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**MICHAEL OSBORNE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR THIRD TERM AS CORNELIUS COMMISSIONER**

**Pledges Proactive Leadership to Reduce Traffic Congestion**

CORNELIUS, NC -- Michael Osborne announced he will run for a 3rd term as Cornelius Town Commissioner after filing at the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections on July 8th.

**Background:**

A Cornelius resident since 1995, Osborne holds degrees from Furman University and Wake Forest MBA. He founded and led a logistics company for 20+ years before selling it. He currently serves on the CRTPO Board and Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), and previously served on the Cornelius Planning Board, EO Charlotte Board, and YMCA Y-Guides Board.

During his two terms, Osborne delivered on growth control promises. Before the 2021 election, 1,464 residential units were approved in six months. Since then, fewer than 250 have reached the Board. He was the lone "no" vote against the 6-story Cashmere project, defending the citizen-created Land Use Plan.

**Four-Part Traffic Solution:**

"Traffic congestion is killing our quality of life. I have a four-part plan to fix it," said Osborne:

1. Defend Against Traffic-Adding Development: Continue voting NO on apartments not in our Land Use Plan
2. Use Parks Bond to Protect Land: Buy land NOW with our \$20 million before developers grab it
3. Restore Economic Development Funding: Redirect \$80,000/year to recruit businesses to Cornelius only (not regional)
4. Fight for State Road Funding: Challenge flawed scoring that cost us \$100 million for I-77 improvements

**Call to Action:**

"We designated commercial use where Atrium Health built - creating 300 jobs and attracting nearby businesses. That's proactive planning," Osborne noted. "Every commercial lot that becomes apartments means families driving elsewhere for work, leisure and everyday needs. Time is running out. We must act NOW."