

**Citizens for a Fair Ferndale
Candidates Forum
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Ferndale Public Library**

Candidate Questionnaire

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1. Why did you decide to run for Mayor/Council?
2. What is your vision for Ferndale? Over the next four years? Over the next ten years?
3. What two (2) things are you going to do that will bring your vision to reality?
4. Of all the issues facing Ferndale, what two (2) would you give top priority and why?
5. Ferndale prides itself on an active citizenry. A) What two (2) things would you tell someone who "just wanted to help", or who "just wanted to get involved"? B) Please list and briefly describe three (3) resources (print, electronic, or otherwise) that residents who want to get involved should go to for ideas, background, facts or figures.
6. How do you see the council and other city leaders continuing and improving communication between Ferndale and its neighbor cities?
7. Please explain the importance of the city's Master Plan. Is it still relevant in this economic climate? When and how should it be reviewed?
8. How can the city help residents who are facing foreclosure?
9. The state of our schools (perceived or real) is vitally important. What kind of collaboration between the city and the schools do you see happening?
10. Did you support the Headlee Override ballot question that was passed in May of this year? If so, explain, in your view, how this millage positively affected our City. If not, explain, in your view, how this millage has negatively affected our City.

Q1. My entire life has been serving the public and it was instilled in me at an early age to always give back to the community. I really enjoy it.

Q2. Over the next four years I would like to see a stable economy so we can bring back so programs we lost and a revitalization of 8 mile, Livernois and Hilton rd. While the economy is the way it is we really need to concentrate on city services and public safety. Improvement in the

parks and saying on top of our infrastructure will also be on the table for me.

Q3. There are several things we can do but two of them will be an aggressive grant writing campaign and a cost free campaign to market Ferndale using the internet, media etc..

Q4 Public safety and city services are key. Without those we can't attract new business and homeowners.

Q5. I would ask someone to sit on a board or commission, volunteer at one of the many events we have downtown. We are improving our website and list of boards is on that along with the proper forms.. Also call you elected official

Q6. We are constantly working on sharing services and are always in contact with officials from other cities. Current council has a good reputation with other city leaders.

Q7. Master plan is required and needed so the city can set guide lines, however when a business or such wants to alter that plan and it is a benefit to the community and the city it should be reviewed for that particular issue.

Q8 We can provide them with the right forms and programs the county and the state has on currently I am working on do such.

Q9. Our city manager has been given the go ahead to collaborate with them on IT issues and we are going to sit down with them on programs involving athletics and academics.

Q10. It did support it. It has maintained public safety and city services and saved some jobs.