

2009 SPPACE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. What are the top three issues our community needs to address? How would you propose to tackle these issues?

1- Continued emphasis on public safety. We can do this by continuing to implement Chief Monroe's strategies. 2- Improving the quality of our public schools throughout the city/county. The demographic balance of our schools should be adjusted to allow for a better distribution of resources throughout the city/county. 3- Continue those policies which will assure better quality development as the economy improves. We can do this by assuring that regulations such as the USDG and the PCCO are in existence to help improve the nature of development into the future.

2. Do you support the adoption and use of transfer taxes and/or impact fees as a way to overcome budget shortfalls? Why or why not?

No, not strictly for budget shortfall purposes. I would support such fees if they would help us meet our infrastructure and school needs, at a minimum.

3. How do you believe Charlotte should fund school capital costs, parks, roads, transit, police and fire protection needs for the city? Should purchasers of new homes be responsible for funding these services for the entire city? Do you believe that these types of proposals are a fair way to pay for required services to existing taxpayers?

Our current revenue generators could reasonably be bolstered in a number of ways, including fees paid as a part of property transactions.

4. How would you encourage our community's economic growth while including a variety of housing types and prices?

If implemented correctly, inclusionary zoning could be helpful in this regard. Council committees have explored various options and I'm open to considering them at the full Council level.

5. Recently adopted ordinances and policies have increased development costs and as a result will increase prices for office, industrial and retail space, as well as housing. What could be done to lower development costs in order to prevent families and businesses from relocating across county lines?

If the quality of residential development, neighborhood development and retail development was better in north, west and east Charlotte, I think a lot of families would find that their homes hold value better and they wouldn't feel inclined to move.

6. Charlotte's City Council sets priorities but staff controls work flow. How would you ensure that staff remains, per city code, focused on Council goals and provides a wide variety of solutions to address Council's priorities?

I'm generally comfortable with staff's execution of our goals.

- 7. Would you support a cost/benefit analysis for existing and proposed land use regulations in order to ensure that the purported benefits outweigh their negative impacts on economic development and housing affordability?**

It depends upon how it was designed, overseen and executed.