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2020 Candidate Questionnaire State Elections

How do you propose to get the North Carolina economy back on track after Covid-19 and prepare for the upcoming hurricane season?

Reduce the spread of COVID-19. Next, provide resources to those impacted, including small businesses and those who lost their jobs. Also, we must ensure all residents can access the healthcare they need and boost our economy by expanding Medicaid. We must use our "rainy day fund" wisely and ensure DPS has disaster stockpiles at full levels.

If elected, what are your thoughts on passing a budget?

We should pass a bipartisan budget that reflects our state's priorities. COVID-19 has shown many weaknesses that we must address to ensure North Carolinians are healthy and prosperous. Leadership on both sides and chambers, along with the governor, must be willing to negotiate in good faith to develop a sound and equitable budget.

Now that we almost have the private road NCDOT database, how would you prevent any new orphan roads from occurring?

Local homeowners should not have to foot the bill for road maintenance. We need to ensure there is a maintenance agreement for all roadways. NCDOT needs to continue to work with counties to classify each road in the county. This will allow consumers to be knowledgeable about their purchases and provide comfort to lending institutions..

What do you think the General Assembly needs to be paying attention to next year?

Improve our public education system and implement the Leandro Report recommendations. A strong education system is key to economic development and growth. Second, access to affordable healthcare by expanding Medicaid, especially in light of COVID-19. Third, closely monitor state revenues to ensure there are no cuts to any services or programs.

How can the State fast track broadband to rural areas?

The legislature made a good start this year with SB310 (which I co-sponsored) working with electrical co-ops existing infrastructure and expansion of grant programs (GREAT) to lower financial barriers for growth. We should further fund GREAT for build outs and provide resources to low income families for access to this broadband..