

# 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?**

The top three issues Mint Hill needs to address is commercial growth, residential growth and infrastructure growth. I propose to tackle these issues by taking a quality over quantity approach, by aggressively marketing Mint Hill as Charlotte's diamond in the rough – waiting to be shaped and polished.

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

One change I would like to see in Mint Hill's policy is better marketing of Mint Hill to potential business partners, potential customers, and potential neighbors. Our elected officials need to do a better job of advocating the many benefits, such as the tax rate, of Mint Hill.

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?**

It is unfair to make certain residents, such as the new residents or those in newly built homes, pay a disproportionate amount of taxes for town services. We all live in the town together and the costs of services should be shared fairly and equitably.

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

I would encourage Mint Hill's economic growth by better marketing the opportunities in Mint Hill (such as available land near major highways) for potential business partners, customers, and neighbors. A successful marketing campaign could bring the town increased tax revenue, without having to raise Mint Hill's tax rate.

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?**

Mint Hill has done a good job of including a variety of housing types and prices. Moving forward, I would consider all options presented to me, including incentives to high-end retailers and industries bringing jobs, which are the two things I believe are most needed in Mint Hill.

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?**

Although I would need more information about the details of a specific situation, I generally think cost/benefit analyses are a good and worthwhile expense in assuring quality over quantity.