

1-Qualifications and Background:

Elected Experience:

Current Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Fayetteville

(2) Term City Councilman-District 3, -

Commissioner NC Governor's Crime Commission

Chairman of City of Fayetteville/ Houston Astros Baseball Committee

Chairman City of Fayetteville Gateways Committee

Co-Chair of Special Committee for PWC Negotiations/Settlement

City Council Representative for Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Transit Board (FAMPO).

2-Great question. My number one campaign issue is the collaboration of the public partners as well as private stakeholders to make Fayetteville a better city. I believe that the City Council, County Commissioners, School Board, Universities and Community Colleges, PWC and Cape Fear Health Systems should jointly strategically plan. These partners should work closely as a whole with the private sector to move our city forward. The spending and buying power collaborately is tremendous. In March 2015, I called a Special Meeting to introduce the legislation that led to the city's 40% Local Buying Preference. This change potentially will translate to millions of dollars and thousands of jobs being created right here at home. As Mayor I would encourage all of our Community Partners to join us.

Secondly, we need leadership who will finally end the bureaucracy and regulation that has nearly paralyzed our business and development community. Over the last four years, the leadership at the top has failed to resolve this issue. This must change. I am a State General Contractor and local business owner and I would bring a unique perspective to the office of Mayor.

3-As it relates to the UDO,

I have been extremely critical of many areas of this document. Over the last four years, I have worked with many members of the business and development community to address many of the areas of overreach in today's document. As Mayor I will continue to work with Council and the development community to finally repair and replace many of these restrictive codes.

4-I have worked with local engineers and developers on developing a more practical storm water policy. Lack of public infrastructure has shifted the burden of storm water management to the private land owner. I would work on two fronts, first lead the charge in floating a revenue bond to begin repairing the insufficient infrastructure in our streets. Secondly, use a more practical approach to determine the size of the retention needed in the area. In other words, certain areas would require a more restrictive ordinance than others. For example, some areas may require a 50 year storm retention system, and others may require the state minimum.

5-As for Metro Government. My belief in collaboration with our governmental bodies supports the concept of metro government in many areas. The efficiency created is a

winning formula for the tax payers of the community. However, some areas such as law enforcement are a little more difficult to merge, in my opinion.

Thanks for these great questions. Please visit my website for more information.
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