

Nat Robertson

1. *Experience and a proven track record. Our city is recognizing record employment, record home sales, record reduction in our crime rate, record amount of new business moving to town, we are building infrastructure and building a better quality of life! Since being elected Mayor in November 2013, my focus has been to make Fayetteville more user friendly for all of our residents, builders and developers. We have done that by offering professional training, implementing new performance standards and offering several in our permitting and inspections departments the opportunity to expand their professional careers elsewhere.*

2. *Economic development and job growth is accomplished through good policy that promotes organic and new growth in the market. Since first being elected Mayor, we have seen a 2.6 point decrease in unemployment. That brings Fayetteville's unemployment rate down to 5.3%, that's almost a decade low! I will continue to focus on making it easier for businesses to do business in Fayetteville. I will continue to fight against unnecessary regulations and restrictions that are costly to businesses restricting their investments back into our great community.*

3. *YES! However I feel that some of the existing standards have improved the overall appearance of the City. I would be in favor of allowing more flexibility for builders to have choices in how their projects would enhance the immediate area surrounding their development.*

4. *Yes, it concerns me that the City's standards are more restrictive than that of the States. I understand that municipalities and urban areas need some lenience on the standards in highly populated areas. I also believe that it is costly and unnecessary to invoke stricter standards in areas that don't have heavy populations and/or high development. I believe the only way to standardize these standards is a change in state legislation limiting cities to uniform standards or a limited deviation of the State's standards.*

5. *I am a general fan of metro-government however, there are many tasks that each government does that do not overlap. Where the County has responsibility for Health and Human Services, the City is tasked with urban policing, fire protection, trash pick-up, and city roads. There are some overlaps and where our services are comparable in scope, we are discussing how to make those areas more efficient through partnerships and/or consolidation.*