



## Questionnaire with Edmond City Council Candidate Larry Barnes, Ward 2 (Candidates answers are recorded in red)

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

I will vote the concerns of the citizens. I don't know the answer, but we must have a thoroughly informed and participatory citizenry. I pledge to be open minded and seek citizen input before casting their vote.
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 do. Growth for growth's sake is not good for the long term. A shotgun approach will cause unneeded adjustments in the future. Let's get it right the first time.
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?

We cannot see into the future, but logic would have us find alternate means of transportation. OKC Metro is multifaceted and with continued growth traffic will only be an increasing burden. By all means, this must be brought before the voters.
4. Do you support the use of city funds to implement a railroad quiet zone in Edmond city limits? Why or why not?

If this is the consciences of the majority, yes. It probably does and will impact the downtown and future downtown developments. My major concerns are safety and liability.
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?

I am. Though we must be cognizant of our future. Long after the investors and developers have pocketed their profits and retreated to their respective city, state or nations we will be holding the bag of what is left behind. I don't want the light on the horizon to be a prairie fire.
6. What is your view on the best solutions for the increased traffic areas that are part of the future growth of Edmond?

I am not a traffic engineer.

In the many states I have had the pleasure to visit; Oklahoma has the poorest constructed and maintained road system in the nation. The City of Edmond is on par with the rest of the state. I do not like to spend money, particularly for very expensive projects that do not appear to increase revenues. We are going to have to bite the bullet and plunk down funds to enhance our road systems that complement our growing city. The how's must be with the engineers.

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?

Growth, Intelligent growth and keep our money in Edmond. The frameworks are in place, and with good management, to grow our economy thus increasing tax revenue.