

2008 SPPACE Questionnaire

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What is the number one issue facing North Carolina and your district?

Rise in crime along with gangs which hurts growth both urban & rural. The gangs seemed to be linked to illegal immigration and this affects the quality of life. Their presence works against the value of an area and neighborhoods.

In 2007, the North Carolina General Assembly authorized counties, subject to voter approval, the ability to impose an additional general fund revenue source (a .4% land transfer tax or a .25% sales tax). To date, the transfer tax has been defeated in every county (16) where it has been considered. Would you support legislation to repeal the transfer tax option? Would you support legislation to repeal the sales tax option?

Without a doubt I would support legislation to repeal any tax, sales or otherwise. Utah and Delaware seem to do very well without a sales tax.

Do you support a local-option sales tax (similar to South Carolina's "Pennies for Progress") that would be used for school capital needs, roads, or other public infrastructure improvements?

As I stated above I am not for any tax. Local governments need to dig deep and they will find money by avoiding waste.

Should local governments be allowed to adopt Adequate Public Facilities Ordinances (APFO) as a means of stopping or slowing growth?

This sounds like a socialist maneuver to eliminate free enterprise. Government has no right to do this; if they do it will prove to be unconstitutional.

Would you consider changing the current NCDOT funding formula to make it more equitable for the growing urban areas? If so, what would you propose?

Yes, for sure a formula needs to be developed weighted toward urban areas.

What should the state do to protect and ensure we have an adequate supply of water to meet our current and future water demands?

The State needs to buy necessary watershed areas throughout the state. Insure that water transfer rights are made with surrounding states that allow us to take water from other watersheds.