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## **Durham County Commissioner Nimasheena Burns Receives Two Leadership Appointments to National Level Boards**

**DURHAM, N.C.** - At the recent National Association of Counties (NACO) Conference in Denver, Colorado, first-term Durham County Commissioner, Nimasheena Burns joined more than 2,000 county leaders from around the nation. County appointed and elected officials convened to discuss strategies to drive recovery in our communities, as well as federal policy and legislation on a wide range of key issues. There were educational workshops and meetings that explored topics including diversity, early childhood, infrastructure, broadband accessibility, affordable housing, technology, reducing the number of mentally ill individuals in jails, economic development, disaster preparedness and recovery and other topics important to counties across the country.

During the conference, Commissioner Burns was chosen by newly elected NACO President, the Honorable Denise Winfrey, to serve as Vice Chair on the Resilient Counties Advisory Board and Vice Chair of the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee's Juvenile Subcommittee.

Commissioner Burns was selected because President Winfrey's goal is to build a talented and committed leadership team for NACO in an effort to move forward her RISE Initiative. Her presidential theme will highlight the service and the important work of the committees in the following realms: Resiliency efforts, promoting Inclusion, establishing Solvency through economic mobility opportunities, and Empowering county leaders and residents to RISE! by providing educational resources and tools for informed decision-making. The exclamation point is included to spotlight women's equity in each of these areas.

"I am beyond honored to step into leadership roles on both these committees. To have my past and present works not only be noticed, but embraced on a national level, only further solidifies that my efforts in public service can aid in improving policies around the country," said Commissioner Nimasheena Burns. "I look forward to supporting President Winfrey's RISE initiative. She is a true leader who understands innovation, women's equity, infrastructural resiliency, economic development and most of all investing in a future that includes the work of the next generation."

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