

# 2009 SPPACE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. **What are the top three issues your community needs to address? How would you propose to tackle these issues?**
  - a. Containment in recurrent government spending to avoid need for future tax increases
  - b. Support for commercial, office, and industrial development to broaden and diversify our dominantly residential tax base
  - c. Investment in aesthetic and architectural standards, e.g. tree canopy, redevelopment of distressed areas, parks, rural land
  
2. **Because of present economic realities, what changes do you propose to your town's policies and regulations to adjust to the new economy?**
  - a. Roll-back to less aggressive fund balance policy to avoid permanent government appropriation of private citizens' money in the form of an inflated local government "savings account"
  - b. Freeze on new hiring and compensation increases
  - c. More support and greater flexibility in encouraging non-residential development and broadening/diversifying tax base.
  
3. **Do you believe your town should fund school capital costs, parks, roads, transit, police and fire protection needs for your town?**

YES.

**Should purchasers of new homes be responsible for funding these services for the entire town?**  
NO.

**Do you believe that these types of proposals are a fair way to pay for required services to existing taxpayers?**  
NO
  
4. **How would you encourage your town's economic growth while including a variety of housing types and prices?**

Focus on commercial, industrial, office, and innovative developments like Augustalee.  
On residential side, focus on redevelopment
  
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?**

General cost containment in the administration of local government through hiring and compensation freezes and streamlining of government activities to basic essentials.

6. **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