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Thank you for sending me your questionnaire concerning my candidacy and for your concerns facing our citizens.

My name is D. J. Haire, I'm a candidate for City Council District 4, 910-574-5399, dhaire2@nc.rr.com

1- As the present community watch chair of my neighbourhood Seabrook Hills & Broadell Homes, crime that faces our community is one of my biggest concerns. I wish it was an easy fix but it isn't, crime in our neighborhoods is on-going and always changing. I always say in our meetings this is a collaborating effort with the Police Dept. & the community, we must work together in reducing crime.

I tell my residents to always be vigilant, keep your ones and ears open to everything that looks suspicious and dial 911. The residents are the ones that know best what doesn't fit; suspicious cars, people, even commercial vehicles that are parked on your streets to long with no activity around them, we must work together.

I still have a concern today as I did when serving on Council, I don't like the current zoning policy concerning boarded up homes and it needs improving. One of my objectives is to sit down with Council & staff on how we can accelerate demo's or renovations on these properties. Boarded up houses bring down property values and can produces additional crime activity in our city & neighborhoods and that can slow down the home buying & selling process.

I also would work with our FPD on ways to get our police more in our neighborhoods other than when a 911 call goes out, this is a request I hear from my neighbour's often.

2- In the past with Council and staff help I introduced the first Federal Lobbyist program to our city, which has helped bring new business to our city and has helped increase jobs for our citizens. I would like to continue pushing that effect along with communicating more with our Cumberland County Delegation on how they can assist us more.

-If you go to the City of Fayetteville's website you'll see a "Hire Fayetteville First" link. I was able to introduce this to our Council, Staff, and the County, at that time I was trying to help our local contractors receive more city contracts. Staff has continued to expand this policy for our local contractor community, I think this can also help attract

new businesses as well, this can help assure future businesses that the City of Fayetteville has a vested interest in them succeeding in our city and calling Fayetteville home.

-As a city leader I also think it's a great concept on visiting other cities, talk to other leaders and professionals ask questions, what has worked in your city. I do this today within my own business and I'll continue to do this as a City Council Member.

-I would like to see a continuation when possible of waving city fee's, and other options as a way to lure future business to our city and our work force. When people are provided good incomes they purchase more to included homes, apartments, etc. It must be a continued effort all of us coming together; Council, staff, other professionals with ideals that may be out of the box thinking in attracting future and new businesses to our city.

3- *Quality of life is such an interesting quote, what it means to me now verses a few years ago has changed tremendously for me and people I speak with. One thing that's most important to me as a husband and father is the safety of our five girls which happen to be all grown now. I have conversations with them about safety as they drive and walk around the city and their neighborhoods so one part of good quality of life is safety for my wife, girls and my neighbour's. Being able to take care of my family financially, enjoying the arts, and the list goes on.*

4- *Generate revenue will always be a top priority for our city, in talking with companies that have visited Fayetteville over the years they've asked these type of questions: do we have a good work force, how's the crime situation, is the city clean, what kind of neighborhoods & schools do you have, is there a good transportation system?*

-As I've tried to help with in the past I'll do my very best to continue to push for a cleaner city to make it more attractive and inviting when companies come visiting or are invited. -Support our education community to include our military retirees in training & retraining our work force. - continue to support our Police Department, making sure their needs are met to better protect and relate to our city & neighborhoods. - tweak and improve city ordinances where they can be to help invite new business to our city. - support our home builder community with improving codes that could assist in building new structures throughout our city. - continue to insist with policy that we do all we can to support our local & potential new businesses.

5- *Yes I would take political action funds from Longleaf Pines and yes I do have a campaign account established. (D. J. Haire Election Campaign)*

6- *I've received endorsements from certain general builders, some former elected officials, many community residents throughout the city & district 4.*

Thanks again for this opportunity.

From The Desk Of:

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