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Erik Raudsep is running for NC House district 31. Erik has been living in Durham NC now for 10 years after moving from Long Island, NY. Erik knows that Durham is his home and is grateful for finding such a warm and loving community. It is for this reason that Erik feels compelled to run as he has seen such injustice and mistreatment that Erik cannot stand on the side lines and be part of that change. Erik feels that the biggest change can come to North Carolina by helping small business not by pandering to corporations. In addition we need to work on re-codifying the laws of North Carolina to make it easier and fairer for Police, Lawyers, Judges, and most importantly the Citizens. Furthermore we as a people need to recognize that we have a violence problem in our society and we must get to the root of the problem by utilizing community groups such as Bull City United, Men of Vision or one of the many other existing groups showing success and copying it around the state where the community is empowered to help and develop their communities.

Erik is a small business owner with a small home inspection business, this is where his personal experience has shown how great of an impact small business can be on developing under privileged or marginalized communities. Erik is a proud member of the LGBTQ community, there by developing a real feel of the work that needs to be done to achieve equality in North Carolina. Erik has been quoted as saying “The amazing thing about LGBTQ Rights is that they are nothing special, they are the rights and privileges that are enjoyed by so many of our fellow citizens every day, the time is now for everyone to be privileged.” Erik is also first generation in the United States, his father being a political refugee from Estonia during Soviet occupation. It is for this reason that Erik is so strong in his convictions that this nation only becomes better when we welcome the world, he wants to see an immigration policy that lives to the poem at the base of the Statue of Liberty and welcome all that “yearn to breathe free”. He will fight to make North Carolina a welcome home for all immigrants.

The time is now for a change, we have been bouncing back and forth between Democrats and Republicans like a demented game of pong. Together we can change the narrative we can change the game entirely. This nation started with the hope and dream of freedom and liberty for everyone it is time to make that hope and dream a reality.