

**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 return this by email to ceo@yourchamber.com before Monday, March 1, 2010.

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?

We face three key challenges: (1) getting our residents back to work; (2) keeping vulnerable families and seniors safe and healthy; and (3) making careful, efficient use of tax dollars and other public resources. I am working to streamline and expedite county permitting processes, ensure we have sufficient developable land, alleviate traffic congestion that harms business, and support emerging entrepreneurs. I seek to redesign our mental health/addiction services to reach more people. I am protecting public/river health and saving money by negotiating a solution to Milwaukie sewer dispute.

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

We need to find efficient solutions, collaborate, and be creative. I support a relatively small, cost efficient fix on the Sunrise System that could be implemented with money with already have. I favor negotiation to resolve disputes re: wastewater treatment infrastructure rather than costly court battles. I support the county's new Justice Court, through which we retain ticket revenues locally rather than relinquishing it to the state. I support seeking federal dollars to pay for infrastructure improvements. I will apply close scrutiny to proposals that would increase fees/taxes to fund infrastructure.

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

The county needs an effective, robust transportation system to retain and attract jobs. I will apply my values of efficiency, collaboration, and creativity in determining how to pay for the infrastructure we need. I will aggressively seek appropriations and stimulus funding. I will support teamwork with regional partners – such as Multnomah County re: Sellwood Bridge and TriMet re: Milwaukie Light Rail – to share costs. I am willing to study options including tolling, urban renewal, and

vehicle registration fees to pay for infrastructure, but I will apply a skeptical eye to proposals that increase fees/taxes.

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

I think communities should make their own decisions about governance. I am pleased that some Clackamas communities are exploring the possibility of incorporating, which could enable them to control decisions about the level of services they desire and how to fund those services. I support Speaker Hunt's legislation enabling residents to retain their special districts even if they were to incorporate a new city.

- 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?

Employers contend with weak demand, the need for access to prime employment sites, unmet transportation needs, and the need for quick and efficient permitting. I seek to fill county purchasing/contracting needs through local businesses. I advocate for a balance of urban and rural reserves. I support efforts to improve the Sunrise System on the money we have and that would create jobs today. I recognize that efficient and quick permitting lets construction projects and other expansions move forward – we must prioritize excellent customer service.

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

I will ensure the county is a partner – not an obstacle – to private business. I urge the county to source its contracts through local businesses. I seek designation of adequate urban reserves, as well as protection of farmland. I support essential transportation improvements to help people get to work/shopping. I support expedited permitting and SDC waivers so businesses can grow. I will nurture emerging entrepreneurs through programs like "Blue Collar Creative." I seek to improve county tourism development efforts. I will pursue federal stimulus dollars to create/preserve jobs.

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

Age: 41

Elected Positions:

- Vice Chair, Board of County Commissioners (appointed to the board and then chosen by my fellow commissioners as Vice Chair)
- President, Oregon Law Foundation (elected by my fellow board members)

Years in State/region/County/district:

I am a fourth generation Oregonian, and I was raised in Southern Oregon (Jackson County). I have lived in Clackamas County for ten years.

Community Involvement:

- Vice Chair, Board of County Commissioners
- President, Oregon Law Foundation (This foundation distributes roughly \$2 million in grant funds annually to groups that serve the poor.)
- Board Member, Lawyers Campaign for Equal Justice (This group raises money from lawyers to help meet the needs of low-income people.)
- Board Member, Network for Oregon Affordable Housing (This is Oregon's largest nonprofit bank; it loans money to support affordable housing development.)
- Chair, Regional Steering Committee, Bridges to Housing (This four-county, bi-state effort is designed to reduce the cost and increase the effectiveness of homeless housing programs.)
- Co-Chair, Clackamas Heights Redevelopment Advisory Group (This team is working to improve housing access and create jobs by leveraging federal money to improve a public housing site in Oregon City.)

- Alternate, Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (This is the regional group through which the county seeks federal transportation dollars.)
- Volunteer, my kids' elementary school and Sunday school
- Member, Rotary International
- Member, Stand for Children