



ASHEVILLE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES QUESTIONNAIRE
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1. What types of development do you think are appropriate for downtown Asheville? What types are inappropriate? Explain.

I believe in supporting the rights of private property owners and have little faith in the capacities of government to effectively and fairly micro manage development. That said, if development laws are passed, they should be enforced persistently and effectively. I do not have a personal view on what downtown property owners should do with their property.

2. How would you improve Asheville's Homeless plan and service system?

Enforce the law more vigorously with predatory panhandlers and divert the current money pool to existing restoration programs (ABCCM, Salvation Army, and WCRM) versus fantasy housing plans that are neither affordable or sustainable.

3. What initiatives would you undertake to make Asheville a greener city?

I am more concerned with crime and the harms of our drug culture than making Asheville greener. That said, I recently initiated an action to explore 24/7 climate management in city owned buildings.

4. Do you support a living wage for all city employees including contract labor? Domestic partner benefits?

Neither - the first concept does not work (witness the ineffectiveness and political manipulations by both parties associated with the minimum wage program) and we cannot afford the second.

5. What are the three best City Council achievements of the past four years?

1) Developing and carrying my mission to fund and complete 50 Top-A-Stop bus shelters in Asheville.

2) Developing and carrying my mission to establish a memorial to our war dead at Memorial Stadium without using city tax dollars.

3) Developing and carrying my mission to establish a program "For Our Kids" in public housing to "find a need and find a way" -- we accomplished a host of successes in our 10 developments - again with donations versus public dollars.

4) Developing and carrying my mission to establish a "Asheville Public Artist of the Year Program" and find private funding and assure completion of the first work.

6. List and explain three of your priorities for City Council during the upcoming four years.

1) Stop waste and impair Council's ability to squander other people's money.

2) Eliminate our open air hard drug markets in public housing and other poor neighborhoods.

3) Resist the progressive intrusions of socialistic policies at the local government level.

7. What sets you apart from the other City Council candidates? Explain.

1) My voting record is that of an authentic conservative.

2) I have an independent mind and willingness to work with others or stand alone as necessary.

3) I have no obligations to money, power, party, or special interests.

8. If elected, how would you engage the citizenry of Asheville in helping to make decisions and accomplishing your goals?

We do an excellent job of providing transparent and persistent opportunity for citizen involvement in local city government - I would not change a thing we are doing at present. I am proud of my council colleagues for their model of inclusion and transparency.

9. Do you support President Obama's agenda, including his energy, health care and education initiatives? Explain why or why not.

No. Our President is advancing a socialistic model of government that has us robbing one pocket to fill another of special choosing. I have more faith in the model of government created by our founding fathers grounded in an "American Success Equation" of liberty, opportunity, and responsibility.

10. Who are the five largest contributors to your campaign and how much did each contribute?

I am accepting no political contributions - either from individuals, PAC's, or my party. I will not be spending any money on my campaign. Although I will campaign honestly and actively, I have no interests in buying a seat on Asheville's city council. Having served active and persistent years, the people of Asheville know my name and what I stand for. I will be very comfortable with the decision our voters make.

Thank you for this opportunity. I do not anticipate being a part of the party you mention, but I do hope you will share my responses to your questions with your membership.

With regards,

Carl Mumpower

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