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**FORT COLLINS BUSINESS COMMUNITY
CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE
2015 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION**

**Questionnaires are due back to ahutchison@fcchamber.org
by 5pm on Thursday, February 22, 2015.**

**Please note that all questionnaire answers
will be shared with the business community.**

Office Sought: Ft. Collins City Council	District (If Applicable): 6
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Employment: Retired	
Length of Residence: In City: 16 years In District: 7 years	

Please limit responses to approximately 200 words per section.

- (1) Education:
Bachelor of Science in Education...Magna cum Laude
Master of Education
Master of Arts in English
USAF Junior Officer Leadership School...Distinguished Graduate
- (2) Past and Present Community Service Including Offices Held:
CSU Community Design Development Advisory Committee...West Campus
Neighborhood Representative
West Central Area Plan tour leader
United Way Campaign Director...Carswell AFB TX, USAF Academy
Softball and baseball coach...Blue Raider League Ft. Worth TX, USAFA,
Windsor Youth League (16-17 years)
Canned Food Drive Campaign Director...Carswell AFB TX
High School Club Advisor at RMHS, PHS, and FCHS (6-7 clubs)
Executive Council member, Colorado Language Arts Society
- (3) Past and Present Employment/Business Experience:
Youth: newspaper boy, grocery store worker, fast food cook, head steward
(kitchen manager) Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, machinist.
Air Force: Commissioned Regular Officer, USAF, Captain
Three years, aircrew training materials development and instructor in

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aircrew emergency procedures, survival procedures, and other subjects requiring a Top Secret Clearance. Co-managed the creation of one of only three DOD color television studios capable of handling such productions. Four years, USAF Academy Instructor in English and Speech, including President of the Junior Officers Council and Representative to the Base Commander's Cabinet (handling issues such as the entry of female cadets and the mock POW camp), Escort and Aide to NATO Chiefs of Staff at USAFA NATO Conferences when AF Four Star General Alexander Haig was NATO Commander (SACEUR).

Public Schools: Thirty-one years as a PSD high school teacher of English, Speech, Humanities, and Debate, creating the College Prep English course at RMHS as well as the team-taught extended Humanities Program. Numerous teaching awards. Additionally, I was Debate Team coach for those years, attending over 600 competitions, hosting 51 competitions, with 60 National Forensic League National Tournament qualifiers, and 23 national awards earned. One of ten Colorado coaches ever to win the NFISDA Outstanding Educator Award. At three different high schools, I created debate teams with equal representation of both genders in debate specific events, something still unusual in debate programs today.

(4) Current Employment and Responsibilities:
Retired.

(5) Specific Qualifications For This Office:
Communication skills
Leadership experience and skills
Broad perspective
Negotiation skills
In addition, I've followed city government closely for a number of years.

(6) Why Are You Running For This Office?
I believe I best represent the values and concerns of my district, and wish to serve the district and community at large.

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- (7) What have you done to prepare for election to this office and how you will you conduct yourself if elected to this office? What experiences have you had that makes you qualified to serve in office? On what City Boards and Commissions have you served?

Since retiring in 2008, I have attended City Council meetings, spoken to the Council on issues affecting my district, attended neighborhood meetings regarding development proposals in the district, polled small businesses on the issue of parking, attended all public input sessions for the West Central Area Plan, served as neighborhood representative on the CDDAC, interviewed Old Town business owners about parking issues, attended meetings of several city boards (the Parking Board, the Planning and Zoning Board, and others).

If elected, I will work hard to study the issues, uphold principles of good government, seek collaborative efforts, listen to the public, seek the best advice, and assert the ideology of fiscal responsibility in budgeting. I will act in the interests of my constituents as best I perceive those interests, and in the interest of all our citizens.

- (8) If you are elected, what are the top three accomplishments you want to have completed by the end of your term and how will you get them done?
One, insure that neighborhoods have an effective voice in city affairs.
Two, create increased diversity of, and security for, city revenue sources.
Three, unify city functions dealing with protection of the city from environmental hazards.

The second paragraph above applies here.

- (9) What do you think are the top 3 economic priorities the city government should undertake during the next four years? What role should the City of Fort Collins have in economic development? How will you make the economy a City budget priority?
One, the city must address the growing income gap between those in low paying jobs and those whose income is established.
Two, the city must continue to improve transportation infrastructure and modes.
Three, the city must continue redevelopment of Old Town with collaboration among all stakeholders.

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- (10) How will you make Fort Collins a more Jobs Friendly community? Are you willing to engage with business leaders to discuss these solutions? Please explain how you will stay in touch with business leaders.
A city that has friendly jobs is jobs friendly and brings in residents. Friendly jobs require good basic wages and assured health care. These, the city needs to advocate. Engaging business leaders is a must. For that reason, I am already developing a small core of business owners of small businesses who can advise me.
- (11) What role should the City of Fort Collins have in the region? What do you believe are the top issues facing Northern Colorado in the next several years?
Fort Collins is the primary economic and cultural force in Northern Colorado.
The top issue we face is deteriorating air quality. If this area delays action, Fort Collins will bear the brunt of the inevitable smog, especially from natural gas leaks.
- (12) Colorado will continue to grow, including our area. How should the City Council plan for growth, if at all?
I agree that growth is assured, so we need to grow wisely, with an eye to at least sustaining, if not improving our quality of life
- (13) What are the top two issues facing city government over the next 4 years and why do you believe they are the most important?
One, balancing development with quality of life.
Two, protecting our environment.

The assured growth of Fort Collins should not mean a lower quality of life or a polluted environment, yet in many places that is exactly what has occurred.
- (14) What economic tools should the City add to their "tool box" of resources to attract key employers?
Companies with good jobs go where there is an adequate educated workforce. The city must have that as a basic principle of development.

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- (15) In recent years, the City Council has been prone to push ahead on issues that are clearly not popular with the public. An example would be trash districting. Though public support was absent, the Council pressed forward with the results being significant negative response by the public and hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars spent on consultants and staff time. What would you do to ensure good governance and the prudent use of staff time and resources?

My experience is that the public is pretty good at vocalizing its desires to get results from the city. But leadership means leading change. I have always believed the way to institute change is the scientific one. That means trial programs and honest reassessment.

Good governance starts with the energetic recruitment of qualified, dedicated, objective citizens to city boards. Each board could profit from having a city staff member to supply essential background information.

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- (16) The High Park Fire and drought showcased how vulnerable the City is to lack of water storage. What would you do to help the City be better prepared for water emergencies?
Expand present reservoirs.
I would like to help establish conservation programs/instruction in the schools.
A severance tax comparable to that in Wyoming for drillers, one that can be banked, untouched, to restore or replace contaminated sources once drillers leave.
- (17) What are the top three transportation improvements the City of Fort Collins should accomplish? What is your position on the potential renewal of the Pavement Management Sales Tax? Why?
Expanding service on the MAX.
Expanding the bike trails system
Approve and build North College pedestrian facilities up to Hwy 1
I would continue the tax as a source of keeping up with maintenance, which is always a good investment. (My Jeep has 271,000 miles on it. Like new.)
- (18) Why would a business person support your election to office?
I believe in investing in utilities and infrastructure, good planning for growth, and watching the budget.
- (19) If business groups endorse you, is there any significant information that could come out about you during a campaign that could potentially embarrass you (and them) publicly? (ex: bankruptcy, arrest, conviction, etc.)
No.

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Date 2-6-15