



# APPLICATION FOR DURHAM CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE VACANCY

ETHNIC BACKGROUND Black/African American Gender Male Are you at least 21 years of age? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of any City of Durham Board/Commission/Committee that you are serving on at the present time:  
 Date Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Waldo Fenner SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS 1119 Clarendon Street HOME PHONE NO: 9842257853  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

EMAIL ADDRESS waldofenner2@gmail.com OCCUPATION Retired

PLACE OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

BUSINESS PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you live within the corporate city limits? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered voter in the City of Durham? \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION: I hold an Associate in Applied Science degree from Durham Technical Community College in Criminal Justice. I have earned, as well, a Bachelor of Science degree from Mount Olive University in Criminal Justice. I received a Master of Science degree in Psychology from Grand Canyon University, where I am currently a doctoral candidate in behavioral health.

Based on your qualifications and experiences, briefly describe why your service on the Durham City Council would be beneficial to the City of Durham

Hello! My name is Waldo Fenner, and I am North Carolina native. I moved to Durham, N.C. in 1994. I've been living in Walltown for more than two decades now and have been proudly calling it my home. I love Walltown history and humble beginnings; how it has managed to overcome adversity; and how many of us have still been able to retain our homes to a community called Walltown. I am retired, and have had professional experience in counseling, education, community health, and substance abuse.

These areas have provided me with an opportunity to listen to—and guide—individuals in critical situations; to have an ethic of care and understanding; and to turn to the value and impact of community outreach. I hold an Associate in Applied Science degree from Durham Technical Community College in criminal justice. I have earned, as well, a Bachelor of Science degree from Mount Olive University in criminal justice. I received a Master of Science degree in psychology from Grand Canyon University, where I am currently a doctoral candidate in behavioral health. I remember the bible paraphrasing God said (He will rain on the justice and injustice the same" and much who is given much is expected), change, transparency, accountability, equal justice, and fairness these are the qualities pushing my city council candidacy forward. My ideal and practical vision for the City of Durham is one of inconclusiveness, equity, transparency, community living, and accountability to all its citizens and how to make Durham a more livable place. The approach should be to improve our everyday quality of life. These remarks are very important to me, especially during the COVID-19 global health crisis, and gun violence. As part of this new vision I would like our old police department or any old building to be used as part of our vision for affordable housing. The insight of living in the City of Durham for over decades gives me that experience to understand the needs of citizens.

Other information you consider pertinent: (i.e., Civic memberships, related experience, etc.)

N/A

PROPERTY TAX LISTING MUST BE CURRENT. CITY AND COUNTY TAXES MUST NOT REFLECT ANY DELINQUENCY AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION.

APPLICATION WILL BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST

DÉADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATION: FRIDAY MARCH 25, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

Date: 3/25/2022

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return Application to:  
City Clerk's Office City of Durham  
101 City Hall Plaza - Suite 2700  
Durham, NC 27701  
Phone: (919) 560-4166  
Email To: [city.clerk@durhamnc.gov](mailto:city.clerk@durhamnc.gov)



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## DURHAM CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE VACANCY CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate Name:

Waldo Fenner

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Complete questions in the space provided below or on separate sheet of paper. Return your completed questionnaire to the City Clerk's Office via email to [city.clerk@durhamnc.gov](mailto:city.clerk@durhamnc.gov)

1. Why do you want to serve on City Council and what strengths would you bring to Council? (Limit answer to 400 words or less)

I have lived in the City of Durham for over two decades. I am retired, and have had professional experience in counseling, education, community health, and substance abuse. These areas have provided me with an opportunity to listen to and guide individuals in critical situations; to have an ethic of care and understanding; and to turn to the value and impact of community outreach.

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2. What is your time availability to serve on City Council, including serving on Council Subcommittees, and making yourself available for public gatherings? (Limit answer to 400 words or less)

My time is reflex-able as I am retired

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3. Describe your perspective on each of the following issues (Limit answers to 300 words or less):

a. Housing

We could use old facilities that can be renovated to create affordable housing. Replacing some of DHA housing property with affordable rental and housing.

b. Public safety and policing strategies:

Public safety and policing should not infringe on our citizens constitutional rights. We all want our police and citizens to go home. The change must start with police behavior/approach, and hiring. As for citizens it is our responsibility to have respect even though it is not a law.

c. Development and Land Use

Developer looks at their land as we do our home. The City having this zoning power we can introduce change and help developer create a balance but we should not infringe on their rights as owners and that balance would include community input, facts, and need.

d. Inclusion and race equity:

My ideal and practical vision for the City of Durham is one of inclusiveness, equity, transparency, community living, and accountability to all its citizens and how to make Durham a more livable place. The approach should be to improve our everyday quality of life.

e. Economic Development:

Well zoning of property is the only power the city has to force compliance to our citizen needs. Zoning power should be used to strike a balance. I would look at our infrastructure need to offset a balance with developer, and residents.

f. Open space and trails and environmental policy:

Well i grow up in the country and we used the woods as a part of our life skills as to learning about animals, growing plants, your environment, nature, and a way to relax.

g. Public Infrastructure and City services:

When we talk about infrastructure and city services i feel they are the same. If we start looking at them separately the human component will get lost. We create a balance between the two in order to have a city of opportunity for all and growth.

4. What are your top three priorities for the City over the next 5 years?

It is very hard to pick three when all are important. Seniors, and Disable (solar panels reduce light bill, and home repair), gun violence ( dirt bike will pay for self and create jobs, a path for kids, reduce gangs, and opportunities like own small business) and affordable housing. If we use community living as the foundation we can see a shift which will encompass all the above. (examples)

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5. If appointed, what do you envision being your sources of information and reaching an informed decision?

The source(s) should always be the people/community, education, research, trust of colleagues, and facts.

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6. Detail your current civic engagement and other related experience.

My experience comes from many things directly and indirectly from living in the city of Durham. I love Walltown history and humble beginnings; how it has managed to overcome adversity; and how many of us have still been able to retain our homes. I am retired, and have had professional experience in counseling, education, community health, and substance abuse for over twenty five years.

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7. Other pertinent information:

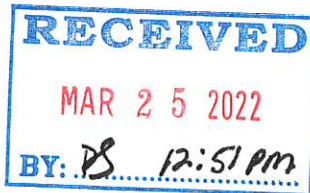
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DATE CLERK'S OFFICE RECEIVED APPLICATION

3/25/2022



**Schreiber, Diana**

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**From:** Waldo Fenner <fennerwaldo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 12:51 PM  
**To:** City.Clerk  
**Subject:** RE: Application for city council  
**Attachments:** new\_AT-Large\_vacancy\_202203141002489797.pdf

Hello This is my application for at-large City Council seat. I also signed document alongside today's date.