

## **Home Builders Association of Fayetteville (HBAF)**

### **1. Explain your qualifications and background for this elected position.**

I'm a long time Fayetteville resident and local chiropractic physician who currently functions as the executive director at Valley Physical Medicine. I also have years of construction and development experience as the owner of a general contracting company. I have been very active in the local community and currently serve as the Chair for the City of Fayetteville's Planning Commission. Additionally, I co-founded a local community organization, Happenin in Haymount and helped build it to nearly 4,000 members along with numerous other civic participations.

### **2. The City of Fayetteville, the building/development industries and the business community, must partner together to focus on economic development and job creation. How should the City of Fayetteville collaborate with the business community and other governmental agencies in the area of economic development and job growth?**

The city should be pro-development and pro-smart growth. However, it's incumbent upon the city to forecast the needs of that development to ensure that the proper infrastructures are in place to support it, now and in the future. We need to also look to create a business friendly environment that not only generates seamless efficiency but includes Quality of Life projects and amenities in order to attract both small and large business and their employees. Finally, the city needs to develop a smart and effective national/international marketing campaign that capitalizes on our areas positive attributes and looks to diminish the negative ones.

### **3. The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) has proven to be too restrictive, too costly, and has dramatically curtailed development in Fayetteville. Would you be in favor of repealing the UDO and replacing it with a new ordinance that is developed by a committee with membership consisting equally of representatives from the council, the development community, and the city staff?**

I am favor of continual review of our UDO in order to improve its efficiency and reasonableness while maintaining the high standards we want for our cities growth.

Additionally, I am in support of a collaborative committee that includes key city staff, council and development experts, whether in an advisory capacity or otherwise, to do this. I feel that it is only in this type of diverse participation that all viewpoints can be heard, understood and served equally.

**4. The current Stormwater Ordinance is more restrictive than the state's ordinance. How do you suggest amending this ordinance to encourage and strengthen the building industry and will you support changing our ordinance to be the same as the states?**

These standards were put in place in anticipation of State Guidelines that never materialized. Given this, we need to first review them to assess if the city has the ability to enforce the current ordinance that lies outside the state standards. We then need critically evaluate the ordinance to ensure our local builders can be competitive with other municipalities in the state while safeguarding safety standards.

**5. How do you feel about metro government as a way to reduce taxes and/or improve service provisioning by local government units?**

The city and county are involved in a very symbiotic relationship and as growth continues to occur we need to evaluate the evolution of its governmental structure. When combining costs and resources with this type of centralization, metropolitan areas generally benefit and become more inclusionary. This natural progression is the fruition of a well-planned and well-designed city that can lead to greater prosperity area wide. However, this type of consolidation is a complex process that needs critical evaluation and and proper timing.