

# STATEMENT

## WFAE AND LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CANDIDATES FORUM

First, I would like to thank WFAE and the League of Women Voters for the opportunity to participate in this forum. Although I cannot be with you in person this evening, please know that I am currently out in the community performing the duties you elected me to do.

While you will hear many perspectives tonight, I want to leave you with these three points of assurance:

My first priority has always been, and will always be, the people of District 2. No one can define my legacy but me; I am still here, active in the community and effectively addressing your needs. When I asked for the opportunity to serve, you granted it, and I have never missed a chance to sit at the table to represent the distinct interests of the people of District 2.

I ask that you let my record speak for itself:

- New West Charlotte High School and new Bruns Avenue Elementary School
- Senior Critical Home Repair Program
- Fully Funded CMS Budget
- Partnership with Livingstone and Clinton College for children aging out of Foster Care
- Over \$4mil to address food insecurity across our district
- Small Business Consortium providing education and information on contracting opportunities to small business owners across the County

We have come too far to risk our progress by following ideals that encourage separation and discrimination. New energy ain't necessarily good energy. Thus, I urge you to re-elect the most visible commissioner in the county. If others truly intended to serve you, they would have been doing the work long before now.

"Don't stop a good Leake!" Please get out and vote to re-elect Commissioner Vilma D. Leake. I love what I do for you.

Thank you for your continued support.