



Economic Development Candidates' Forum Survey Questions

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1. What are the three most pressing issues facing Greensboro?
 1. *Controlling crime*
 2. *Lost of trust in police department*
 3. *Efforts to Strengthen the local economy*
2. What do you see as your most important challenge if you are elected?
Revamp and strengthen the local economy
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 the politics from the issues surrounding rate increases and projects. Would this be an idea you would support and why? *The Merger Task Committee is studying this issue. I am open to considering their recommendations.*
4. What role does diversity play in the Boards and Commissions of the City of Greensboro? How do you plan to ensure that they are more reflective of our community? *The neighborhood congress has presented several suggestions to the City Council. These recommendations as well as changing the meeting times of the boards and commissions will be considered at a council briefing session.*
5. How do you plan to support continued business development in Greensboro? *At the last council meeting, I suggested a business summit which was unanimously approved by the city council. It will be held in September. I feel we need to reduce taxes and fees, and reassess city policies and ordinances to become more business friendly.*
6. Do you support public investment such as incentives in job creation?
That would depend on the merits of each proposal.
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?
Small Businesses – I would be open to exploring the possibilities.
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 know that the possibility of toll roads exist, but we would need more information and citizen input. I would prefer public-private partnerships.*
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?
Use of special taxing districts, bonds, increased government efficiencies, cuts in government services.

10. What options are you willing to pursue to promote regional cooperation?
Merger of certain departments, multi-jurisdictional infrastructure projects, multi-jurisdictional development projects (public), support for inter-basin water transfers, economic development recruitment, regional planning collaboration, technology compatibility, regional water and sewer solutions or authority, 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?
Be proactive in:
 1. *Enforcing an effective loitering ordinance*
 2. *Managing the panhandling downtown*
 3. *Enforcing parking ordinances that require one vehicle per space*
 4. *Assuring fair competition for local businesses*
 5. *Controlling crime downtown*
 6. *Possibilities of increased parking downtown*
Make sure that DGI is involved with the planning department on the downtown design manual.

Take a closer look at project development 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?
Aerotropolis leadership board was developed this summer and will begin meeting in August. I will be eager to hear their plan for this area. I am concerned about insuring enough industrial development opportunities and infrastructure to support this area.
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? *It would depend upon the ability of Greensboro to provide services. We may not need the joint plan review process for projects slated for voluntary future annexation.*
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?
All funding should be based on priority with basic services first. I would encourage public-private partnerships to support the quality of life aspects of Greensboro.
15. What is your position regarding the Downtown Greenway and what, if anything, would you do to ensure its success? *District 5 is one of two districts not in actual contact with the Greenway. Citizens of Greensboro passed a parks and recreation bond in 2008 to support the Greenway. I would continue to encourage private donations.*