



Citizens for a Safe & Secure Raleigh is proud to endorse these candidates in the November 5, 2024, Raleigh City Council election based on their commitment to public safety, their experience, and their dedication to the well-being of our community.

“Keeping our community safe is the most important job of the mayor and City Council.” - Janet Cowell, candidate for Mayor



District C
Corey Branch

First elected to the Council in 2015, Branch serves as chair of its Transportation & Transit Committee and vicechair of its Growth & Natural Resources Committee. The private-sector information technology manager has served twice as mayor pro tempore. Among his top Council priorities are public safety and economic development.



District E
John Cerqueira

Making his first Council run, the organizational coach prioritizes public safety and balanced growth. As Cerqueira himself says aptly: “Ensuring that our community is safe is a matter not only of protecting our residents, but also of fostering an environment where everyone feels secure and supported, which is essential for the city’s continued growth and prosperity.



For Mayor
Janet Cowell

As a former City Council member, state senator, state treasurer, business leader, and President and CEO of the Dix Park Conservancy, Cowell has shown extraordinary skill and leadership. As Cowell herself says, “Keeping our community safe is the most important job of the mayor and City Council.



At-Large
Stormie Forte

A City Council member since 2000, Forte serves as vicechair of the Council’s Safe, Vibrant & Healthy Neighborhoods Committee and is a member of its Economic Development & Innovation Committee. A licensed attorney, real estate agent, and consultant, Forte has worked for the state’s Department of Correction and Department of Health and Human Services.



District D
Jane Harrison

First elected to the Council in 2022, Harrison serves as chair of its Growth & Natural Resources Committee and is a member of its Transportation & Transit Committee. The N.C. State University affiliate faculty member, specialist in coastal economics, and supporter of small businesses is running unopposed



At-Large
Jonathan Melton

Elected to the Council in 2019 and again in 2022, Melton serves as mayor pro tempore and chair of the Council’s Economic Development & Innovation Committee. A family law attorney, Melton has advocated for higher pay and additional benefits for first responders.



District A
Mitchell Silver

A former Raleigh planning director, former New York City parks commissioner, and private-sector urban planning consultant, Silver led the development of Raleigh’s Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Ordinance with a vision of creating healthy places for people to thrive. Public safety, high-quality growth, and affordable housing top his Council agenda.



Pledging to protect and to serve the public.

Raleigh needs a renewed commitment to public safety, including sufficient staffing, competitive pay, and superior officers and standards.
Our City Council has a paramount duty to provide:

1.

Appropriate Police Staffing

A sworn police force large enough to ensure the safety and security of residents, visitors, and businesses in every neighborhood.

2.

Adequate Police Funding

Competitive pay, benefits, and working conditions to attract and retain excellent officers of all ranks.

3.

Superior Officers

The best police training, procedures and practices, and the highest professional ethics to bolster public accountability, confidence, and trust.

4.

Necessary Tools

State-of-the-art equipment and facilities to enable officers to work safely and effectively.

5.

Homelessness Action

Promotion of innovative, caring solutions for the unhoused living and camping throughout our city.

6.

Honor for Those Who Serve

Advocacy for their work, remembrance of the fallen and support for their families.

The people of Raleigh deserve to be safe and to feel secure.

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