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**Public School Teacher and Community Leader Leonard Richardson announces his candidacy for Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners District One**

“Our District One citizens deserve a commissioner that is responsive and in touch with the true needs and issues affecting our communities such as public education, public safety and the overall health and welfare of our families.” Leonard Richardson

Charlotte, NC- November 18, 2013. Leonard Richardson has announced his candidacy for Mecklenburg County Commission District One a seat which is being vacated by incumbent Karen Bentley in 2014. Mr. Richardson will officially file for office on Monday February 10, 2014 at noon.

As an educator, husband and father of three children Richardson understands the importance of maintaining a responsible county budget that works for all of our citizens and keeps wasteful spending to a minimum. He will work tirelessly to ensure that we have a quality education system and county health services with programs in place that are proactive in helping people gain the tools necessary to live independent and productive lives. Leonard Richardson is committed to providing rapid, top notch constitute services once elected.

Leonard Richardson has been married eleven years has three young children. He graduated from Salisbury High in 1999 where he played Varsity football. Richardson then earned a B.A in Comprehensive Social Studies with minor in Secondary Education from UNC-Charlotte and an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration from Central Piedmont Community College. He is Praxis 2 Certified to teach K-12.

The Richardson Campaign is requesting individuals to email him at richardsoncampaign@gmail.com and to visit his website at [www.vote4richardson.com](http://www.vote4richardson.com). You could also look him up on Facebook.