

2022 Candidate Survey

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Please reply briefly & legibly in the space below.

1. Will you accept REALTOR Political Action Committee contributions?

As a general contractor in the construction and real estate industry, I welcome the support of my peers who serve in the same industries.

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

As a longtime resident, a small business owner in Cabarrus County, and having served twelve years on the Cabarrus County Board of Education (5 years as Board Chair) which included working with the county commission on many levels such as funding and fiscal accountability, the budget process, the construction process as well as BOC and BOE chair/vice-chair meetings, I have the knowledge-base and experience needed to serve our community. I want to be a proactive voice for prioritizing our infrastructure with a comprehensive economic and land use plan that prepares our community for a competitive future.

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

As a small business owner, a general contractor, and a local elected official, I believe it is:

- 1) imperative to be proactive in prioritizing and aligning our infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer capacity and broadband with our comprehensive economic and land use plan;
- 2) important to recruit industries that will minimize the tax burden on our local citizens while providing jobs with higher paying wages; and
- 3) critical to update our policies on formularies.

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

As mentioned above, our policies on formularies need to be updated. I would like our county policies on formularies updated. These policies are used to assess incentives when recruiting industry and to assess improvement projects yet have not been updated in a number of years. These policies are often decision-drivers and significantly effect project approval. Our economy, the use of our land, and the jobs created, all are directly impacted by how these policies are

implemented.

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.**

As a general contractor in this community, I have hands-on experience and a working knowledge associated with the lack of affordable housing. I would like us to work collaboratively with organizations such as the Home Builders Association, public-private partnerships, and our county and municipalities. An effective way to address this is having our local government and municipalities submit applications for federal and state grants as well as additional funding resources with a concentration on renovation and restoration in our low-wealth areas. Whether a single parent, a senior citizen, a veteran or any community member who may be income challenged, this would not only improve their quality of life, but also will improve the community as a whole.