

2020 Candidate Survey

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Please reply briefly & legibly in the space below.

1. Will you accept Political Action Committee contributions?

Yes! I would be honored to be supported monetarily. I purchased 100 yard signs myself. I would use the money first to purchase 4-5 large (ex 4x4) signs.

2. Please provide your background and why you're running for office.

USA Army Veteran, LAW, EMB, REHS Graduate Wingate Univ. I have been employed in the private sector, Federal and been an employee of local gov't, Randolph Co., for 13 years. My experience with "both sides" provides both an external and internal vision of local government affairs.

3. What are the top three challenges your community is facing? If elected, how would you address those challenges?

*① Funding and sustainability of the new "one high school" MCHS
Recruitment of former students and new students to include educating parents!
② mental health/opioid crisis - seen in every County in N.C.
- All partners in County Gov't need to develop a task force to identify needs and resources.
③ Work Force development and job recruitment
- smart land use planning + development + implementation
- The County needs an active chamber and economic development board!*

4. Give an example of how the city could play an active role in economic development and land use/smart growth, including job creation and work site development.

Cities and county government must collaborate and develop/ implement a vision for growth. Growth in infrastructure, planning to include land use activities and ordinances. With correct and sustainable planning "smart" growth can be "created" (allowed to and encourage growth both residentially and commercially! smart planning will allow job creation and thus residential growth and sustainability.

5. What plans or policies should be in place to grow affordable housing at all levels of income? Are there any plans or policies in place that you would change or remove? If so, why? Please give a brief explanation.

Cities and county gov't should pursue grant monies and low cost/0% loans to secure funding for affordable housing. Montgomery Co. may "explode" in the next 5-10 years regarding residential development. I would encourage local realtors to spread the word and work with gov't entities to get their professional perspective on growth issues. Montgomery county needs to allow persons and families of ALL incomes to live and purchase a home. This is a beautiful place to live and raise a family. Our time to grow and shine is now! Evan