

Thank you for taking the time to fill out our questionnaire. Questionnaire will be posted for our members to read on our website. www.longleafpinerealtors.com



Dear Candidate, *Mayor Colvin* ☺

As the May elections approach, we would like for you to fill out a questionnaire for the real estate industry. Longleaf Pine REALTORS® Association has over 2,000 members in the south eastern region. Our members like to stay informed on candidates' viewpoints and they like to go to the polls making informed decisions.

Please take the time to fill out our questionnaire. We will post all answers on our Association website and social media platforms. The questionnaire will aid our REALTOR® Political Action Committee (RPAC Committee) make solid decisions on candidate funding.

Thank you for running for office and good luck with your campaign.

There are several ways to turn in your questionnaire.

Email: angie@longleafpinerealtors.com

Fax: 910-323-0955

Mail or drop off: 2412 Raeford Road, Fayetteville NC 28305

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angie Hedgepeth".

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 You can email responses to angie@longleafpinerealtors.com

Candidates Full Name:	
Mayor Mitch Colvin	
Daytime Phone Number:	
910 987-0590	
E-Mail:	
hmitchellcolvin@gmail.com	
Current Occupation Position:	
Owner Colvin Funeral Home & Crematory	
Previously Elected/Appointed Position(s):	
2 Term Fayetteville City Council Mayor Pro Tem 2 Term Mayor	
Community Involvement:	Kappa Alpha Psi Lafayette Society member NAACP Greater Chamber of Commerce
Community Endorsements:	
Previous terms Longleaf Pine Realtors	
Do You Have an Active Campaign Account?	
yes	
Do You Accept PAC Checks?	
yes	

1-What's your plan to address the need for work force and affordable housing?

To address work force and affordable housing I propose the creation of a Housing Trust Fund.

This fund will be used in similar fashion to the NC Housing Trust with an expanded use to incentivize, mixed income housing developments and redevelopment.

Due to the shortage of land in the city we will need to incentive infill development in our existing communities.

Expand down payment program to inspire more homeownership in the city. The goal is to increase the qualification and loan approval chances for first time home buyers. I recently, worked to increase the down payment amount to \$30K for city all employees.

2- List three ideas for attracting jobs.

-Increase next generation work force pool. Create partnerships with the High Schools, Universities, and technology companies to provide paid internships to our high school seniors and college students and adults. This new organic pipeline will attract companies looking for new talent. Work force is a critical driver for business recruitment.

-Build on Success-We have had tremendous success attracting of 3000 new jobs to the community. I will specifically target these sector and supporting sectors to explore the area. I have worked with FCCEDC to expand our reach to look for opportunities nationally and internationally.

-Continue to invest in amenities, the Parks and Recreation bond is a major recruitment tool. Company CEO's and their employees have families and their connection to the community is key to retention.

What is the biggest challenge in your district?

Of course, my district is the entire city. I feel our biggest challenge is getting our local citizens to see and appreciate what a great community we have. Certainly we have our challenges like any other city, however the positives outweigh the negatives and we have to work together to convey this message to those looking to come to our community.

Regarding tourism, what can be done to promote a vibrant city to outside guest and even within the community?

My answer above is the first step. Also, I believe we continue to push the CAN DO Brand within the region for those looking for a day or weekend visit. Also, pushing it statewide, nationally and beyond for those looking to come to NC for a vacation. We must collaboratively work with the state and our local Visitor's Bureau. NC is one of the fastest growing states in the nation, and we are 50 miles from the state capital. We can leverage this situation.