



## Questionnaire with Edmond City Council Candidate Clay P. Booth, Ward 1 (Candidates answers are recorded in red)

1. If elected to City Council/Mayor, what will be your top priorities?

- Maintain and enhance Edmond's unique vision and identity.
- Accountability and accessibility of local government with honest, open, and fair processes.
- Foster the entrepreneurial spirit and small business as an integral part of economic development.
- Protect green space and natural areas, historic structures and sites, and wildlife sanctuaries.
- A traffic system that is convenient, efficient, functional, and safe.
- Maintain and enhance parks, recreation, and entertainment, to include Arcadia Lake.
- Encourage art and culture, including the furtherance of Edmond's Visual Arts.
- Careful, respectful, suitable, and compatible development of the I-35 and Broadway Corridors.

2. Do you support the continued use of the Edmond Development Authority's incentive policy to recruit new business and assist existing business? Why or why not?

Yes. I think it is a win-win to encourage and help the creation of a diverse commercial and business base that serves residents and keeps revenue in Edmond.

3. Do you support allowing voters to decide whether to tax themselves to build a Regional Transit/Commuter Rail System in central Oklahoma (to connect, for example, Norman, Edmond, OKC and Tinker AFB)? Why or why not?

Yes. It could be a part of the solution for the increased traffic and make Edmond accessible for business and visitors.

4. Do you support the use of city funds to implement a railroad quiet zone in Edmond city limits? Why or why not?

Yes. Safety is an essential consideration, and the benefits should meet and exceed the City's substantial financial outlay required for each quiet zone. Railroad quiet zones may be essential to attract, retain, and foster business, and may be appropriate for such areas as 33rd and Broadway, 15th and Broadway, and downtown Edmond.

5. Are you aware of the Federal Opportunity Zone located in downtown Edmond and what is your view on how this area should be developed?

Yes. This may be a good area to implement new urbanism concepts, with a focus on expanding the commercial and business base to enhance downtown as a destination.

6. What is your view on the best solutions for the increased traffic areas that are part of the future growth of Edmond?

New development should focus on connectivity, so traffic is channeled to several streets, and existing areas studied to increase connectivity in an appropriate manner. Public education on alternative travel times and routes, and to encourage the use of public transportation, school buses, ride sharing and carpooling.

7. As you know, sales tax is the primary source of revenue for cities in Oklahoma. What is your opinion on how to drive sales tax generation and growth for Edmond?

My previous responses address this question, which may generally be stated as keeping ahead of the "competition" by thoughtfully seeking and employing resources to promote business in Edmond and curtailing, if not eliminating, those factors that move tax dollars to the surrounding cities. Again, I am a fan of small business and finding ways to fuel and support the entrepreneurial spirit on which it is based.