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News Release

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*Event Celebrates Five Women for their Contributions to Durham and Beyond;
Event to be Televised Live on Durham Television Network*

What: City of Durham 15th Annual Women's Forum in honor of Women's History Month – "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business"

Who: [City of Durham Human Relations Division with the Neighborhood Improvement Services Department](#)

When: Thursday, March 23, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: City Hall Council Chambers
101 City Hall Plaza, 1st Floor
Durham, N.C. 27701

Fast Facts:

- Five successful women will share their personal experiences and insights on how they mastered challenges and overcame obstacles on their roads to success during the City of Durham's 15th Annual Women's Forum. Panelists include:
 - N.C. Governor Roy Cooper Chief of Staff Kristi Jones
 - Durham Police Chief Cerelyn Davis
 - Durham County Board of Commissioners Chair Wendy Jacobs
 - Dr. Desiree Palmer, owner/operator of Desiree T. Palmer DMD, PA & Associates

- Kim-Lan Grout, disability rights activist and founder of the Redefining Disabled Project
- The forum, which is free and open to the public, will be moderated by La Noticia, Inc. Publisher and CEO Hilda Gurdian. Parents and youth are encouraged to attend this forum to learn about potential career choices. Event attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions of the panelists.
- The forum will be broadcast live on [Durham Television Network](#) (Time Warner Cable channel 8 and AT&T U-verse channel 99) and will be available for on-demand viewing after the forum on the City's [YouTube channel](#).
- For more information, contact Human Relations Manager James E. Davis, Jr. with the City's Neighborhood Improvement Services Department Human Relations Division by [email](#) or at (919) 560-4107, ext. 34277.

About the City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services Department Human Relations Division

The [Neighborhood Improvement Services Department](#) works to preserve and improve quality of life conditions for Durham residents, and to encourage active participation in neighborhood redevelopment and public policy and decision-making dialogue. The department's [Human Relations Division](#) strives to improve race and human relations in the City by working to eliminate housing discrimination and by prioritizing community outreach and educational activities to meet the needs of Durham's residents. The division is responsible for enforcement of the Fair Housing Ordinance of the City of Durham and the federal Fair Housing Act. HUD provides funding annually for the Division to investigate housing complaints in the City of Durham that allege discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex (gender), religion, national origin, physical or mental handicap or familial status (families with children). The Human Relations Division also provides oversight to the City of Durham [Human Relations Commission](#), which is comprised of Durham residents who meet monthly to work on activities designed to improve human relations and promote harmony throughout Durham.

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