

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?**
Economic Development/Job Creation – Nurture and develop small businesses, diversify economy (energy/biotech/environmental) – make Charlotte business friendly
Public Safety – Continue to provide needed resources for CMPD and CFD
Transportation – Continue to build a comprehensive transportation system
- 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?**
While I understand the need to provide the infrastructure to allow for development I do not support the adoption of these fees and/or taxes. I do not believe that the cost of growth should be borne by one segment of our community.
- 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?**
Property taxes fund basic services like fire and police protection and solid waste services. This is the most equitable way of paying for the services that everyone uses. No one segment of the community should assume the cost for everyone.
- 4. How would you encourage our community's economic growth while including a variety of housing types and prices?**
If we continue to work toward making Charlotte a good place to do business while providing a wide range of housing opportunities, appropriate infrastructure and other amenities, economic growth will follow.
- 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?**
Although some of these regulations were adopted fairly recently I think it is appropriate to take another look at them to make sure they are not being a disincentive to new development and particularly affordable housing.
- 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?**
Staff's work flow is monitored through the various council committees as well as staff and manager reports. Two memos come to council members every week and staff members as well as the manager are readily available to meet with individual council members.

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?**

Yes