

NORTH CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHAMBER QUESTIONNAIRE - COMMISSIONERS

The North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce is made up of more than 600 businesses, representing more than 26,500 employees, located in the Clackamas County and Metro area. We may be considering endorsing in your current race, and need to know more about your beliefs to assist us in making our recommendations. Please complete the following questionnaire and return promptly.

Responses to these questions may be the basis of the topics at the Candidates' Issues Events at which you may be invited to speak. Questions at the issues event may include any of the following. Responses to this questionnaire will also be posted on the Chamber's website, www.yourchamber.com.

Please limit your response to each question to no more than 100 words.

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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?

At every level of government, Federal down to County, Business's and people see a unsustainable growth that threatens jobs and prosperity. County government much match and not exceed the private sector in rates of pay and retirement plans. County government needs to reduce down to basic services. As Commissioner, every department must be evaluated and put in a plan to reduce government. Putting more money back into business and consumers will make a stronger and vibrant community. A 50 year plan is no more possible than an economist making a 2 year forecast.

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

Many people will say to use " tax payer money wisely", One definition of "wise" is, Way of doing, manner, method. Another definition is, Possessed of wisdom; Seeing what is right and wrong. The latter definition is better suited. The public employee's have an extremely generous pension and wage plan. This plan needs to be in alignment with the private sector. Addressing the issue of unsustainable pensions and wages will free up the needed capitol to fix our roads and infrastructure for the long term. Fixing fundamental core issues will allow us to avoid more transportation fees and keep the burden lower on business and the people.

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

Since the roads carry all commerce in our county, this is the number one priority. Other transportation projects come a distant second. A lot of funding is out of the counties control and ultimately the Clackamas County C4 committee decides this and will bring interested parties together to decide which project gets done over others.

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

No, I will not encourage any unincorporated area to incorporate. The local community must decide, based on their self interest, what they want to do. If they choose to incorporate, it is their decision.

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?

The biggest obstacle business's face is layers of government and layers of regulations which choke economic growth. Free enterprise zones have been proven to work. Government can not create wealth. Government can create the atmosphere for growth with lower property tax's for business. Regulations that cause increased cost to business's need to be weeded out and regulations in general, reduced. Business's don't need the county as much as the county needs the business's.

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

The private sector is the engine of our county. The county commissioners must show the business community that it can be fiscally stable and responsible. The county needs to keep tax's low and regulations fair, reasonable and lower than the surrounding counties. Supporting free enterprise zones in our county will naturally attract more business. This will in turn create the jobs we all need.

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

Age: 51

Elected Positions:

Years in State/region/County/district: Born in Oregon, 17 years in Clackamas County.

Community Involvement: Have always believed in being involved by going to meetings.

Member of Oregon City Urban Renewal Budget Committee.

Alternate Precinct Captain
Precinct Committee Person
Neighborhood Involvement