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1. Are you 18 years or older? **Yes**
  2. Are you in active litigation against Chatham County? **No**
  3. Are you employed by Chatham County Government? **No**
  4. Name (First and Last) **Linda Cotton**
  5. Residency Type **Property Owner in Chatham County**
  6. Home/Business/Property/Other Address **542 Weathersfield, Pittsboro, NC, 27312, USA**
  7. Phone Number (Home or Mobile) **202-641-8288**
  8. Email Address [Lcotton811@gmail.com](mailto:Lcotton811@gmail.com)
  9. In which Board of Commissioners district do you reside? **District 3**
  10. Does a immediate family member currently serve on the committee. **No**
  11. Please demonstrate your interest, experience, or expertise relevant to the subject matter of the committee. **I have worked for two nonprofits doing work in Chatham County. Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina and WEBB Squared. Both represent my interest in youth and opportunity, particularly for historically underrepresented individuals. I bring to this position 30 years of experience in nonprofit strategic partnerships and program development, all with a focus on equity and opportunity. I have lived in Chatham County for 7 years. I am politically astute. Watching the County grow and the challenges of this growth accumulating on top of challenges that have not yet been solved. I would like to be part of a solution that offers youth in our County opportunity and hope. And will make Chatham County a stronger, better place to live as we grow and change.**
  12. Please select which board or committee you are applying to: **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**
  13. Are you willing to regularly attend scheduled meetings, participate in committee activities, and comply with all applicable laws, policies, and codes of conduct. **Yes**
- State Reporting (Optional) Gender **Woman**
- Are you Hispanic or Latino/a/e? (Optional) **Prefer not to answer**

What race or races do you identify with? (Optional) **Prefer not to answer**

What is your Age Range (Optional) **Prefer not to answer**

**LINDA COTTON**  
Nonprofit Consultant  
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### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Entrepreneurial leader with 30 years of experience managing all essential functions supporting nonprofit growth and sustainability. Deep understanding of best practices in the nonprofit sector; ability to translate vision into goals and actions and work effectively with diverse populations of stakeholders. Creative, strategic and risk tolerant. Believer in the power of the human spirit to act for the collective good.

### **KEY SKILLS**

- Strategic planning; assessment, work plans
- Resource Development/Fundraising: annual campaigns, capital campaigns, major donor
- development strategic business partnerships, planned giving, foundation, fundraising policies &
- process; stakeholder relations
- Events: planning, marketing, sponsorships & scripting
- Program Development: mission alignment, outcomes, accountability
- Board & Leadership Development: retreat planning and facilitation, board/staff relationships and responsibilities; committee charters & structure

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Nonprofit Consultant 2019-present**

Provide services in organizational assessment, strategy development, fundraising and strategic resource development, board building and training. Clients include:

- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina** - Chatham, Harnett & Lee counties  
Served as Interim Development Director managing annual campaign, major donor relations. Set up charters for local advisory councils & served as organization liaison. Developed & directed annual fundraising event engaging 4 Clubs & stakeholders in 3 counties.
- **Freedom United** - Raleigh  
Served as Resource Development Director for 1 year during organization launch, set up funding platforms, wrote RD policies & practices, developed business partnership models
- **Levitate** - Raleigh  
Assisted in adopting a digital business marketing platform for the nonprofit sector
- **NAMI Orange County** - Current client  
Design and execute a strategic plan to support program and revenue growth. Lead Board development; head resource development.
- **WEBB Squared** - Pittsboro  
Served as Chief Development officer and Program Manager for 18 months. Developed Strategic Plan for program & revenue growth.
- **Executive Service Corps**, Pro Bono Consulting  
Designed for Joy, Durham Choral Arts Society, Girls Like Quaneisha, Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, Kiran, NC Society of Hispanic Professionals, Psychoanalytic Center of the Carolinas, Read & Feed.

### **PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

- Managing Director, Institutional Advancement, The Washington Center 2012-2018
- Vice President Programs & Development, Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, 2009-2012
- Associate Vice President, Advancement, George Washington University, 2007-2008

**EDUCATION**

- MA, Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- BS, Cum Laude, English/Education, Boston University, Boston, MA

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Volunteer, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, 2025 - present
- Member, Partners for Racial Justice, 2025 - present
- Chair, Diversity Committee, St. Thomas More Church Chapel Hill, 2020 -2022
- Volunteer, Head Start Siler City, 2019-2021