



THE DURHAM ROUNDTABLE

COMMITTEE ON CRIME

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Committee on Crime
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Our goal

- To achieve Durham's full potential, by making this a safe and inviting city.
- To make Durham a place that encourages strong investment from existing and new stakeholders.

The cold, hard realities*

- In 2004, 1 of every 92 Durham citizens was murdered, raped or assaulted.
- In 2004, a Durham citizen was murdered every 12 days, a woman was raped every 4 days, there were 16 gun-related crimes each week and there were 6 assaults every day.
- The most disadvantaged of Durham's citizens bear the brunt of this violence.

*2004 Crime data: Durham Crime Mapper; Population Estimates taken from the City of Durham website (2003 population estimate)



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Key challenges

- We lack the enforcement and judicial resources to get the job done.
- It takes an average of 245 days to prosecute a felony case in Durham, allowing many serious criminals to plead down their cases and return to the streets.
- It takes a year-and-a-half to two years to get DNA and ballistics results back from the State Bureau of Investigation.
- The State under-funds the judiciary (2.7% of the state budget, 36th of 50 states) and what funding there is does not go where the need is greatest.
- Cutting crime in Durham requires commitment from our government, the private sector, the civic sector, and ultimately from the citizens of Durham.
- The crime problem in Durham cuts across law enforcement and the judiciary, and requires solutions to be funded by the City, the County, the State and the Private sector.
- The citizens of Durham need to vocalize their concern about crime, and their support for these initiatives.



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Funding and taxes

- It is premature to have any public discussion about funding these initiatives. We have spent the last several months formulating the plan; the debates and solutions around funding come next.
- This is not about a tax increase. It is about making Durham a safer city.
- We will look for every possible way (including a significant lobbying effort at the State Legislature, opportunities within the existing County and City budgets, and increased reliance on private sector support) to fund this program without seeking additional revenues. Only if we are unable to find sufficient funding through these efforts will we entertain the idea of a tax increase.
- If we do ultimately seek a tax increase, 1) it will happen only because the citizens of Durham have demonstrated clear support for such a measure; and 2) it will have a three year lifespan, so as not to let the State off its duty to help make this a safe and attractive community.



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Long-term root causes versus short-term opportunities

- Poverty, the absence of fathers as heads of households and the drug trade are at the root of Durham's violent crime.
- These are deep-rooted problems that we must solve if we are to achieve sustainable success in keeping crime rates down.
- We believe that by focusing the efforts of this committee on what can be done to reduce crime today, we are building a strong foundation from which to attack the root causes affecting our future.



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WHERE WE NEED TO FOCUS

- Nailing the most dangerous criminals
- Establishing a climate of intolerance
- Making crime less attractive to those who still can be saved (our youth, lesser criminals)
- Convicting the hardened criminals and ensure they serve the maximum sentence

WHAT STANDS IN THE WAY

- We can't cover the high crime areas without leaving the rest of the city exposed
- We have trouble separating the "Worst 100" criminals from the rest
- We can't handle the caseload fast enough to keep the bad guys from pleading down their sentences
- Unresolved code and litter violations prove we can't keep on top of things, encouraging crime
- Youth, especially high-risk youth, are left to their own devices, especially during summer break
- There are few incentives for lesser criminals to stay out of trouble
- There is no proportionate increase in penalty for crimes committed with a gun



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The Plan

- Problem: Too few police officers on the street to handle existing issues
 - Solution: Get 64 more policemen on patrol (Fill 22 police vacancies, graduate 32 new officers from the police academy, add 10 new police jobs)
 - Solution: Create incentives for police to live in key neighborhoods
- Problem: There are technology-based inefficiencies in the utilization of our current patrol force
 - Solution: Implement eCitation to allow officers to write more accurate citations in half the time
 - Solution: Complete the Durham Police department information integration program
- Problem: Weak coordination between police and the courts
 - Solution: Add one ADA dedicated to following the “Worst 100” criminals and fast-tracking A-E felons through the court system
- Problem: Don’t know when someone is picked up on a misdemeanor is a hardened criminal
 - Solution: Fingerprint misdemeanants
- Problem: Not enough resources to handle the caseload
 - Solution: Bring resources up to the intermediate recommendation of the Durham judiciary (permanently fund 3 ADAs whose funding grants expire this year; add 4 new ADAs, 1 new judge, 5 new clerks and 1 new magistrate)
 - Solution: Implement electronic court reporting



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The Plan, cont.

- Problem: The jail is overcrowded with people who could be out on bail without serious risk to the community
 - Solution: Institute a pre-trial service program to screen first appearances
- Problem: The state is under-funding the judiciary and not supporting Durham's special needs
 - Solution: Develop an effective lobbying presence at the State Legislature
 - Solution: Consider all means, including encouraging a suit against the state, to force higher investment and fairer allocation of resources
- Problem: The State Bureau of Investigation takes 1.5 to 2 years to process critical evidence (DNA, fingerprints, ballistics, etc.)
 - Solution: develop alternative lab resources to expedite the process
- Problem: State and federal gun laws are not aligned, resulting in sentences that are no more severe for crimes committed with guns
 - Solution: Develop effective lobbying presence at the State Legislature
- Problem: Not enough resources to drive code compliance, litter removal
 - Solution: Install information processing equipment to expedite handling of violations
 - Solution: Institute commercial codes matching existing residential codes
 - Solution: Hire additional city staff to make neighborhood sweeps
 - Solution: Implement an "adopt-a-neighborhood" program



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The Plan, cont.

- Problem: Not enough programs to engage youth, especially at-risk youth, and “lesser” criminals
 - Solution: Create 600 summer jobs for at-risk youth, in addition to 400 funded by the Mayor’s program
 - Solution: Increase the number of truant officers
 - Solution: Renew Youth Treatment Court funding
 - Solution: Repurpose existing detention funds to pay for low-skills jobs for lesser criminals
 - Solution: Partner with Durham Tech to establish GED programs offering lesser criminals life-changing educational opportunities

- Problem: Our program will not gain traction unless all constituents are enrolled; we lack external validation of the program to help sell it and to ensure we are doing enough to drive results; and cynicism around governmental accountability is high
 - Solution: Develop and implement a communications program
 - Solution: Access Richard Florida data for benchmarking against similar cities and counties
 - Solution: Set clear and measurable accountabilities for all programs and spending
 - Solution: Encourage everyone we can to go to www.DurhamRoundtable.org and send emails to their elected officials seeking their commitment to this program

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The screenshot shows the website for the Durham Round Table. At the top, there is a navigation menu with the following items: I WANT TO HELP, PROCESS, FOCUS, RESULTS, ARTICLES, MEMBERS, and CONTACT US. Below the menu, it lists the issues: EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, HOUSING, CRIME.

The central part of the page features a round table with 14 members seated around it, each with their name labeled above them:

- STERLING FREEMAN
- NICK TENNYSON
- MARYANN BLACK
- MARGARET KELLER
- SYLVIA KERCKHOFF
- ANITA BROWN-GRAHAM
- LAURA HALL
- BARKER FRENCH
- HAYWOOD HOLDERNESS
- CARL P. WEBB
- DAN HILL
- DAN HUDGINS
- DIEGO MIRALLES
- HANK SCHERICH

Below the table, the mission statement is circled in red:

I want to support reducing crime.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Durham Roundtable is firmly committed to undertaking community initiatives through a process that is informed and includes broad-based support. As such, the Roundtable's process is based on our beliefs that:

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The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the website <http://www.durhamroundtable.org/iwant.asp>. The browser's address bar and menu bar are visible at the top. The website content includes a header with the logo and navigation links: [I WANT TO HELP](#), [PROCESS](#), [FOCUS](#), [RESULTS](#), [ARTICLES](#), [MEMBERS](#), and [CONTACT US](#). Below the navigation is a section titled "ISSUES: EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, HOUSING, CRIME". A central column contains three buttons: "CITY COUNCIL", "COUNTY COMMISSIONERS", and "DURHAM DELEGATION". Below this is a mailing list subscription form with the text "To subscribe to our mailing list please enter your email address below." and a "Your E-mail Address:" label. The form includes a text input field, radio buttons for "Subscribe" (selected) and "Modify/Remove", and a "Submit" button. A "Privacy Statement" link is located at the bottom of the form. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several application icons, and the system tray with the time 10:17 PM.

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The image displays three overlapping screenshots of the Durham Roundtable website, accessed via Microsoft Internet Explorer. The website's header features the Durham Roundtable logo and a navigation menu with links for 'WANT TO HELP', 'PROCESS', 'FOCUS', 'RESULTS', 'ARTICLES', 'MEMBERS', and 'CONTACT US'. Below the header, the main content area is divided into sections for each letter type.

Top Screenshot: City Council Letter
The page is titled 'DIR :: City Council Letter'. The subject is 'I support stopping crime in Durham.' The message is addressed to the Durham City Council. The content includes a list of issues: 'Durham law enforcement deters crime. Through...'. The list items are: 1. Boarded up houses, 2. Houses with properties on sidewalk, 3. Sidewalks, 4. Hundreds of...'. Below the list, there is a section titled 'As a Citizen of Durham' with a list of points: 1. The city is including providing... 2. Expand to encourage you to encourage you to for "at risk youth". 3. Adding 1...'. There are also links for 'Adding 1', 'Funding', and 'And, add...'. A 'Send' button is visible at the bottom.

Middle Screenshot: County Commissioners Letter
The page is titled 'DIR :: County Commissioners Letter'. The subject is 'I support stopping crime in Durham.' The message is addressed to the Durham County Board of Commissioners. The content includes a list of issues: 'Durham's courts are...'. The list items are: 1. They are... 2. The court effectively screen a Durham releasing criminals... 3. Durham's... 4. Durham's...'. Below the list, there is a section titled 'The State of North Carolina Judiciary' with a list of points: 1. The judicial community... 2. Unfortun...'. There is also a section titled 'I am in support of the Roundtable's listing...'. A 'Send' button is visible at the bottom.

Bottom Screenshot: Durham Delegation Letter
The page is titled 'DIR :: Durham Delegation Letter'. The subject is 'I support stopping crime in Durham.' The message is addressed to the Durham Delegation to the NC General Assembly. The content includes a list of issues: 'The Durham Court system faces a crisis:'. The list items are: 1. Durham has considerable inadequacies in its present, permanent resources. a. The Clerk of Court's office is understaffed by 5 clerks. (Calculated by the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts). b. Durham is seeing an increase in the caseloads of its prosecutorial district (District 14). However, there has been no responding increase of staffing. 2. Already understaffed, the Court System is at risk of losing critical, existing positions and special courts that are currently funded by grants. a. Three (3) Durham Assistant District Attorneys are paid for by grant funds. Those positions will be lost when the grants end June 2005. b. The Youth Treatment Court is also funded by grants. It will close in 2005 when that grant ends. District 14 (Durham County Courts) needs: 1. At least Two (2) new clerks to partially correct this disparity (Item 1A) 2. At least one new magistrate to handle the high volume of cases (Last year in the "short session" of the North Carolina General Assembly, a bill was introduced that would have given Durham 1 additional Magistrate. Later, in a conference committee, the magistrate allocated to Durham was dropped - no adequate explanation). 3. One (1) additional District Court Judge to help move the cases through the system. 4. Three (3) Assistant District Attorneys to replace the lapsing grant funded positions. 5. Funds to operate the Youth Treatment Court.



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SUMMARY OF PROJECTED COSTS	ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COST	ESTIMATED ONE-TIME CAPITAL COST
TOTAL	\$3,600,500	\$1,412,500
STATE	\$560,500	\$70,000
COUNTY	\$625,000	\$575,000
STATE, BUT COUNTY TO FUND	\$625,000	\$0
BUDGETED	(\$50,000)	\$575,000
NOT BUDGETED	\$50,000	\$0
CITY	\$730,000	\$682,500
BUDGETED	\$500,000	\$600,000
NOT BUDGETED	\$230,000	\$82,500
PRIVATE SECTOR	\$200,000	\$0
SHARED	\$1,430,000	\$85,000
COUNTY / CITY	\$30,000	\$85,000
CITY / COUNTY / PRIVATE SECTOR	\$200,000	\$0
CITY / PRIVATE SECTOR	\$1,200,000	\$0
DRCOC	\$55,000	\$0

As of 3-31-05



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TOTAL	\$3,150,500	\$237,500
STATE	\$560,500	\$70,000
COUNTY	\$675,000	\$0
STATE, BUT COUNTY TO FUND	\$625,000	\$0
NOT BUDGETED	\$50,000	\$0
CITY	\$230,000	\$82,500
NOT BUDGETED	\$230,000	\$82,500
PRIVATE SECTOR	\$200,000	\$0
SHARED	\$1,430,000	\$85,000
COUNTY / CITY	\$30,000	\$85,000
CITY / COUNTY / PRIVATE SECTOR	\$200,000	\$0
CITY / PRIVATE SECTOR	\$1,200,000	\$0
DRCOC	\$55,000	\$0

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