

Madison Council Candidate Questionnaire

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Yes Facebook

Questionnaire - Part 2

Please state your position on the following issues.

Please limit answers to 500 words (approx. 3,500 characters). Any answers exceeding the word count limit will be redacted after 3,500 characters.

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1. Why are you seeking this office?

I lived in Madison from the last 37 years, i have 4 children three boys and one girl they all born in Madison and gone through Madison school district and Two of them went through UW Madison and graduated and one is gone through UW Milwaukee And now all of them working and have very good jobs

I have my Master in political science and work through different insurance companies in Madison, like Cuna mutual insurance and state insurance and Worked for state insurance HIRSP

My background is law enforcement officer also and I also worked for city of Madison as security and safety officer, my last job with Per Mar security as ARO (Alarm Reponse Officer) and worked alongside of MPD

With all this experience i feel like it is time to pay back to my city Madison and my district 20 which made my children educated and with respectable jobs, it is time to do my civic duties with my political science experience and all schools system which i experienced through my children school years also as i am paying lot of property tax in Madison I think I will be a person who will raise my voice about this huge tax system

2 What in your background or experiences qualifies you to understand the unique needs facing small businesses?

My wife was always in small business of restaurant and day care system and I know how she was managing her restaurant with high rent of the restaurant building and rules and regulations implemented by city for her daycare center.

I was helping hand for her daycare when she was in this business and restaurant business.

My wife and my self in catering business right now but for using feed kitchen facilities in east side only we don't have a feed kitchen facility on other sides of Madison, I understand the problems of small business because we saw lot of difficulties to run small business.

3. What are the most important issues facing businesses in your district?

Right now they are facing Pandemic Covid 19 aftermath and close there business, also new technologies closed so many businesses for example printing business is in down fall small restaurants are closing small grocery store are closing for example Indian grocery stores

Uber business is not that good and same as taxi companies are closing, nobody wants Taxis business anymore, housing business is not that good lots of licenses real state agent are sitting home, nobody wants to open a new smaller business

4. How do you define economic development? Please elaborate.

To bring up ruining and ghost shape economy of our city Madison and our district the first thing to bale out the down businesses. I use to work for Cuna mutual insurance company and what was that company was doing giving insurance to all the credit unions in the world providing them insurance, and if any credit union will go down the cuna mutual insurance will bale out that credit union and that's why we can see Cuna mutual and credit unions are in business.

Any city are state or district economy based in demand and supply rule bring demand up and increase supply by subsidies of state and city or county because people are paying lots of taxes.

5. What is your perception of Madison's business brand? How do you think Madison is perceived locally and nationally?

I gave an example of Cuna mutual insurance company's policy to provide full insurance to credit unions and with their support credit unions are thriving not nationally but worldwide, same way if city, county or state help restaurant business in vivid time they can be more and more like Culver's fast food restaurants, any business can be a nationwide business if city, county and state can help them establish and rules and city ordinances are in the favor not against their establishments.

6. How can Madison best attract and retain a diverse workforce?

Madison is a very diverse and liberal town in this town we have one of the best ranking universities in the world and we have a very diverse society in Madison.

We can retain and attract diverse workforce to open up small businesses in ethnic society like create jobs in restaurant business small factories area and improve our home industry for day cares and in farm land in and around the city provide farm helpers.

Main thing is education in different languages with full scale not basic especially in Spanish language because we are seeing a lot of Spanish people migrating in Madison and communities.

We saw soccer game is the most famous game is all over the world we have to pay attention to soccer and improve this area as fast as possible to attract all ethnic people in Madison.

Provide jobs to the university graduates in government jobs and private sectors.

7. What strategies would you recommend for the city to meet the diverse needs of workforce housing?

What a person wants in good society basically to eat to wear and shelter, shelter is one of the main demands so housing we need badly in this city we can see lots of huge apartment buildings are being built, but nobody is paying attention to affordable single family housing that we need as important as apartments, first of all if I was elected I would pay my attention to lowering the taxes affordable single family housing and lower the rent rate by benchmark of other cities in our county and state. We need to lower our rents for our diverse workforce who will be our backbone to our economy in Madison new housing project for homeless people and bring them in our workforce.

Ethnic workforce people want their housing near their jobs we need government subsidies housing for ethnic workforce and I will be working on this matter.

****8. In what ways can city government support entrepreneurs of color working to start and grow an emerging business in Madison?**

City Government must support entrepreneurs of color in different ways first of all bank regulations to be change to affordable loans to new entrepreneurs city should also provide small businesses to open up home industry like daycare and small ethnic businesses, less tax and providing funds to open businesses, free education provided for new entrepreneurs so they can be educated for new business like alcohol licenses and food handling licenses or any other business or job license so all the new entrepreneurs will be educated and fully licensed for that business.

****9. What is your assessment of Madison's transportation system? What priority improvements are needed to support mobility for a growing workforce?**

Madison transportation is not good enough for the city of Madison, if we see growth of Madison we don't see our mobility for growing workforce is not enough our buss system is not enough for all the surrounding cities and we don't have enough transfer stations for our new subdivisions and even some places you can't go to your work easily in fact they have to depend on Uber or taxi.

We needed more buses more drivers and roads for new area, our commerce and factory areas in other towns and we can't provide transportation to the other towns. Due to Covid-19 cars and automobiles price are gone so high we need control on prices and control on gas prices.

We needed more electric mobiles and also we needed more parking ramps or lots in the new subdivisions. We need more law enforcement officers for Madison city.

****10. A challenge that often comes with growth are issues impacting crime and safety. Some of these challenges are real; others perceived. In either case, it impacts livability and our ability to recruit and retain talent to Madison. Do you view Madison as a safe community and what is the Common Council's role in building safe communities?**

As my background as law enforcement officer I am very well aware of when growth happens in cities you need more law enforcement.

Madison is a city which is growing rapidly, we see traffic problems are coming up in our way Crime is increasing especially in domestic violence and traffic accident.

Impacts of livability is happening in Madison due to increase of growth in Madison and as council man it will be our big responsibility to provide very safe and secure environment to our community, for that reason first of all we needed more law and order enforcement officers and more police stations to control traffic and law and order and easy access to justice and right of our liberty. We need more training for our law enforcement officers, more education in schools about safety and security and more awareness in communities about crime and safe environment and safe city concepts, use of modern technologies to make city safe and secure.

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Yes

No

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