

# Joel Odom

## Generation Nation, Board Member

Age: 21

### **WHERE WERE YOU BORN?**

Charlotte, NC

### **HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN CHARLOTTE AREA?**

21 years

### **TELL US A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT YOU?**

I am a Charlotte native, graduate of Northwest school of the arts, I play the double bass, I am an Eagle Scout, CMPD Explorer, Black Political Caucus member, NAACP member, youngest candidate for mayor in CLT, St. Paul Baptist church member, Men of Valor Member (St. Paul), volunteer with the Red Cross, and Charlotte Mecklenburg Youth Council Alumni

### **DURING YOUR TIME VOLUNTEERING FOR A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY OR PROJECT, WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?**

When I befriended Magic Johnson at the NLC (National League of Cities in CLT)

### **IN YOUR OPINION, HOW DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY? PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AS YOU CAN.**

I volunteer my time, money, and the best of myself to furthering growth in the Charlotte community. I believe in striving for the best and being an example of a God-fearing man for boys and girls.

### **PLEASE LET US KNOW ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS YOU'VE RECEIVED IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER:**

I received the D.I.G (Diversity, Inclusion, and Global) award with the YMCA and CMPD, Youngest person in CLT Boy Scout to sell the most camp cards, accepted CIVVYS award on behalf of Generation Nation from National Conference of Citizenship.

### **WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR INTERESTS?**

Politics, Law, music, and art but "music and art are one in the same" J.O

### **WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE THAT YOU STAND BY?**

The 28<sup>th</sup> president Woodrow Wilson the Errand “You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.”

**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 5 YEARS? 10 YEARS?**

Being the Mayor of CLT. Married, being an agent of positive change, getting my doctorate from possible Harvard, and prepping to run a strong Governor Race.

**CAN YOU SHARE ONE THING THAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?**

Making love on my own plane to Prince International lover. This is literally the first thing that popped up in my head.

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU USED YOUR PASSPORT?**

Never

**WHAT IS A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF THAT NO ONE KNOWS?**

I'm an open book

**WHO IS YOUR HERO?**

I have so many... everyone that paved the way so I can be free physically, mentally, and spiritually

**WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?**

Churchill walking with destiny by Andrew Roberts

**WHAT WAS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW?**

Amistad

**WHAT WAS THE LAST CONCERT YOU SAW?**

Sinatra 2 ft. Joe Gransden

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