

Todd,

I apologize, I thought I already sent these answers. I have pasted the questionnaire below.

1. If elected, during your term you will have to make a decision regarding how the Lynnhaven River will be dredged. As part of this project, do you support the use of the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and Beach Facility as a PERMANENT INDUSTRIAL DREDGE TRANSFER STATION for dredging needs outside the immediate area of the Lynnhaven Inlet or do you support using several transfer stations located in the areas receiving the most benefit from each dredging project? Please explain?

I oppose the boat ramp being used as a permanent transfer station and the city is studying options which I think will be better suited.

2. One of the last remaining parcels of open space in the most densely populated section of Virginia Beach is a 69 acre property along Shore Drive known as Pleasure House Point (Indigo Dunes), what future for this property would you support and why?

- a) The Sandler's current "Indigo Dunes" project of 1,069 homes.
- b) Acquisition of the property for open space as recommended in the City's Outdoors Plan.
- c) Some other alternative

I favor the acquisition of the property for preservation and open space.

3. Bayfront beaches both east and west of the Lynnhaven Inlet are in desperate need of sand replenishment. Sand from upcoming 2009/2010 Lynnhaven Inlet dredging can be used for this purpose. Will you support the necessary funding, litigation and policy changes required to make this replenishment happen?

I think it's a sensible solution and I'd support the opportunity to address the sand problem at the Bayfront.

4. It is well documented that Shore Drive is one of the deadliest corridors in Virginia. Ninety lives have been lost over the past 30 years. In an effort to stop these unnecessary tragedies, the SDCC, BAC and City created a safety task force. Task force recommendations are being implemented as part of 4 Shore Drive improvement projects. 2 of these projects are fully funded. If elected, would you support fully funding the remaining 2 projects so they are completed in less than 4 years?

Yes, and my opponent is on record voting against funding for some of the improvements that were passed. I will vote to support the remaining improvements.

5. The Bayfront area is the most densely (residents/acre) populated in the city. Much of this uncontrolled growth is a direct result of rezoning to increase densities. If elected, will you support or oppose rezoning requests in the Shore Drive area that allow densities greater than those currently allowed? Examples (R-10 to A-24, B-2 to B-4 Multi-family) We can not increase density in the corridor without improving infrastructure to support it. Therefore, I wouldn't support rezonings that increase density.

6. Given the facts that Shore Drive is one of 3 major East-West corridors and that the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization has a long range transportation plan showing the need for a 6 lane Shore Drive from North Hampton to Great Neck Road, would you support and help implement any community effort to eliminate this possibility and keep Shore Drive 4 lanes?

I support keeping Shore Drive 4 lanes.

7. Lynnhaven River NOW has been making heroic advances in cleaning up the Lynnhaven River. If elected, what would you do to keep this effort going?

Organizations such as Lynnhaven River NOW have done magnificent work, and Council should be supportive. We should engage more at the state level to make environmental cleanup more of a statewide partnership, and do all we can here at home.

8. Another major problem experienced by the community is the City's lack of public involvement and public participation on all City and Private projects. The City seems to only do the bare minimum required by law regarding notices, meetings and public discussion. Do you feel public involvement and participation need to be improved and if so, what would you do to make this happen?

Citizen participation is vital for good government. Town meetings, public hearings, and good information and communication are all things that can always be more timely and effective. The newspaper only reports on so much, so we have to find other ways to keep citizens informed and alert them to ways to be involved.

9. The City has been recognized and won awards for its attention to open space and parks. With the Open Space Acquisition Fund drying up and no apparent planned replacement funding stream, should a new money stream be identified and if so, what would that be? If not, why?

I support continuing the revenue for the OSAF, but in these economic times, the opportunities to improve funding streams are in jeopardy and not likely to be viable in the near future. We need to diversify the way the city is funded so real estate taxes aren't so heavily relied upon.

10. How specifically are you going to address the local impact resulting from the coming drastic state/federal budget cutbacks?

Stronger economic development can grow revenue streams that will help, but for the next few years, local government must find efficiencies and limit new hirings.

11. Like much of the City, the Shore Drive area is beginning to see the signs of gang activity in our neighborhoods. Could you please comment on the extent of the expanding gang problem in VB and what the city is/should be doing to diminish it?

One of the best defenses against gang activity is cohesiveness between the community and police department. Reporting graffiti, suspicious activity, and vandalism is vitally important. On the city side, the city should avoid shifting resources, and making sure the entire city's police department is properly staffed.

12. Currently the City tax breakdown percentage is 87% Resident and 13% Business. It has always been the goal of the City and residents to shift this percentage to a 70/30 ratio and help lessen the burden on the residents. If elected, what would you do to make this happen?

We must nurture an economic development strategy that grows, creates jobs, and balances that revenue percentage out.

13. Do you support the extension of Light Rail along the abandoned Norfolk Southern right of way (ROW)? Please explain why or why not.

We have a great opportunity to watch Norfolk's effectiveness with their starter line, and see the costs and how the citizens embrace it. One thing we need to understand is that whatever we decide as a transportation solution, we won't see the results for many years down the line.

14. Our city is rich with history; some examples include the First Landing, several colonial period houses and various other sites. If elected, what would be your commitment to historic preservation in the city?

I would join the majority on Council in preserving the heritage of our city.

15. Given the most recent U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Hurricane Evacuation Study (March 08), how would you provide for the timely evacuation of Shore Dr. and North Beach areas if residential building and population densities are further increased with Indigo Dunes and other proposed properties?

I will oppose increasing density further in the shore drive corridor.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these answers with the residents of Shore Drive.

Sincerely,

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