

## **2017 City of Fayetteville Election**

All Candidates were sent a set of questions relating to the building and construction industry. Candidates that have submitted their answers will have a link that allows you to view their answers. If there is not a link over their name, then answers have not been submitted to the HBAF office. These are the questions that were asked:

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

I am seeking my third term on Fayetteville City Council, District 1

Parks and Recreation Bond Committee –Chair, Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Commission, Gateways Committee, PWC negotiation/settlement committee, 911 Joint Task force committee, Fayetteville Cumberland Youth Council, NC State Youth Council, Fayetteville Cumberland Parks and Recreation Board, (CVA) Core Value Awards Committee, Boards and Commissions Nominating Committee, Cumberland County Civic Center Commission, Fayetteville Police Foundation.

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 Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Commission was formed for this very reason. We HAVE to collaborate and work together to get industry to our city and county. We need to be “shovel ready”, to make that happen we have to help our business partners be able to do business fast and effective.

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?

. All ordinances should have an appeals process that allows strategic growth to be considered. Council has committed to review and discuss our current policies with our developers, homeowners, and staff. Like families our communities change and we need to make sure we are doing the best job that we can to protect our infrastructure without halting growth.

4 .The current Storm water 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?

We need to have the same restrictions as the state. I believe that the committee that addresses the UDO needs to be involved in the storm water restrictions.

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

There have been many successful mergers from the school systems years ago, Parks and Recreation and the Fayetteville Cumberland Youth Council that have been successful. We are working on a joint 911 and investigating merging some of our community development needs. When there is potential for savings and efficiency, we actively pursue merge. I look forward to furthering the discussion on combined services and metro government were it makes sense at our City County liaison meetings that were started four years ago.