



## Economic Development Candidates' Forum Survey Questions

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### Vision for Greensboro

1. What are the three most pressing issues facing Greensboro? **The three most pressing issues are:**
  - a. **Economic development and employment opportunities**
  - b. **Public Safety**
  - c. **Environmental Safety**
2. What do you see as your most important challenge if you are elected? **The most important challenge we face is expanding Greensboro's revenue base.**

### Administration of the City

3. The City Council focused heavily on Water Resources during the budget discussions. There was discussion about the creation of a Water Sewer Authority to eliminate politics from the issues surrounding rate increases and projects. Would this be an idea you would support and why? **Yes. I support citizen involvement in critical areas that affect Greensboro.**
4. What role does diversity play in the Boards and Commissions of the City of Greensboro? How do you plan to ensure they are more reflective of our community? **Greensboro is a very diverse community with over one hundred ethnic groups represented. This representation should extend to the Boards and Commissions that help govern our city. I will seek diverse representation for various appointments.**
5. How do you plan to support continued business development in Greensboro? **Greensboro has to be Corporate friendly. We can do this by having site ready real estate for business to set up headquarters and or plants, which involves proper infrastructure. We can also provide other incentives such as low interest loans and grants. I am a big proponent of developing and sustaining small business.**

### Public Funding Investments

6. Do you support public investment such as incentives in job creation? **Yes**
7. Do you see any area in which we should try to expand our incentive program (such as to the retail industry)? If so what? **I am big on technology, however I am open to various types of business developments.**
8. Completion of road projects, such as the Urban Loop, is of critical importance in our community. What are your thoughts on financing options our community

should pursue? **I believe that the Federal, State and local government should be utilized as financing opportunities for the completion of the Urban Loop.**

9. Public funding needs exceed the city's available revenue. Which of the following options would you support as a way to finance public budget items?
- a) Additional sales taxes.
  - b) Increased user fees.
  - c) **Increased car registration fees.**
  - d) Impact fees.
  - e) Real estate transfer taxes.
  - f) **Increased property tax.**
  - g) Use of special taxing districts.
  - h) **Bonds.**
  - i) Certificates of Participation.
  - j) Increase permit, inspection and plan review fees.
  - k) **Increased government efficiencies.**
  - l) Cuts in government services.
  - m) All options should be considered.

### Future Outlook

10. What options are you willing to pursue to promote regional cooperation?

- a) **Tax sharing**
  - b) **Merger of certain departments**
  - c) **Multi-jurisdictional infrastructure projects**
  - d) **Multi-jurisdictional development projects (public)**
  - e) Multi-jurisdictional development projects (private)
  - f) **Support for inter-basin water transfers**
  - g) **Economic development recruitment**
  - h) **Regional planning collaboration**
  - i) **Technology compatibility**
  - j) **Regional water & sewer solutions or authority**
  - k) **A structured, formal framework for regional collaboration**
11. In what ways do you think the City government can continue to support and encourage DGI and Action Greensboro to facilitate and expand the growth of Downtown? **Continuous collaboration with the community and City Council.**
12. There is a growing Aerotropolis in and around the Piedmont Triad International Airport. How do you think Greensboro is best served in planning for the future development of this land? **Through identification of area to be used for future economic development around the airport while considering established residential areas. Collaboration with High Point and Guilford County is suggested.**

### Planning/Land Use

13. The issue of municipal annexation has come to the forefront in recent years. What is your viewpoint regarding Greensboro's current annexation policy? Is there anything you would change about this policy and why? **I support our current policy.**

## Quality of Life

14. What do you see as the city's responsibility for investing in programs that contribute to the quality of life, such as arts, development of trails/greenways, parks and recreation, etc.? **I believe we have a responsibility to maintain such programs.**
15. What is your position regarding the Downtown Greenway and what, if anything, would you do to ensure its success? **I support the Downtown Greenway and suggest that we continue supportive efforts through Bonds and Stimulus monies.**

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