



Questionnaire with Edmond City Council Candidate Devyn Denton, Ward 1 (Candidates answers are recorded in red)

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

My top priority is to give my neighbors a voice on the City Council who will answer to them and their needs. I am going to look at solutions for our public transport and traffic issue, transparency in local government, and to growing our local sales tax base in a smart way that serves our residents while encouraging business growth in Downtown Edmond.

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, the creation of jobs and the diversification of the economy in Edmond is crucial to the continued development of Downtown Edmond as well as the entire tax base in Edmond. In order to continue to have the advantages that come from having a robust downtown, there needs to be availability to resources for those inexperienced business owners to encourage continued development.

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, public transit is vital for business and commercial use. It would open up access for those who don't have personal transportation to aid in holding jobs as well as being safer for those who go out of the city and become too intoxicated to drive. Furthermore, it would lessen the amount of traffic on the highways which is a large issue for many of the people in Edmond. It would mean access for our college town not only for our residents but for non-residents to come and enjoy and travel home.

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

Yes all surrounding cities have one, we already have the money set aside, and it is has been a large complaint that I have heard from my constituents. The implementation of a quiet zone would help encourage more families and businesses to move near the railroads without the fear of being kept awake or interrupted by the train.

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

Unanswered.

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

High traffic areas need to use all Edmond has at its disposal. While Edmond has a wonderful public transit system, if we develop it even more to include more sheltered bus stops and benches, its popularity would increase which would ultimately lead to revenue, cleaner air, and less traffic. According to Edmond City Link costs between \$4,826 to \$9,685 to drive a car while it only costs between \$200 and \$2000 to take public transit for the same time span.

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?

We need to encourage our city to shop local to prevent leakage of sales tax dollars and increase sales tax streams back into Edmond's economy so we can continue to help the people who live here with programs like The Edmond Economic Development Authority.