

# 2009 SPPACE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Huntersville Town Commissioner**

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

The top three issues are roads, schools and public safety. The creation of the Huntersville School Advisory Committee and the creation of the Top 10 road construction project lists have done wonders for getting progress made on those two areas. For public safety, I have successfully pushed for the construction of a badly needed police station to go to construction next year.

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

I don't think there are specific changes that need to be made as much as flexibility within existing rules.

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

I believe that Huntersville has to fund some of these items because otherwise we are left to the whims of Mecklenburg County and CMS. However, I oppose transfer fees and other such impact fees as they unfairly target homeowners and builders. The burden for infrastructure needs to be shared equally amongst the users.

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

Jobs. The more jobs we create the better economic growth we will achieve.

- 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?**

We have to use a common sense approach to development. We need to shorten the time frame for getting developments approved and permits issued. We need to focus less on the atheistic issues of a development trust that developers will either build a successful and attractive project or it will fail. Government shouldn't mandate what slop a roof needs to be, or how high windows need to be.

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?**

I would need to learn more about the specifics of such a program before making a decision.