would also propose electronic key fob to gain access to buildings.
9. **What measures can Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools take to address student mental health issues?** Mental Health is a very important subject matter. We as County should be investing heavily towards this issue. I would ensure that there are more mental health professionals in every school as well as more mental health resources outside of the school for students to utilize.
10. **What problems do you believe that Charlotte/Mecklenburg population growth creates?** Charlotte Mecklenburg rapid growth is and will cause housing issues, infrastructure issues and overcrowded classrooms.
11. **How can the county address those growth problems?** We as a County can address these issues by staying ahead of the curve and being proactive instead of reactive. We need more forward thinkers on this Board of County Commissioners.
12. **Do you support the use of County funds to build a domed stadium to guarantee that the Carolina Panthers remain in Charlotte?** I do not support the use of any public funds for a sports team or stadium.
13. **What measures can the Board of Commissioners take to increase the stock of affordable housing in the County?** In order to increase the stock of affordable housing we must look at the land and buildings currently unoccupied and owned by the County and decide how to best use the property to assist with the affordable housing crisis.

14. **Are you in favor of a resolution calling on the Sheriff's Department to discontinue its enforcement of federal immigration law (287(g))?** I oppose 287g. This program is divisive and creates mistrust between the community and law enforcement.
15. **What other issues do you believe the Board of Commissioners should address?** The Board of County Commissioners should address any and all issues their constituents may have. Everybody voice is valued and should be heard. I serve the PEOPLE!!