



## ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOBS & LOWERING COSTS FOR FAMILIES

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For two years in a row, North Carolina has been ranked by CNBC as the top state for business. Mecklenburg County is at the center of that growth.

- Charlotte is a financial hub, with banks headquartered here holding trillions in assets.
- The city is ranked fifth nationally in high-tech job growth.
- Mecklenburg is ranked economically in the top 20% of counties nationwide.

With its business-friendly reputation, tax and regulatory conditions, Mecklenburg County continues to build on its economic success.

With economic growth comes challenges, including ensuring that:

- infrastructure and transportation keep pace with the area's growth;
- lower wage-earners have access to affordable housing and efficient public transportation;
- inflation is brought under control, so that increases in expenses, especially for food, utilities, housing and childcare, do not continue to outpace real wage growth, and
- economic disparities are addressed through an effective education system that fosters career and college readiness, including an emphasis on the trades and entrepreneurship programs

Economic success and security require government entities to be effective stewards of the taxpayers' money, investing effectively in the community. **I am committed to lowering taxes, eliminating unnecessary regulations and licensing requirements and effective and efficient investment of tax revenue to help reduce economic disparities, while expanding economic development and growth.**

*Stacie McGinn*