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Bill Randall's Positions on Issues Affecting Wake Forest

Revitalizing Jobs and the Local Economy

Overview: Free markets have always thrived under conditions of minimal government intervention and controls. However, we must have a balanced and sensible approach in ensuring that there are sufficient laws on the books to protect the citizens, honest merchants and entrepreneurs.

Problem: Many business owners do not believe that we have been proactive enough in creating a climate that makes Wake Forest a location of choice for merchants to do business.

My approach to leadership on jobs and the economy: Our free market capitalistic system will fuel economic recovery when government gets out of the way. We must remember that government (in and of itself) DOES NOT produce anything substantive. And since it is the private sector that generates goods and services, we need to ensure that Wake Forest creates an economic climate that helps foster growth in the free market system. We can also be more proactive in convincing high tech entrepreneurs and companies, wholesalers, manufacturers and other private sector industries to Wake Forest. This will create jobs, and in turn, expand our economy toward greater prosperity.

Education

Overview: The United States of America has formerly led the free world in its education system. Quality education has a direct correlation with an individual's standard of living and quality of life.

Problem: We have fallen behind other industrialized nations in math, science and sociological study scores worldwide. Our children have the ability to grasp the info, but our school system has "dumbed-down" the curriculum by not placing enough time and emphasis on subjects that students need to be competitive (and adequately prepare them for 21st Century careers).

My approach to leadership in support of education: Protecting parental choice needs to be a key factor in any legislation. Also, legislation to help create more charter schools, magnet schools (as well as facilitate school vouchers) should be aggressively explored.

Municipality Spending in Wake Forest

Overview: The Board of Commissioners have the authority to act on behalf of the citizens in allocating the use of public revenue for city employees, public safety and maintaining public services & facilities.

Problem: There is growing concern that the budget for Wake Forest is spiraling out of control. The wages of city employees, in particular, have added a financial burden to the local taxpayer that many believe to be unnecessary. If spending increases are not justified, or are deemed unreasonable, it leaves a perception that erodes the public trust.

My approach to leadership relating to municipality spending: Future budgets should look to reduce or ELIMINATE any unconstitutional, wasteful, frivolous or unnecessary spending.

Environment

Overview: We have many pristine natural parks and wildlife habitats across our country. The beauty has been preserved for generations, and is expected to be available for generations to come.

Problem: Environmentalists have a disproportionate amount of power and influence on United States commerce via "green legislation." In some instances, green legislation has put farmers out of business, and has economically crippled businesses because of an inordinate amount of controls and requirements imposed on their day-to-day operations.

My approach to leadership with respect to the local environment: Examine the economic impact of proposed legislation prior to moving towards a vote. Check to see if "overreaching" has taken place in "green legislation" already on the books, and move to repeal or amend them as necessary (in a fair and equitable manner). Have a responsible and sensible approach to maintaining a healthy environment in Wake Forest.

Welfare

Overview/Problem: Welfare programs have done more to subjugate people and foster a climate of dependency than any other factor. The "entitlement" mentality does much to suppress personal industry and the work ethic than it does to liberate and empower people to improve their quality of life.

My approach to leadership with respect to welfare: Government's role should be to help facilitate/foster economic growth and industry. Its role in welfare and "handouts" should be limited to those things not adequately provided by social and community agencies. We need to assist those who cannot do for themselves. But should also remember that the best welfare program that exists is a JOB!

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