

Anthony Foxx Biography



Born: April 30, 1971

Political Party: Democratic

Political Experience:

- Mayor, second term – City of Charlotte (2009 – present)
- Centralina Council of Governments, alternate Council representative At-Large Representative, two terms – Charlotte City Council (2005 – 2009)
- 2007 – 2009: Transportation Committee, chair Economic Development & Planning Committee, member Charlotte Mecklenburg Development Corporation, Council representative Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization, Council representative
- 2005 – 2007: Environment Committee, chair Budget, Housing & Neighborhood Development and Public Safety Committees, member

Education:

- Bachelor's degree in History from Davidson College (1993)
- Law degree from NYU School of Law, Root-Tilden Scholar (1996)
- Graduate of Mecklenburg County Bar Leadership Institute

Personal:

Married to Samatha Ryder (also an attorney)

Children: Hilary and Zachary

Raised by a single mother, Laura Foxx and his grandparents, James and Mary Foxx

<http://news.yahoo.com/know-obamas-transportation-pick-anthony-foxx-133632153.html>

Work experience:

Prior to joining the DesignLine Corporation as Deputy General Counsel in 2009, Foxx was an attorney at Hunton & Williams. He also served as a law clerk for the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, a trial attorney for the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice, and staff counsel to the United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary. <http://www.anthonyfoxx.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Updated-Mayor-Foxx-Bio.pdf>

Accomplishments in Office:

From the *National Journal*:

“Since taking office nearly four years ago, Foxx has led an effort to add 13,000 new jobs to Charlotte—an accomplishment that was heavily touted when Democrats held their convention there last year. Although he doesn’t have a true transportation background, he has been in favor of several new transportation initiatives in the city, which include improving local highways, adding a runway at the airport, extending a rail line, and bringing streetcars back to the city”

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/whitehouse/what-you-need-to-know-about-obama-transportation-pick-anthony-foxx-20130429>

From *The Charlotte Observer*:

“Federal officials cited his efforts to bring a streetcar line through the center of the city, expand Charlotte Douglas International Airport and extend the city’s light-rail system north to UNC Charlotte.

On two of those fronts, however, Foxx faces serious challenges to his leadership.

The mayor is fighting an effort to shift control of Charlotte Douglas from the city to an independent authority – a move Foxx has vocally opposed. Local business leaders and

