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Municipal Elections Questionnaire

(Your answers will be posted on the LPR website)

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How would you generate revenue for the city...other than property taxes?

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What new ideas/concepts can you bring to the office you are seeking?

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Would you take REALTOR® Political Action funds from the Longleaf Pines REALTORS, Inc. to help with your campaign? If yes, do you have an open campaign account? *Yes. I have an open campaign account with BB+T.*

Please list any endorsements you have received to date.

None currently.

Q: There is a direct correlation between low crime rates and homeownership. What are your thoughts on reducing crime in the community?

A: In Spring Lake, we must stabilize our police department. At this point, I believe those efforts have been effective, but we still have work to do. The most effective way to reduce crime is by stabilizing our police department, creating higher visibility of law enforcement, and community policing. These measures will lower crime and ultimately provide an appeal to qualified candidates to enter home ownership in Spring Lake.

Q: There is also a direct correlation between job growth and housing growth. Do you have a plan for attracting new business to the area?

A: Absolutely! As mayor, I plan to work with land owners and Fort Bragg to either annex land or create investment opportunities to attract new business. Spring Lake has great potential in this regard, and quite honestly, I believe that past leaders have not thought outside of the box of how to capitalize on this opportunity. As mayor, I will look to proliferate our cybersecurity and information technology capacity and build a foundation for business to obtain multiple funding sources.

Q: What is your definition of "Quality of Life" within a community?

A: My definition of "Quality of Life" is the ideal of having police presence within a community, which studies show have deterred crime. I would also express that quality of life would include affordable housing and providing ways for people to decrease their commute time to work. Quality of life would also include recreational activities, quality schools, and availability of medical services. These are all aspects that I will address and find solutions as mayor.

Q: How could you generate revenue for the city...other than property taxes?

A: I look to generate revenue for the town by increasing commercial business and economic development. It's imperative that I keep property taxes as low as possible to encourage higher rates of home ownership while also finding ways to increase the amount of homes being built in Spring Lake.

Q: What new ideas/concepts can you bring to the office you are seeking?

A: I have many ideas/concepts; however, I will provide a short synopsis.

- a. We need forums and initiatives that educate the residents on the power of credit (FICO), so they can be eligible for home loans;

- b. I look forward to providing a retail gap analysis to identify gaps in commercial investments which will create jobs, which will inevitably create opportunities to build subdivisions;
- c. I look forward to providing tax incentives to those that purchase a home in Spring Lake- especially to those in the newly developed sub-division that we will build under my administration;
- d. I look forward to annexing land where we can to build subdivisions for those serving in the military and within other sectors of government and private industry.