

**FORT COLLINS BUSINESS COMMUNITY
CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE
2017 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION**

**Questionnaires are due back to ahutchison@fcchamber.org
by 5pm on January 16, 2017.**

**Please note that all questionnaire answers
will be shared with the business community.**

Office Sought: City Councilmember	District (If Applicable): 1
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Employment: City of Fort Collins	
Length of Residence: In City: 12	In District: 12

Please limit responses to approximately 200 words per section.

(1) Education:

Associate Degree: Business Administration

(2) Past and Present Community Service Including Offices Held:

Fort Collins City Councilmember District 1, 2013-present
 Chair, Poudre Heritage Alliance
 Business Improvement District Advisory Committee
 Downtown Development Authority
 Fort Collins City Council Finance Committee
 North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization Alternate
 Election Code Advisory Committee
 UniverCity Connections - Poudre River Group
 Guide Dogs for the Blind
 Fort Collins Public Access TV (board member)
 KRFC, news reporter and commentator

(3) Past and Present Employment/Business Experience:

Licensed Commodity Trading Advisor
 Floor trader and broker on the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, the Chicago
 Mercantile Exchange, and the Chicago Board of Trade.

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(4) Specific Qualifications For This Office:

When I moved to Fort Collins years ago, I fell in love with the community and wanted to help keep it a great place to live. I became involved in the community, and four years ago, I won the council seat for District 1. Through this service, and especially by listening to my constituents, I have learned much about the concerns and issues facing District 1 and our community.

(5) Why Are You Running For This Office?

The best job of my life has been serving the citizens of District 1 and all of Fort Collins. Although City Council has progressed on a number of issues the past four years, there is still much to do. I want to continue working on critical issues. I am confident that I can continue to be an effective representative for District 1.

(6) If you are elected, what are the top three accomplishments you want to have completed by the end of your term and how will you get them done?

- Vibrant Downtown, North College and Midtown business communities and neighborhoods, including
 - Continued redevelopment of Old Town/North College/Midtown areas and
 - A healthy Poudre River, quality natural areas and parks, and a network of trails.
- Mental health issues & disruptive behaviors have been an issue for citizens in neighborhoods and businesses in our downtown area. Many of these problems will be mitigated or resolved by addressing mental health issues in our community and finding better ways to police neighborhoods and the downtown area. There are many stakeholders involved here. I am committed to working with all whom are affected to find solutions to facilitate Safe, Clean, Livable business and neighborhood communities. I will work toward improved:
 - Community bike patrol policing
 - Behavioral and criminal deterrents
 - Mental Health/Detox facilities
- All areas of the community should be treated fairly as it relates to public investments. I would achieve this by carefully following and participating in all budget and expenditure decisions.

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(7) What do you think are the top 3 economic priorities the city government should undertake during the next four years? What role should the City of Fort Collins have in economic development? How will you make the economy a City budget priority?

- I have and will continue to make the economy a City budget priority. I have supported economic budget items in my first term.

Top economic priorities include:

- Redevelopment of the North College and Midtown areas, including a successful completion of Foothills Mall.
- Diversification of the local economy.
- Transportation
 - I-25 expansion. I supported the collaborative efforts with the county and other cities to begin the expansion of I-25.
 - Improved Transfort service
 - Continued improvement and maintenance of roads, intersections, and commuter trails.
- Housing is a serious issue in Fort Collins. We have students and families who would like to stay in Fort Collins. I think home ownership is a community value we want to encourage while being mindful of maintaining affordable rentals. I will make myself available to stakeholders to work for thoughtful solutions which address housing needs, while maintaining quality of life in neighborhoods.
- The most important role that the City has in economic development is providing high-quality basic City services, such as police, fire and utilities. Top-notch public infrastructure and providing the amenities that contribute to a high-quality of life will go far in having a healthy economy for years to come.

(8) How will you make Fort Collins a more Jobs Friendly community? Are you willing to engage with business leaders to discuss these solutions? Please explain how you will stay in touch with business leaders.

- Fort Collins is a jobs-friendly community. We have an excellent workforce and a high-quality community. In addition, the City provides first-rate infrastructure and services, including excellent utility rates. These things have been extremely important in the decisions of many businesses to start, expand, and/or move

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here. Keeping those things should be our first priority. By ensuring that we remain one of the best places to live and do business, our community, including its businesses, will thrive.

- Dealing with the social and safety challenges and concerns in our downtown and neighborhoods will help us to retain and attract quality businesses and jobs, especially in the downtown areas.

- I am always willing to make myself available to anyone in our community. During my time on council, I have been meeting with the Downtown Businesses Association, the Downtown Development Authority, Colorado State University, Woodward, Alberta Partners and small business owners in Old Town and throughout the community. I am committed (and have been committed these past 4 years) to making myself available to citizens and businesses to keep Fort Collins a great place to live and work towards solutions that will benefit all. Working together is the key.

(9) What role should the City of Fort Collins have in the region? What do you believe are the top issues facing Northern Colorado in the next several years?

- Fort Collins has been and should remain a leader in the region. We should continue to lead by example in innovative and sustainable planning and practices, and share our knowledge with other communities in the region. We should encourage collaboration, not competition, among the communities in the region.

- The top issue facing Northern Colorado is the successful completion of the I-25 improvements.

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(10) Colorado will continue to grow, including our area. How should the City Council plan for growth, if at all?

- In 2017-2018 the city will update three master plans: City Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Transfort Strategic Operating plan. All stakeholders will be able to participate in the planning process to deal with traffic congestion, housing affordability, and community build-out. The more people who choose to become involved with the process, the better our plan will be. I am committed to working together with all stakeholders to ensure positive outcomes for our community.

(11) What are the top two issues facing city government over the next 4 years and why do you believe they are the most important?

- Transportation
- Housing affordability
- Mental health - (I know you said two, but this is important and will address many concerns)

(12) In recent years, the City Council has been prone to push ahead on issues that are clearly not popular with the public. An example would be trash districting. Though public support was absent, the Council pressed forward with the results being significant negative response by the public and hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars spent on consultants and staff time. What would you do to ensure good governance and the prudent use of staff time and resources?

- Make sure that the potential benefits of an issue are worth the expenditure of staff and council time and money to get it to a final decision point.

(13) The City adopted very aggressive Climate goals in 2016. What role does government have in driving achievement of those goals?

- All levels of government should be making appropriate and responsible choices to help address the extent and consequences of climate change.

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- I support continuing the process of expanding Halligan Reservoir. This will address the issues of projected growth, drought protections and water emergencies.

(15) What are the top three transportation improvements the City of Fort Collins should accomplish? Should the City of Fort Collins be investing in North I-25?

- Yes, the City of Fort Collins should most definitely be investing in the North I-25 project. I supported the collaboration and regional approach to transportation planning, with several local governments, to add a third lane each way on I-25 from CO Hwy. 14 to Hwy 402. An extra lane in either direction will help with the congestion currently experienced by drivers in the Northern Colorado area. I serve as an alternate on the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization and feel as though this is one of the key issues we are facing in Northern Colorado at this time.
- Transfort - We should continue to find ways to integrate MAX into our overall bus system to make using buses more convenient and desirable.
- Train - Mitigating traffic congestion in the city has been a chief concern of citizens in my district to date. I supported moving the switchyard out of Fort Collins to Weld County in order to ease the congestion at Lemay and Riverside and will be open to collaborative approaches to provide positive outcomes for our community moving forward.

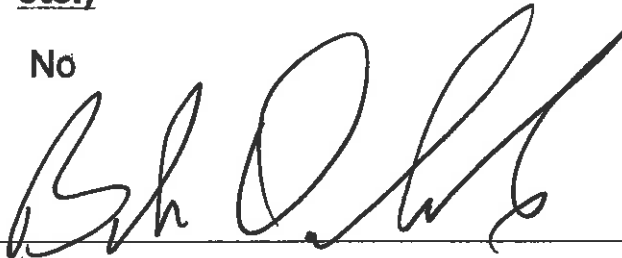
(16) Why would a business person support your election to office?

- I have served 4 years on the Fort Collins City council and have shown consistent concern and attention to the needs of the business community. I have 30 years of professional experience working with fortune 500 companies, foreign central banks, investment banking and worked as a floor trader on major agricultural and financial commodity exchanges. With my city council work, volunteer service, and professional background combined; I am uniquely qualified to thoughtfully facilitate partnerships between business and the community.

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(17) If business groups endorse you, is there any significant information that could come out about you during a campaign that could potentially embarrass you (and them) publicly? (ex: bankruptcy, arrest, conviction, etc.)

• No



Signature

1/23/2017

Date