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- 1.) What are the major issues facing the office you are seeking and how will you respond to those issues if elected?

From the federal government to the state and local level Americans are waking up to the fact that the rate of growth of the government sector is "unsustainable". Unlike families and businesses across the country in this recession, government has not cut back and the county is no different. What I will do is begin a process of identifying and prioritizing county departments and programs with a goal of reducing the overall size of the county government and budget.

- 2.) What is your solution to funding the county adequately to develop and maintain needed infrastructure?

The best thing we can do to insure adequate funding is to use the money taxpayers give the county wisely. What I mean by this is we have to get control of employee costs. The argument goes that public employees receive lower pay than the private sector in exchange for job security and generous pension and health benefits. However this equation has changed over the years to the point now that they have an average salary which is substantially higher than employees in the private sector yet the pension and benefits have not been reduced to balance the scales. Fixing this situation will free up the capital to take care of our infrastructure needs into the future without raising taxes.

- 3.) How would you recommend funding transportation in the county – both maintenance and capital?

Transportation funding is largely from sources out of the county's control but what we can do is continue the efforts of the Clackamas County C4 committee which brings together representatives from the cities and the county to prioritize and then present a united message to the state and metro for transportation projects, this is a process that we modeled after Washington County and has been very successful. As important as funding is how we use the money that we get and I believe that we need refocus our efforts to provide for better movement of auto and truck traffic throughout the county. Roads are the lifeline of business large and small.

- 4.) Will you encourage unincorporated areas to incorporate or join cities?

I believe that this is a choice to be made by the citizens that live in those areas and I would neither encourage nor discourage this.

- 5.) Business is seeking an environment that is supportive of growth and expansion. What obstacles does it face and what will you do to assist in overcoming these obstacles?

I believe that the biggest obstacle businesses face anywhere in this state is government. state, county and local governments all pile on regulations and requirements that just add unnecessary costs. In this time of recession and going forward one the best things that we can do in the county is to reduce or eliminate regulations and red tape. I would like to bring together business groups and individuals throughout the county to hear what the county does to discourage business/growth and then take steps to fix those problems.

- 6.) What will you do to promote and encourage job development in the county?

The county needs to be seen in the region as being friendly to business. This means that everything the commission does needs to be looked at through the prism of how it might effect that image. I will not vote for any policy that increases regulation or costs to business and will work to reduce the same wherever I can find them. The best way to get our county's citizens back to work is through the free enterprise system and the small businesses and industry which are its backbone. I will support policies such as enterprise zones and reduced property taxes for business and industry to encourage job growth.

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

**Age:**

49

**Elected Positions:**

Commissioner, City of Oregon City  
Director, Oregon City School Board

**Years in State/region/County/district:**

46

### **Community Involvement:**

Oregon City Urban Renewal Commission  
Member, Oregon City Budget Committee  
Budget Committee Oregon City School District  
Member, South Fork Water Board  
Founding Member, Clackamas County C4 Committee  
Clackamas County Facilities Task Force  
Oregon City Fire Service Blue Ribbon Committee  
Chair, Carnegie Library Reuse Committee, Oregon City  
Supporter and current Coach, Army JROTC program at Oregon City High School

### **Favorite Quote:**

"Government growing beyond our consent had become a lumbering giant, slamming shut the gates of opportunity, threatening to crush the very roots of our freedom. What brought America back? The American people brought us back -- with quiet courage and common sense; with undying faith that in this nation under God the future will be ours, for the future belongs to the free." Ronald Reagan