

**FORT COLLINS BUSINESS COMMUNITY
CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE
2019 CITY OF FORT COLLINS ELECTION**

**Questionnaires are due back to ahutchison@fchamber.org
by 8 a.m. on February 13, 2019**

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

Office Sought: City Council	District (If Applicable): 2
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Employment: Antioch Community Church of Fort Collins	
Length of Residence: In City: 3 ½ years In District: same	

Please limit responses to approximately 200 words per section.

(1) Education:

Bachelors in Psychology (Tarleton State University)
Masters in Organizational Leadership with Concentration in Government (Regent University)

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

Homeowners Association, President
Communities in Schools (dropout prevention for at risk youth), Volunteer
Inner City School Mentor
Mission Waco (cross-cultural homelessness program), Volunteer
Unbound (anti-human trafficking prevention)
City of Fort Collins Recreator Basketball, Head Coach
Serve 6.8, Planning Committee and Volunteer for partnership with city aiming to deliver food, provide rental assistance, offer basic services to those in need, etc.
Annual Easter Egg Hunt of Antioch, Producer for largest hunt in Fort Collins with 4000+ in attendance at City Park
Fort Collins Rescue Mission, Volunteer
Faith Family Hospitality, Partner
Realities for Children
Leadership Fort Collins

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(3) Past and Present Employment/Business Experience:

David C Cook – Colorado Springs, CO – provided consulting, product development, sales assistance and training for product purchasers

Clarion Creative – Southeast Asia – provided consulting for marketing, development, grant and staff acquisition

Antioch Community Church of Waco – Children’s and Family Pastor – Waco, TX – built systems, processes and staffing for a scaling church with 2 services and 2000+ people to 4 services and 4000+ people

(4) Current Employment and Responsibilities:

Executive and Family Pastor at Antioch Community Church of Fort Collins

(5) Specific Qualifications For This Office:

I have spent the last 10 years listening to, working with, and solving the issues of people. I have learned how to hear varying opinions and make great decisions on the facts presented that everyone can get behind. I have had the opportunity to do this work often within the context of scaling systems and processes, solving issues and addressing growth in the local church. During the years I consistently worked with the business community to accomplish strategic objectives.

The consulting I provided for the aforementioned businesses gave me experience with the challenges of a small startups and the realities of multi-million-dollar companies.

Attaining my master’s degree has also been helpful in providing a theoretical perspective on the role of government as an organization and how it has functioned in the past and continues to function in our current time.

(6) Why are you running for this office?

I believe I will do the best job serving the people of District 2, valuing the voice and opinion of every individual. I believe that every citizen has a job to serve the community in some way and I feel that this is where I fit in that scope of civic engagement.

(7) What have you done to prepare for election to this office and how you will you conduct yourself if elected to this office? What experiences have you had that makes you qualified to serve in office?

I have become increasingly involved in the political climate of the city and the state. I’ve created relationships with a number of leaders in the city including the current District 2

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council member, Ray Martinez. I have also been proactive in my work relationships, collaborating with my boss on the best way to balance my responsibilities with my passion for politics and this role.

My conduct is guided largely by my Christian ideals with a strong underlying belief that people should be accepted as they are, without judgment or discrimination. I believe that these Christian ideals have built a foundation of a strong moral compass leading to a commitment to responsibility, excellence, family and service to the city.

I have had a number of experiences that have qualified me for this role including my work experience and education. I know that there is a lot to balance in this role and I don't take lightly the weight and challenge of the role. This role can get messy, but ministry has prepared me for that. It has prepared me to deal with the real issues that our city faces like suicide, poverty, mental health, relational disunity and more.

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

I want to support and promote the continual development of growth strategies to move and position Fort Collins into and for the future. I do not believe that this is something that will be fully complete by the end of four years, but I anticipate taking strides to ensure smart growth that leads to a better Fort Collins.

I want to advance solutions for affordable housing. I believe that this is the key to a strong economy and quality of life.

I want to be an advocate for increased community engagement, which leads to an increase of community buy in, which in turn stimulates the economy and leads to a more equitable Fort Collins.

When it comes to getting these accomplishments done and paying for them, I believe a bulk of this support will come from strengthening and developing new strategic partnerships with non-profits, the region, and the people in Fort Collins.

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

We need to anticipate the ways in which we want Fort Collins to grow and create an economic plan that achieves and sustains that. We need to continue to prioritize talent management to ensure that we have a strong business community that can afford to stay here

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and continue to impact our economy. Businesses do not just add value to our community that lives here, they are a draw to tourists as well. Thirdly, an improved quality of life allows for citizens to not only contribute more to the economy, but to also enjoy the benefits of that economy.

We are the strategists to ensure that goals are being met. We are the gatekeepers to businesses coming in and have the opportunity to choose the barriers that surround those businesses. There must be balance, but the city plays a huge role in ensuring that Fort Collins is economically prosperous and successful.

It cannot be overstated that a healthy economy is a main factor of a thriving Fort Collins. I will work with businesses to ensure that their needs are being met. I'll work with community members to ensure that their voices are heard in their expectations of our economy.

- (10) 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.

I am wholly committed to making Fort Collins a more jobs friendly community. I will promote a partnership of Northern Colorado cities, with the county and also with schools and universities to ensure that not only are we keeping jobs here, but we are also equipping people to be the best they can be and we are retaining those people with competitive compensation and an incredible quality of life. I think a huge asset in this is the work of the Larimer County Workforce Development Center and I'll be a champion of their work in our city.

I am willing and excited to engage with business leaders. I think their opinion is essential in this discussion. I have already started talking with different business leaders, seeking their thoughts on what is missing in our community and what is going well. I will continue those conversations after the election because I believe that their voices continue to carry weight and will carry more as we work to make Fort Collins a more job friendly community. I will stay in touch by continuing to provide opportunities for community members and business leaders to chat with me face to face, both in a group and individual setting.

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

Fort Collins is a leader in Northern Colorado. It is the fourth largest city in the state and is the center of growth in Northern Colorado, expanding all the way up to Wyoming. I believe that we possess a leadership role in the region and we need to continue to maintain that role, championing progression in the region.

I believe there are numerous issues facing Northern Colorado in the next several years

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including I-25 expansion, affordable housing, keeping high-quality talent in the region and creating sustainable infrastructure to support our fast-growing population.

- (12) Colorado will continue to grow, including our area. How should Fort Collins plan for growth, if at all?

Housing is a key issue. Affordable housing is an issue to ensure that Fort Collins remains an equitable city that strives to include diverse voices in our community. I have met with builders in our area and they affirm this truth. This must be part of the plan and the city structure must be considered as part of this. Additionally, we serve a myriad of people with different needs, so they must be considered. It is important to do all of this in an affordable way and at this point, the city will need more money depending on what growth plans look like. We need sustainable infrastructure. The City Plan is guiding this discussion and highlights some of the why, what and how in its framework for the five focus areas of buildout and land supply, housing access, economic health, transportation and mobility options, and climate action.

- (13) Tell us about your participation in the City Plan process.

I have followed along with the city plan as it was launched. I have read through it and agree the issues highlighted are important. I will be involved in the February 19 public event to hear the opinions of others prior to the council's consideration of adopting it the month following.

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

I believe two of the top issues facing city government over the next four years are water supply and achieving environmental goals. Our future water supply and storage such as the completion of Halligan reservoir expansion from 6,400 acre feet to 14,500 will be a big conversation. A second issue is how we can or may not achieve the goal of 100% renewable energy by 2030 and the cost associated with it and the impact that it may have on businesses such as Woodward.

- (15) What economic tools should the City add to their "tool box" of resources to attract, retain and expand key employers?

Talent 2.0 is important to maintain and develop forward, the workforce development board county is making a contribution in this arena, and we must continue to learn from other strategic partnerships in Northern Colorado. These things all help but ultimately, we must maintain the greatness of Fort Collins or else we not only put at risk our ability to attract people, we risk losing people altogether from the community.

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(16) What is your position on the Fix North I-25 effort? Why?


Fixing North I-25 is an economic, environmental and quality of life issue. I support the Chamber, CDOT, I-25 Coalition, the North I-25 business alliance, as well as others advocacy to accelerate the timeline of expansion forward. We need the expansion to support the growth happening around us right now and the growth coming in the days ahead. I believe we need both a cost effective and a common sense approach when it comes to the decisions we make on the Fix North I-25 effort.

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

I believe that my views for our city align well with the business community. We have many of the same interests in terms of economic development and how critical it is to the city. We need continued smart economic development to maintain our status as a leader in Northern Colorado and I am committed to working with local businesses to hear their voices and to implement changes that are beneficial to them, our community and our city.

(18) 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

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Signature, Date