



## Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council

### Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire



*Patrick Buckley*

**For fun, if you were to have a theme song what would that song be?**

*I think my theme song would be Shiftwork by Kenny Chesney and George Strait. It makes me think of my days working long shifts for the Green Bay Police Department and all the other hard working Green Bay residents.*

**With state-imposed restraints on increases in property taxes, how are you going fulfill campaign promises to increase funding for priority city needs largely funded through property taxes? If you had to cut the city budget, where would you cut?**

*We need to start each year with a zero-based budgeting process. We need to reform the processes in City Hall to cut waste, retain our existing businesses, and attract outside investment into our community. I will focus on expanding our City's tax base.*

**Mayor Schmitt started Kids Day as an annual tradition. Would you continue Kids Day? What kind of new traditions, if any, would you like to see to bring the community together and promote healthy neighborhoods?**

*When elected Mayor, I would be happy to continue Kids Day. I think it is a great tradition that allows kids to be feel special for a day. I would be open to exploring new ideas to help better engage students and young people civically.*

**Only one person in City Hall is devoted exclusively to neighborhood issues and that person is currently funded through a Federal grant and a donation from the GBNLC. The City does support neighborhoods with a \$10,000 yearly donation for neighborhood improvement projects. Would you support having a full-time city employee to help neighborhood associations? What other ways would you support budget initiatives to help neighborhoods?**

*When I am elected, I would sit down with GBNLC and other neighborhood stakeholders to evaluating the need for an additional position to see how it would be utilized productively. I plan to help neighborhoods by working with everyone to ensure that we aren't just picking and choosing certain areas of the City to focus on.*

**Green Bay is becoming a more diverse community, culturally, ethnically and economically. As Mayor, what two things would you do to bring our community together to make Green Bay a community that respects diversity and promotes cooperation?**

*I think diversity and cooperation in Green Bay is vitally important. When I am elected, I will institute an open-door policy in my office. I will welcome any and all residents to express their opinions, ideas, and concerns with respectful dialogue.*

**Speeding is a problem in most neighborhoods. What would your strategy be to address numerous driving concerns in Green Bay neighborhoods?**

*As a former Green Bay police officer, I agree that speeding is a concern in many neighborhoods in Green Bay. I plan to work with the Green Bay Police Department to come up with strategic ways to gain compliance to the City's speeding concerns.*

**What strategies would you use to encourage business expansion and job creation? How would you make sure that economic vitality impacts all neighborhoods of the City?**

*We have to invest in all areas of the City to better attract the amenities that hardworking families expect of the third largest city in the State. This will help grow our revenue base, avoid tax hikes, and create a safer community, which will ultimately result in a more unified and strengthened city.*

**How would you make sure neighborhood residential building codes are enforced, condemned properties are removed or refurbished, and neighborhood housing options are encouraged?**

*I think we need to work with the Inspection Department, neighborhood associations, and the Police Department to ensure that we proactively enforce our local building codes, when applicable. Additionally, I will work with local businesses and developers to promote our neighborhood housing options.*

**We all know that our streets and water mains need upgrades. Aside from coming up with the money for these improvements, what do you think needs to be done to make sure that there is an orderly process to address these issues in our neighborhoods and prevent a backlog of infrastructure needs in the future?**

*I think we need to work with our Public Works Department and local neighborhood associations to develop and implement a road and infrastructure construction and maintenance schedule to adequately plan and budget for projects over the next ten years.*

**What does the future hold regarding neighborhood associations and your involvement in the GBNLC if you are elected Mayor?**

*I believe the future will be strong for neighborhood associations, when I am elected. I would work to maintain a strong relationship with all of our neighborhoods. I want to focus on making Green Bay a place where families want to live, and our first step would be to build a long-lasting relationship with our neighborhood associations.*