

**Charlotte City Council – At-Large
2009 Candidate Questionnaire**

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What is the number one issue facing our community and how do you plan to address it?

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!

JOBS ARE THE DRIVING FORCE FOR OUR MODERN SOCIETY; IT IS THE VEHICULE FOR TRANSFERING ECONOMIC PROSPERTY EQUALLY TO ALL OF OUR CITIZENS. WITHOUT A GOOD PAYING JOB AND LIVABLE WAGE, NONE OF US CAN MAKE IT THROUGH: ESPECIALLY, WE CANNOT BUY A HOUSE!

THAT IS WHY I VOWED TO RUN FOR THIS POLITICAL RACE AND FIGHT TO BRING THE TYPE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL TRICKLE DOWN LOTS OF JOBS AND OTHER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYBODY. THIS IS EVEN IMPORTANT DURING THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES AS IS AT THIS TIME.

I AM GOING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE BY TRANSFORMING CHARLOTTE INTO A WORLD CLASS CITY AS I HAVE BEEN PROPHETISING FOR THE LONEST – A WELCOMING AND HOT PLATFORM FOR THE BIG AND SMALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES THAT WILL CREATE NEW JOBS AND SUSTAIN THE EXISTING ONES AND INVITING TO THE “CREATIVE CLASS” OF TOMORROW.

Do you support a transfer tax or impact fee on real estate? Please explain your answer.

NO, I DON'T. BEING A LOCAL STATE LICENSED REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL MYSELF, I CAN FORESEE HOW THEY CAN NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR LOCAL MARKET THAT IS ALREADY SUFFERING FROM THE RESULTS OF THE BAD ECONOMIC TIMES.

IN THESE BAD ECONOMIC TIMES, ANY ADDED BURDEN IN THE PURCHASE/SALE/DEVELOPMENT OF A HOUSE WILL TURN MANY HOMEBUYERS AWAY. THIS TAX AND FEE ARE NOT GOOD!

How do you propose to keep housing affordable in our community?

AVOID/CURTAIN ANY OR ALL UNNECESSARY ADDED TOLLS ON THE PURCHASE, ON THE SALE, ON THE DEVELOPMENT, ON THE FINANCE, ON THE UPKEEP, ETC...OF HOUSING.

Inclusionary housing policies, voluntary and mandatory, have been suggested for developing additional affordable housing in our community. Do you support any type of inclusionary housing policies? Please explain your answer.

INCLUSIONARY HOUSING; JUST LIKE HER SECOND COUSIN CALLED GENTRIFICATION, ARE TWO-EDGED SWORD – THEY CAN HELP AS WELL AS THEY CAN HURT AND NOT ALL OF THEM ARE CREATED EQUAL. THUS, DEPENDING ON HOW IT PRESENTS ITSELF, I WILL BE ABLE TO ANALYZE THEM AND UNDERSTAND EACH AND EVERY SPECIFIC CASE AT THE TIME BY ITS OWN MERIT. I CANNOT STATE BLUNTLY AND UNDISCRIMINATORILY WHETHER I WILL BE A PROPONENT FOR IT OR NOT. IT IS JUST TOO DELICATE TO JUDGE IT ACROSS THE BOARD WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Do you support a fee-based rental registration program for all rental units throughout the city of Charlotte? Please explain your answer.

NO, I DON'T. IT IS AN UNNECESSARY ADDED BURDEN IN THE COST OF HOUSING. OTHER THINGS CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN IT.

Paying for roads is a community responsibility. How do you plan to address prioritizing and funding the road construction and maintenance needs of Charlotte?

I AGREE! I PLEDGE TO USE MY CREATIVITY, MY TALENT, AND MY EXPERIENCE AS THE ENGINEER, THE MBA, AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED SMALL BUSINESS OWNER ENTREPRENEUR THAT I AM TO DO THAT.