Huntersville Town Board Candidate Questionnaire

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With so few opportunities for voters to hear directly from the candidates prior to election day, I am hoping this questionnaire will provide the community with more insight into your candidacy. There is no word limit – write as much or as little as necessary to answer each question. You can use the space below so I can easily copy and paste your responses.

Please return to me no later than September 24, 2017 and I will begin posting completed questionnaires at my website and simultaneously at the Huntersville Politics facebook group page beginning on September 25, 2017. I will post 2-3 responses per day throughout the week of September 25.

Thank you,

Eric Rowell

- A specific agenda item you want to work on if elected: Revisit the Huntersville 2030 Plan, place a better emphasis on green building, specifically by 1) encouraging the preservation of tree canopy, 2) Incentivizing the use of alternative energy in new and existing developments, 3) Create incentive programs for LEED certified buildings and 4) Address the issue of growth and explore options to achieve a more sustainable growth rate.

- For challengers – one specific vote over the last two years you disagreed with and why: The extension of the closure deadline of LCID landfills. 1) The original wording of the ordinance indicated that “In No Event” would the deadline be extended, when questioned the general response from town officials was that those were just words. 2) Not a single resident spoke out in favor of this extension. 3) The Staff recommendation was to oppose this extension and force LCID to go down the Special Usage Permit (SUP) path, which would involve a full public hearing where all residents would need to be notified and have the opportunity speak. 4) The Planning Board recommended denial by a vote of 5-1 and also supported the (SUP) path. Despite all of this, the motion carried 5-1. To me this is a clear case of our elected officials failing to listen to their constituents.

- For incumbents – any vote over the last two years you would change and why – or, if none, any item you would have accomplished and why:

- What is the proper role of town government and do you think there is any limit to what town government can use taxpayer dollars for: To promote our town as a safe and friendly place to live. To encourage sustainable growth, job expansion and deliver quality services, while ensuring a minimal environmental impact. I do believe there are limits to what taxpayer dollars should be used for, if you have specific items that you would like me to address, I would be happy to do so.

- Should town government select winners and losers in business by providing tax incentives to certain companies over others: I understand the importance of this question and acknowledge that as an elected official, I would never want to create losers in a business environment within our town by creating more favorable conditions for some businesses over others. With that being said, I don’t think that there is a blanket yes or no answer to this question. I believe that every situation should be evaluated to determine what would be most beneficial to all of our residents. My focus would be on attracting larger companies to our business areas such as The Park. The goal in doing this would be that we bring new higher paying jobs to the community without displacing any of our existing businesses.

- If elected, which non-profit and/or charitable endeavors do you intend to reward with taxpayer monies and which non-profit and/or charitable endeavors do you intend to deny taxpayer funding:

I am very open minded on this subject, I don’t have a specific agenda in regards to most of the non-profit/charitable organizations that Huntersville currently does or possibly could fund. The one exception is that I would like to see us continue to support the Arts & Science Council (ASC).

- If elected, is it more important to you to vote the will of the people (however that is determined) or to vote your conscience (except when the board is acting as a quasi-judicial body): Will of the people.

- Your favorite US president:

Dwight D. Eisenhower

- Krispy Kreme or Dunkin Donuts:

Krispy Kreme, but really Duck Donuts destroys them both.

- Your favorite 19th century French political economist:

Antoine Augustin Cournot

- How can readers find out more about your campaign? (social media, website)

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