

# 2009 SPPACE QUESTIONNAIRE

**Brian Sisson  
Huntersville Mayoral**

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

Transportation, transportation, transportation... is the top issue in the town of Huntersville and the north meck region. We need to continue to work as a region to bring more transportation dollars to the region. As the current MPO rep for Huntersville, and with the current MPO chair leaving the political world, it is my intention to try and be the next MPO chair if elected Mayor of Huntersville and to continue to push Raleigh to provide more transportation funding for our region.

2. **Because of present economic realities, what changes do you propose to your town's policies and regulations to adjust to the new economy?**

The town of Huntersville needs to embrace the web more for permits and other zoning issues. We also need to continue to refine our processes and people to make the town easier to do business with from a development perspective.

3. **Do you believe your town should fund school capital costs, parks, roads, transit, police and fire protection needs for your town?**

Huntersville should fund needed road improvements to town roads, as well as providing parks and recreation services, police and fire protection.

**Should purchasers of new homes be responsible for funding these services for the entire town?**

These services should be funded by all tax payers, not just by new home purchasers. I oppose any type of newcomer taxes.

**Do you believe that these types of proposals are a fair way to pay for required services to existing taxpayers?**

The fairest way to tax is a flat tax, barring that we need to pay for services via property taxes, and need to keep our tax rate as low as we can.

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

Huntersville offers various types of housing. I believe it is up to the market and developers to determine the type of housing needed, and government needs to support these businesses, not influence or dictate to them.

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?**

Our worst cost to families and businesses is the run away spending at the state level. I believe over the next year we are all going to suffer from the poor management our state government is offering its citizens.

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, as a business owner, most decisions I make are based on cost/benefit.