

Jeremy Ferguson for Mayor of Milwaukie

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1.) Discuss your position on the expansion and upgrading of the Harmony Community Campus:

The Harmony Road Community Campus can fit nicely into our community if all the parties can reach an agreement to preserve the Three Creeks area. We need to find a way to link people from 82nd Avenue to the campus without adding more roads that are difficult to maintain and are damaging to the balance of nature. Innovative strategies such as a shared use agreement with the adjacent lot/business would be a great start.

2.) Discuss your position regarding Milwaukie Light Rail:

I support transit options that fit into the community. Light Rail is a regional project that needs the steering of our community leaders to be sure that it is a good fit for our community. As we move forward in the design phases, we will need to clearly voice our concerns and values to TriMet and Metro so we can have a system that is clearly Milwaukie, with attributes that blend with our city.

3.) What do you believe are the most significant problems facing business and communities in general today?

Certainly the downturn of the economy is the most significant problem that faces all of us. Loss of tax revenue, loss of jobs, rising prices are all factors that make it difficult to weather the storm.

During this time we see a need for more services such as emergency responders and social services. We also see a decrease in donations, volunteers and revenue.

4.) What are the solutions to the above problems and how would electing you help achieve the solutions?

We need to take steps to help grow business in our community. By growing our businesses, we create jobs. As business grows, they improve their buildings. Improving buildings increases the value, building more tax revenue. The tax revenue helps to restore services. Making sure the services provided go to helping business centers and residential neighborhoods will come full circle to improve the livability of our community.

The key part is helping our businesses grow. Marketing the benefits of our City and County helps to attract businesses and customers. Establishing codes that encourage development that highlight the attributes of our community will help attract customers and businesses alike.

- 5.) Can you give an example of a way in which you have supported a business/community position in the past?

As a citizen, I have participated in open houses, public hearings and forums on a wide range of issues from Milwaukie's Transportation System Plan, Light Rail, Harmony Community Campus and Street Service Maintenance Planning. I make sure my voice is heard when input is needed by the community.

- 6.) List briefly the three top reasons voters should elect you to this position.

As your Mayor, I will continue my work to build stronger relationships among members of city council and the citizens of Milwaukie. I will provide the needed leadership to ensure government is fiscally accountable, transparent and ethical in decisions. I will treat all people in a respectful & professional manner and ensure decisions made reflect the values of the citizens of this community. Government should be accountable to the citizens, for it is the will of the people, not the political will of governing officials that should guide the decision-making process.

- 7.) List briefly your biographical information limited to age, former/current elected positions, years in State/region/County/district, community involvement.

I am 36 years old. I've been an area resident for the past 30 years. My wife and I chose to raise our family in Milwaukie because we love the community and the people here. For the past 15 years, I have been actively involved in my community through SOLV, Boy Scouts, PTA, Coaching youth baseball & softball, Milwaukie RiverFest, Milwaukie Budget Committee, Friends of Ledding Library and mentor for Milwaukie High School.

I have served as Mayor of Milwaukie and as a Precinct Committee Person