

# 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. Increased law enforcement - I believe we need to continue contracting law enforcement from the Union county sheriff's office, which is the most cost effective method, then propose the addition of additional officers to supplement the force
  - b. Road improvements – Support the current proposal for a bond referendum to complete road improvements
  - c. Parks and Green space – Support the current 'master' plan proposed for development
  
2. **Because of present economic realities, what changes do you propose to your town's policies and regulations?**
  - a. The first policy would be to stop on attempts to implement a police force for town, the implementation of a police force would more than double taxes
  - b. The second policy would be to support the remodeling of the current town hall and propose a hold on building a new town hall until the economy shows better signs of recovery
  - c. Press the road improvement bond proposal so that we can help create road improvement jobs
  - d. Ensure we are doing everything we can as the town government to go green
  - e. Ensure we are doing everything we can to run the town as lean as possible
  
3. **Do you believe your town should fund school capital costs, parks, roads, transit, police and fire protection needs for your town?**
  - a. School Capital Costs – only if they are requested by the people and a benefit to the community, if they are either a state or federal mandate, then they should fund it
  - b. Parks – yes, the town 2007 survey is one of the top three things the community wants
  - c. Roads - yes, a plan is already in place for road improvements, according to the town 2007 survey it is the number one thing the community wants
  - d. Transit – not at this time
  - e. Police - no, I believe we need to continue the contract with the sheriff's office
  - f. Fire Protection – Yes, either as the town or as a shared service between two or more towns

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

- a. No – everyone should be contributing their fair share

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

- a. No - everyone should pay their fair share for services rendered
4. **How would you encourage your town's/community's economic growth while including a variety of housing types and prices?**
- a. Establish a plan to maintain the town standing as one of the top 10 places for families to live, which should generate interest in living in the town. With more interest, it should help generate demand for housing at all price points, which will help result in new homes and jobs.
  - b. Press a plan to attract small business and restaurants as a great place to live
  - c. Vote to add law enforcement, improve road conditions, and add parks and green space
  - d. Work diligently to keep town taxes in check
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?**
- a. One option would be to give a temporary tax break or tax reduction for the first year which should give the business or family incentive to settle in union county
  - b. Another option would be to revisit the ordinances and policies and verify the validity and the need to keep them in place – if they are invalid or dated, then work to change the policies to a more favorable position for the community, which would be to attract and retain
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 impact on economic development and housing affordability?**
- a. Yes – it is my position that we should look at all angles of a proposal to ensure that we making an informed decision and doing what is in the best interest of the town from an economic and use perspective
  - b. The agreement to support, in option a, would be subject to whether or not the town had a expertise to complete the analysis without an independent study