

2010 SPPACE Questionnaire

TOMMY TUCKER **Candidates for the North Carolina General Assembly** **State Senate – District 35**

1. **What are the top three issues facing your district and how would you address them?**

Jobs, taxes, school construction funding.

2. **In 2007, the North Carolina General Assembly authorized counties, subject to voter approval, the ability to impose an additional general fund revenue source (a .4% land transfer tax or a .25% sales tax). To date, the transfer tax has been defeated in every county where it has been considered. Would you support legislation to repeal the transfer tax option?**

Yes

3. **Would you support a local bill enabling Mecklenburg County to impose a real estate transfer tax or impact fee?**

No

4. **Because North Carolina is facing an estimated \$3 billion shortfall, comprehensive tax reform for the state continues to be at the forefront of discussion in the General Assembly. The prevailing thought is to “broaden the base and lower the rate”. This means taxing items, services, transactions, etc. that are currently untaxed and either reducing the rate or eliminating altogether the taxes on items, services, transactions, etc. that are taxed at a high rate. Are you in agreement with this concept? Please explain your answer.**

No, no new taxes, reduce state govt.

5. **There are over 20 different environmental agencies in the State of North Carolina that regulate water, air quality and land use. Would you support the consolidation of these departments? Please explain your answer.**

Depends on impact. Decision should be pro business.

- 6. Do you support giving North Carolina's Counties the authority to hold a "Pennies for Progress" referendum similar to South Carolina's? (*South Carolina's program is a 1/4 cent sales tax dedicated to a specific list of projects that sunsets after a period of time or when the projects are completed.*) Please explain your answer.**

No, no new taxes. We are being pennyed to death.

- 7. Would you consider changing the current NCDOT funding formula to make it more equitable for the growing urban areas? If so, what would you propose?**

Yes, base on % of revenue to the state.

- 8. Would you support a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) tax as a means to pay for road construction and/or maintenance?**

Probably not, state needs to stop raiding the Highway Fund to balance the budget.