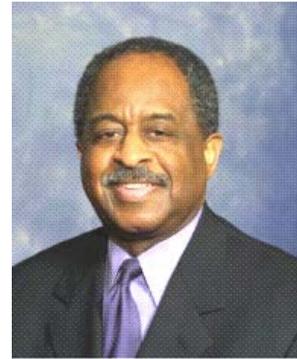




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*Welcome*  
***National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Celebrating the  
Environmental Health Science FEST***

On behalf of the Durham City Council, I would like to extend to each of you a hearty greeting in celebration of the National Institute of Environmental Health Science (NIEHS) organizing the EHS FEST on December 5–8, 2016. This is a special occasion and we are honored to be a part.

I am pleased to know that this conference will raise public awareness that the environment influences human health and will also highlight the improvements to public health that have resulted from environmental health research.

Durham has a proud and diverse heritage. We are the home of North Carolina Central University, Duke University North Carolina School of Science & Mathematics and Durham Technical Community College -- all with exemplary and nationally recognized academic and athletic programs. Durham is the headquarters for the world-renowned Research Triangle Park, the Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC) and many national and international corporations. We are also the home of the world famous Durham Bulls Baseball team.

May your endeavors to meet the challenges of the new century be fulfilled and we hope you will have the opportunity to fully experience Durham's own brand of hospitality. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

William V. "Bill" Bell  
Mayor