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ASHEVILLE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES QUESTIONNAIRE

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**Please include your name, phone and email
and return by Mon Aug 17, 2009 to:
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1. What types of development do you think are appropriate for downtown Asheville? Developments that can lead green building certification, for energy savings, water efficiency, etc. What types are inappropriate? Those which do not attempt to lower their carbon footprint.
2. How would you improve Asheville's Homeless plan and service system? We all need to be educated about the root causes of homelessness, and then we can best address the issue.
3. What initiatives would you undertake to make Asheville a greener city? Education about lead certification for new developments, and education for existing commercial/ residential developments about how to reduce carbon footprint.
4. Do you support a living wage for all city employees including contract labor? Domestic partner benefits? Yes to both questions.
5. What are the three best City Council achievements of the past four years?
A-Municipal carbon emission adoption.
B-The initiative of the City of Asheville Youth Leadership Academy (CAYLA).
C-Creation of the Committee for Citizen with Disabilities.
6. List and explain three of your priorities for City Council during the upcoming four years.
I-Protect and preserve the rights of the elderly and disabled.
 - a- Try to establish a city ordinance in order to protect, preserve and enforce the rights of our elderly and disabled population.
 - b- Create a committee to study the use of our limited resources in new ways, for our elderly and disabled population.
 - c- Try to work along with our community to involve citizens in holding the administration accountable for the expenditure of resources assigned to the elderly and disabled.
II- Fair tax for small business in Asheville.
 - a- Taxing small business vs. established and successful businesses
 - b- Innovation for small businesses

- c- A stimulus for small business.

III-Crime and drug issues for a safer Asheville.

- a- Implement new techniques to track and prevent crime
- b- Community and police cooperation on how to cope with illegal drugs
- c- Accomplish these goals within limited resources.

7. What sets you apart from the other City Council candidates? Explain. I represent the American Dream at its purest. I came here with nothing and through education and hard work have built a successful business in Asheville.

8. If elected, how would you engage the citizenry of Asheville in helping to make decisions and accomplishing your goals? I will get out and meet the people where they live, work and socialize. My aim is to serve the citizens of Asheville, and thus I will want to know what's on their minds.

9. Do you support President Obama's agenda, including his energy, health care and education initiatives? Explain why or why not. Yes. I do support President Obama's agenda. We need to address those issues before it's too late, and look for a remedy. But I do not give a blank check. They need to be paid for.

10. Who are the five largest contributors to your campaign and how much did each contribute? I have neither sought for or received any. Democracy should not be run through a check book. So if the people want a candidate who is not beholden to any special interests, they should vote for me.