

Voter Guide for Durham City Council and Mayoral Election, Nov. 8, 2011

The marriage amendment is the one-man one-woman amendment that North Carolina voters will vote on in May 2012. The tax increase refers to the proposed 0.50 percent sales tax increase that is on the ballot. An additional 0.25 percent tax is also on the ballot.

Candidate	When right to life begins	Marriage amendment	Tax increase	Website and email	Phone (919)
Mayor (Vote for one)					
William V. (Bill) Bell	At birth	Against	For	www.ci.durham.nc.us/mayor; wbell51126@aol.com	544-5597
Sylvester Williams	Conception (fertilization)	For	Against	www.sylvesterwilliamsformayor.com; info@sylvesterwilliamsformayor.com	596-2682
City Council (Vote for up to three)					
Eugene A. Brown	See footnote ¹	Against	For	www.ci.durham.nc.us/council/brown.cfm; teton@earthlink.net	688-9314
Solomon Burnette	See footnote ²	Abstain ³	For	www.SolomonBurnette.com; sburnetteforcitycouncil@gmail.com	638-6923
Diane Catotti	"I am pro-choice"	Against	For	www.dianecatotti.com; campaign@dianecatotti.com	490-0984
Donald Hughes	At birth	Against	For	www.HughesforDurham.com; hughes4durham@gmail.com	410-7721
Victoria Peterson	Conception (fertilization)	For	Against	petersonforpublicoffice.weebly.com; vbpeterson@nc.rr.com	949-3867
Steve Schewel	"I am pro-choice"	Against	For	steveschewel.com; steveschewel@gmail.com	286-0116

1. Eugene Brown: The right-to-life issue "has nothing to do with city council. That's above our pay grade! (\$18,000)."
2. Burnette: "Life is precious. Everyone's choice takes consideration."
3. Burnette: "My upbringing, faith, and ideology place me squarely within the exclusive endorsement of heterosexual union. We must also make sure that no one's civil liberties are infringed upon. If asked to vote on this position, I would probably abstain so as not to offend many friends."