



Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council

Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire

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

There are a lot of theme songs I like. I feel I am fighting for opportunity for the city and the future, so right now I would say "Fight Song".

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?

I am going to draw in money from outside Green Bay. We can bring in Millions of more tourists each year. We need to find the keys drawing in tourism money. People will travel hundreds of miles to see the attractions we can build for example: tunnels under the Fox; a Chinese style Arch; indoor green house gardens; indoor Sports centers; indoor skywalks with indoor temperature controlled parking. When friends ask what is there to do in Green Bay; You should not be at a loss for words.

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?

Yes. I would also like to make every day more entertaining for kids. Every week day in the summer 1000's of kids go to the Parks to get there daily meal, but far too often many of them do not stay to enjoy the Parks, because there are not enough opportunities for the kids. Let's fix that.

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?

All of City Hall needs to be responsive to support the issues that concern the neighborhoods. I have been to neighborhood meetings and I sensed a great distance in communication between GBNLC and City Hall. I will do everything I can to ensure neighborhood needs are met.

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?

1) We will build Cherry Starr International University(CSI) in downtown Green Bay. It's Mission will include being dedicated to creating and maintaining a diverse student body and support Arts and International Studies. 2) We need to rotate the themes of city events; changing the core attendees. This will bring diversity. Too often we have the same limited audience.

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

There are different strategies, that I would implement which would cause drivers to slow down. Including visual cues like writing large words on the pavement and drawing lines on the roads that would give the driver the cognitive impression that they need to drive slower.

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?

I have at least one hundred ideas to create business expansion. When the University at the city center (CSI) is built and connected with indoor skywalks this will incite the rest of the city to get connected; building an expansive network (an indoor city). I am predicting a 5-10% annual growth rate to accompany this.

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

Strong Leadership and great communication will bring about great neighborhoods.

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?

The city works best when there is a comprehensive plan in place; that way there is no wasted expenses and no time lost due to extensive arguing and delays. Let's create a plan.

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

The neighborhood Association really needs to educate the public through the media as to whom they are; what they do; and what they are going. If the GBNLC has the right ideas and community support; I will be their supporter.