



Questionnaire with Edmond City Council Candidate Josh Moore, Ward 2 (Candidates answers are recorded in red)

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

Thank you for the opportunity Edmond Chamber! Our campaign website at www.moore4edmond.com lists six areas that should continue to receive the Council's focus. Traffic Improvements, Supporting Police and Fire, Economic Development, Smart Growth and Smart Projects, Parks and Recreation, and partnering with Education and Healthcare wherever we can. I would also encourage young families and young professionals to get involved and share their energy and bright ideas.

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?

I do support our economic development incentives when it means that we can attract more jobs, or provide a boost to our tax base in areas that we are losing to Oklahoma City. The data shows that they work nationwide. Our neighbors are offering them and the competition is real. Let's keep our talent here. Let's keep our sales tax dollars here. Let's invest 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?

I'm proud that Edmond is a part of this conversation today. If planned correctly, the entire metropolitan area could see the benefits that a commuter rail system would bring. I would support allowing the voters to decide on the best way to fund the project.

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

Completely. I believe that mixed use projects with a residential component have been stalled along the railroad for too long. A quiet zone has the potential to be a game changer in 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, and I believe it's one more tool that we can use to attract investors to Edmond. Along with a quiet zone, I would love to see more residential projects with density. In turn, attracting more retail and even corporate office. My true dream for downtown Edmond would be a village square that's comparable to Old Town in Fort Collins, Colorado. Let's take a field trip.

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

We've learned at 33rd and Broadway that more turn lanes work. We've also learned in the first phase of the I-T-S that we can move more cars at rush hour with cameras and computers. I would love to see us continue to grow our bus transit and bike trail network. For future developments, I would encourage more land planners to incorporate connector streets within their own projects to help move traffic away from the grid.

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?

I believe that Edmond has the greatest potential in Oklahoma. There is no reason for us to hold back. Our schools are too good and our crime rate is too low for growth to stop any time soon. Let's embrace our growth. Let's continue to get better with our planning, our ordinances, our economic development and customer service so we can show businesses that we want them here.