



## Economic Development Candidates' Forum Survey Questions

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### Vision for Greensboro

1. What are the three most pressing issues facing Greensboro? **Public safety always, ten year plan (vision) w/2yr checks, economic development, continue to work for business, to relocate here and support small**
2. What do you see as your most important challenge if you are elected? **Working together w/ clear direction for manager, working for transparency and openness, build public trust, provide strong leadership, growth budget - revenue**

### 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 don't have enough information to make a decision. I am open and would consider it after I had been briefed.**
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? **Our boards and commissions should be filled by persons who will be an asset bringing knowledge to the job. Diversity should be done through district appointments.**
5. How do you plan to support continued business development in Greensboro? **Absolutely. It is our most pressing issue in becoming the city we would like to be.**

### 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? **Yes. To reward businesses who would locate in our more depressed areas.**
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? **We should step out more and be creative. We are too conservative in most everything. There is a risk to making decisions which we should evaluate & accept.**
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? **We have supported and been open to new ideas. We should continue to do that. Most importantly we must provide safety in our 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? **It should not be used for residential properties.**

### 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 want to annex all the area we can. But we should be ready at least with a plan to provide city services.**

### 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.? **Important**

15. What is your position regarding the Downtown Greenway and what, if anything, would you do to ensure its success? **I like it. To insure its success, we must make and keep it safe.**

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