

1) What do you propose to do to keep businesses in Frederick, not only in downtown Frederick but also along the Golden Mile and East Street Corridors? What is your vision for Frederick revitalization for the next four years?

Start with a local government that works together to accomplish goals. Instill confidence as to attract new business. Make permitting a user friendly process. Ease restrictions to encourage business reinvestment. Getting the west end started. Making the Frederick Towne Mall the center piece of an energized community.

2) Increased crime, gang/drug activity, loitering, unruly and/or unsupervised gatherings are safety concerns to residents in all of Frederick's neighborhoods. Some neighborhoods have been particularly hard hit (e.g., Hillcrest, Amber Meadows, North Market Street). How do you propose to address these issues given severe budget constraints?

Increase public awareness of law enforcement programs that help citizens report suspicious activities. Ease severe budget constraints by eliminating duality in city payroll.

Officers on the street boots on the ground.

3) What is your vision for the future of the Neighborhood Advisory Councils? Should they be strengthened? disbanded? reorganized? Would you support an Aldermanic NAC rotation schedule so that the Aldermen stay in touch with the communities?

I would like a self evaluation from the NAC's. Does the effort get the desired return? If the unanimous answer is yes than why not a mayoral NAC?

4) Many residents believe overcrowding, vacant and derelict properties, commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods, etc., are chipping away at the quality of life in their neighborhoods and are lowering property values. How do you propose to tackle these issues? What role, if any, would code enforcement and rental licensing play?

Many residents work jobs where a company truck is needed. Leaving a truck full of tools and needed materials unsupervised is not prudent. Is a police car a commercial vehicle?

There are overcrowding laws. We need to figure out how to enforce them in a more effective way.

5) Recognizing the necessity of balancing growth with adequate infrastructure, and also the anticipated pressures to move forward on development projects as the economy recovers, will you support tools such as the APFO to ensure that neighborhood concerns about appropriate infrastructure (schools, water, traffic, etc) are considered in the decision-making process?

Yes yes and more yes. Random construction is a thing of the past. Community planning is the future. Curbs and gutters followed by schools and parks going up with the homes is the only way to ensure good neighborhoods and functioning communities.

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