



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

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

a. Traffic.

b. Foster responsible development in accordance with the Edmond Plan and the zoning ordinances of the City of Edmond.

c. Encourage via proposed incentives a revitalization of the existing commercial corridor along Broadway.

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 incentive policies. I feel they are a valuable tool when the priority is attracting preferred entities to our City. I also believe said plans could be instrumental in encouraging the revitalization of vacant and/or aged commercial structures along existing commercial corridors.

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 do support the presentation of like initiatives to the voters and citizens of Edmond. To me, citizen participation in funding initiatives is critical and should be as important a part of our representative system of government as the electing of our elected officials.

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

I believe quiet zones within the Edmond city limits will improve the quality of life for residents and at the same time, make alternate uses of our downtown more feasible. However, this does not fully answer your question. In order to more fully answer this question, I would prefer to further examine the City's

budget, proposed costs of this project the City may be expected to bear, and other material considerations.

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 not informed of the details of the zone, however, I would be more than happy to investigate, research and opine given the time to do so. I became aware of this questionnaire at 3:00 p.m., February 5th, 2019, the very day and time it was due, therefore, I am not prepared to answer this query due to time constraints.

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

- a. Intelligent traffic systems of a capacity and design far exceeding those currently being implemented.
- b. Further study of municipalities that have made significant progress with far more serious traffic issues. I am a firm believer in borrowing from another's wisdom.
- c. I believe in the efficiency of traffic circles, as they have proven effective in many communities and countries, for example Santa Cruz.

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?

- a. Maintain the character and quality of Edmond so that residents of other communities will be more likely to visit, frequent, and enjoy our great city while bringing their discretionary incomes with them.
- b. Although the sales tax base from residents of Edmond is critical, it is my belief that the best solution to increasing this base is outside spending.