



Economic Development Candidates' Forum Survey Questions

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Vision for Greensboro

1. What are the three most pressing issues facing Greensboro? **Jobs, Crime, Building Tax Base**
2. What do you see as your most important challenge if you are elected? **Job Creation**

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 have been pushing for a County Authority since starting work on the Heart of the Triad project in 2004 as a way to assist in economic development. Forsyth County's Model works.**
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? **Appoint diverse people to boards and commissions and track the makeup of the boards to insure they reflect the community profile**
5. How do you plan to support continued business development in Greensboro? **Continue to support investments in infrastructure.**

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? **No. If someone has an idea to make a very solid policy better, I would certainly listen.**
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 brought the idea of advanced right of way funding to the Council and have been a strong advocate of taking proactive steps to finish 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. **Yes**
- b) Increased user fees. **Yes**
- c) Increased car registration fees. **Yes**
- d) Impact fees. **No**
- e) Real estate transfer taxes. **No**
- f) Increased property tax. **Yes**
- g) Use of special taxing districts. **Yes**
- h) Bonds. **Yes**
- i) Certificates of Participation. **Yes**
- j) Increase permit, inspection and plan review fees. **Yes**
- k) Increased government efficiencies. **Yes**
- l) Cuts in government services. **Yes**
- m) All options should be considered.

Future Outlook

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

- a) Tax sharing **Yes**
- b) Merger of certain departments **Yes**
- c) Multi-jurisdictional infrastructure projects **Yes**
- d) Multi-jurisdictional development projects (public) **Yes**
- e) Multi-jurisdictional development projects (private) **Yes**
- f) Support for inter-basin water transfers **Yes**
- g) Economic development recruitment **Yes**
- h) Regional planning collaboration **Yes**
- i) Technology compatibility **Yes**
- j) Regional water & sewer solutions or authority **Yes**
- k) A structured, formal framework for regional cooperation **Yes**

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? **Keep the current funding levels and work with economic developers to find creative ways to make projects work downtown, including synthetic tax increment financing**

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? **Invest in planning and infrastructure**

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? **Greensboro's annexation policy is the best in the State and should be continued without changes**

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.? We must continue to invest in programs that contribute in quality of life or risk losing the quality of life we now enjoy.

15. What is your position regarding the Downtown Greenway and what, if anything, would you do to ensure its success?

Build it fast

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