

## **Renee A. Price**

### **Brief Bio**

Born and raised in Rochester NY, Renee earned her Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, from Tufts University majoring in urban affairs, and Master of Regional Planning from Cornell University, with concentrations in city development planning, and environmental planning and design. She also studied at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in the Master of Arts program.

Renee began her career in New York where she engaged in inner-city neighborhood revitalization, land-use planning and historic preservation. She helped initiate the first low-income and affordable housing trust fund for New York State, worked in the Office of Environmental Impact for the City of New York, and served as Director of the Joint Legislative Commission on Rural Resources for the NY General Assembly.

Arriving in Orange County in 1990, Renee became active in sustainable agriculture, promoting small family farms, rural economic development and natural resource conservation. She later spent two years in Alabama with the Federation of Southern Cooperatives where she developed and directed a sustainable forestry program for minority and traditionally marginalized landowners.

Renee has been involved in numerous community activities. In 2010, she co-founded Free Spirit Freedom, a cultural arts initiative that explores and celebrates the rich historical diversity of Orange County.

In 2012, Renee first was elected to the Board of County Commissioners, and was re-elected in 2016. In this role, she serves on numerous community boards.

Within the NC Association of County Commissioners, Renee serves on the Board of Directors, Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee, and Health and Human Services Steering Committee. She also is in her first term as President of the NC Association of Black County Officials. In previous years, Renee was a member of the President's Economic Development Task Force, and the President's Special Task Force on Mental Health Engagement.

Renee also remains active in the National Association of Counties. She has been appointed as Chair of the Workforce Development Sub-Committee of the CEWD Steering Committee for the past two years, as Vice-Chair of the Arts & Culture Committee for the past three years, and as a member of the Rural Action Caucus for several years.

Leisure time is spent with Michael Carmichael or in the garden.