

## Gerenda Davis

**1) Do you support or oppose the I-77 managed lanes project? Please explain how you reached your position. If you have changed positions, please explain why.**

*I oppose the I-77 managed lanes project. In the 1990s when the powers that be chose to add HOV lanes to I-77 instead of completing a highway widening project I felt it was a mistake and would have to be revisited. Fast forward to the 2000s the problem of congestion on I-77 remained. I always disagreed with having a company from another country come in to do work that we had qualified companies/ workforce to do. By hiring a company out of the country, the state gave the company too much control. The company has positioned itself to hold the state hostage (getting money and the non-compete clause). The state must get out of this before it sinks deeper into the hole it dug.*

**2) What efforts have you made to support, or oppose and cancel, the I-77 managed lanes project?**

*I am running for the Mecklenburg County Commission so that I can have a say in what's going on with the I-77 project. To date I have voiced my concerns at the Friendship Candidate Forum. I told them that I felt the current Mecklenburg County Commission had failed to protect us as the leading government body in Mecklenburg County and need to be changed.*

**3) If you are elected (or re-elected), what will you specifically do to support, or oppose and cancel, the I-77 managed toll lanes project?**

*If elected I would support the cancelling of the project and complete it as a widening project. I would work to have tolls at the state lines as a source of revenue.*

**4) Termination or modification of the I-77 managed lanes contract will require significant compensation to the developer. Where do you think these funds should come from?**

*I think these funds should come from all government parties who were involved in making the wrong decision in the first place (i.e. the state the towns and the city). The afore mentioned state line tolls would also contribute to the compensation as well as using funds from the city and town surpluses.*