



Economic Development Candidates' Forum Survey Questions

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Vision for Greensboro

1. What are the three most pressing issues facing Greensboro? **Economic development and job creation, effective management of city government funds, crime and public safety**
2. What do you see as your most important challenge if you are elected? **Using the limited resources effectively for all of the citizens of the city.**

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? **I would consider this idea but it depends on the structure and selection of staff for this organization.**
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? **Diversity is very influential in the Boards and Commissions. Different ideas can be presented and approved for best results. I will look for talented, committed candidates often.**
5. How do you plan to support continued business development in Greensboro? **I will continue to work hard to make sure that all citizens know about city government programs. I will work with corporate and business leaders to help develop our small businesses also.**

Public Funding Investments

6. Do you support public investment such as incentives in job creation? **I support public investment in job creation in certain situations. The candidate should return more in taxes, employ citizens and be a great community partner.**
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?
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 large capital projects should be funded with any state support when available and bonds when necessary.**
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? **The city government should continue to have open communication with all groups. The downtown is vital to our city and must continue to grow and thrive now and in the future. All city resources should be available for assistance.**
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? **I am looking forward to the Aerotropolis to provide a center for our aviation industry and highly skilled jobs for our citizens. We should have all sizes of businesses locating in the airport area. Our local businesses should have every opportunity to compete for locations there.**

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 believe that annexation is stretching our limited city resources which impacts current and future residents negatively.**

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 feel that is one of our greatest strengths in Greensboro. I will strongly support programs for quality of life when we can continue them successfully.**
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. I would work to increase public awareness and encourage other council members to do so also.**

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