

## Lets move forward together

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# JAMIE HILDRETH

for County Commissioner

Friends,

Four months

ago I embarked on the difficult and uphill climb to join the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners. I knew it would be a risk and that I may not get the results that I hoped for. I also knew it was something that had to be done. Our incumbent commissioners

needed to be shook, and as the polls began closing on Tuesday, I assure you that they were. Although I am disappointed that incumbency prevailed, over the past 72 hours I have reflected on this journey with pride and gratitude.

As you know,

Ray McKinnon and I mutually endorsed each other and stood side by side for much of this campaign. Each of our campaigns independently (not together) raised more money than all three incumbents raised combined, and we also earned more endorsements than every incumbent. I was also honored to receive a national endorsement from Run for Something, a millennial PAC supporting first-time millennial candidates. These accomplishments are reflections of two strong platforms and teams that worked hand in hand to share our messages across Mecklenburg County.

Throughout this campaign I have been honored to meet and befriend some of the most passionate, capable, and dedicated people I have ever met. These friendships will last far longer than the May 8th primary day. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to:

- Natalia Diez-Singerman, my exceptional campaign manager, for her tireless dedication, creative ideas, and strategic vision. Without Natalia I would have been lost more than once on the campaign trail.
- Tramaine Pride, my advocate and campaign assistant, who stepped into the political arena for the first time to help my campaign.
- Ray Mckinnon, a long-time friend, and one of the best running mates anyone could ask for. Thank you for helping me walk humbly, seek justice, and love mercifully.
- My family, whose support allowed me to take this leap without fear.
- All of my donors and volunteers, for breathing life into this campaign and sharing our message near and far. Because of you, we were able to leave our mark on 2018.
- All of the members of the Democrats of North Mecklenburg. Y'all, this group has its 'ish together and exposed me to a whole new group of Democrats that too many overlook. Their passion, their organization, and their growing influence are unmatched.

My advocacy for Mecklenburg County residents didn't end on Tuesday night, and

I hope that you will join me as I continue to hold the Board of County Commissioners accountable. There are many issues that our incumbents have let slip by for far too long. Hopefully they realize, after having survived one of the most contested primaries

in recent history, that their constituents are rejecting complacency and demanding progress. I compel each

of you to continue to fight for these values that I know we all hold dear:

- Expanding universal pre-k in Mecklenburg County.
- Fully funding parks and greenways.
- Supporting our teachers in the absence of the state by increasing the county supplement pay.
- Bringing our Health Department up to the needed standards of our community.

I end this message by reiterating my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your support throughout this journey. I will continue to walk with you, as I always have, as we fight for the future of our great county. Onward to November!

Gratefully  
yours,  
Jamie

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