



## Economic Development Candidates' Forum Survey Questions

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### Vision for Greensboro

1. What are the three most pressing issues facing Greensboro?  
**Jobs, infrastructure, support of small businesses, crime, landfill**
2. What do you see as your most important challenge if you are elected?  
**Restore confidence in the police department. Unfortunately, this has become a distraction that should be addressed.**

### 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?  
**This is an idea I could support if we can put the most qualified people on such an authority.**
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?  
**We have a diverse community and that needs to be reflected in our boards and commissions. If we are able to make our citizens' interest and talents to the boards and commissions we might be even more productive.**
5. How do you plan to support continued business development in Greensboro?  
**Work on our assets – what can we offer a company, taking care of our infrastructure, review our quality of life.**

### Public Funding Investments

6. Do you support public investment such as incentives in job creation?  
**It depends on the request of each business. I strongly support infrastructure. I will take this on a case-by-case request.**
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?  
**As a sitting at-large city council member, I have learned that many areas feel that there isn't enough retail in their districts. First, we need to determine what the citizens want in their districts then see what monies can be used on economic development.**
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?

**My biggest concern is to keep the urban loop on the front burner. Using money for the transportation bonds can be one source but we must make sure that the bonds that were voted on can be used. If we use bond money for something that wasn't intended, we lose our credibility when asking voters to support other bonds.**

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?  
**I think each issue should be reviewed. I also think that the business community should be careful of turf wars.**
- 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 needs to make certain that all stakeholders be included in the decisions involving downtown.**
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? **We need to make sure that residential areas are not**

planned in a way that the airport has to buy more houses. With highways nearby to the businesses this can be productive and efficient.

### 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? **If the city of Greensboro imposes forced annexation, the infrastructure should be in place the very day neighborhoods are annexed.**

### 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.? **In the current economic times, we need to prioritize what we can and should do. The parks, arts, and trail ways are important to the city's quality of life.**
15. What is your position regarding the Downtown Greenway and what, if anything, would you do to ensure its success? **The greenway will be successful and the city will have to review each request.**

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