

# My Relocation to the Cape Fear Region

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# The Big Move: A big change ... for the better



# Pros and Cons ...

## 1. Become a U.S./State citizen ... again

- **Buying our new home**
- **Buying a car**
- **A complicated move ... but all ok**
- **Utilities, licenses, bank accounts ... pretty good**
  - **car license & license plates (privatize?)**



## 2. A school for our daughter

- **Cape Fear Academy**



## 3. My wife's license to practice medicine in North Carolina

- **Job secured and mentoring program of value, but difficult to coordinate the timing for both**

# Pros and cons ...

## 4. Transportation: Wilmington

- Traffic patterns
  - **Speed limits in congested/commercial areas**
  - **A lot of accidents**
  - **Adapting to seasonal changes**
- Airport
  - **Good parking and fast processing**
  - **Limited flight destinations (NY, Philly, CLT, ATL)**
  - **Lowest rated U.S. Airlines (Delta & US Airways)**
  - **Difficult to do business**



# Wilmington at a crossroads

## 5. Quality of Life

- Great community, great beaches, great history, great schools, good shopping
- Great diversity
- Mixed downtown
  - Great restaurants and events
  - Safety and bars

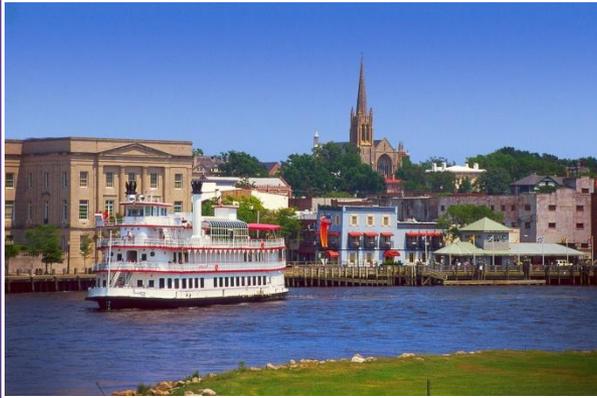


## 6. What does Wilmington want to be?

- University Town/Beach & Recreational Town
- Myrtle Beach vs. Charleston
- Wilmington vs. Durham or Chapel Hill



# So much potential ...



- Improve the overall infrastructure
- Revitalize downtown
- Reduce crime and focus on safety

