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**Q2** What do you believe are the top 3 affordable housing strategies required to meet the various levels of need, especially the difficult to house categories of <30% of Annual Median Income (AMI) and 30-60% of AMI?

- 1. Restructure the rating system for credit to purchase homes. It is a system that can easily be manipulated by any vendor or credit collections agency at any point. Credit is increased and lowered by vendors wanting added funding. 2. Make residential districts both residential and commercial to renovate and utilize old houses into new models for renting and using for AirBNBs 3. Campaign to ensure that citizens are not viewing financial setbacks due to domestic abuses as diseases or mental deficiencies so that we avoid providing opportunities to them to purchase or rent homes they can afford. Citizens of Charlotte will alter their views of the abused to provide them with encouragement and needed provisions.
- Q3 From your perspective, what has impeded intergovernmental, collaborative progress in tackling affordable housing? What will you do to facilitate the City, the County, and CMS working together in a coordinated fashion?

I would restructure the infrastructure of the intergovernmental meetings to tackle affordable housing by always ensuring that members that have had successful experiences living in affordable housing participate as paid committee members.

**Q4** The Opportunity Task Force recommended increasing the bi-annual Housing Trust Fund bond request from \$15,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Do you support this recommendation? If not, why not?

Yes. The number of citizens needing affordable housing has increased to suit the need for an increased bond amount. Not only has the capacity for needed affordable housing increased but homes today are substantially higher in cost.

Q5 What policies will you put in place to ensure affordable housing in wealthier communities?

I served on the housing committee that met with municipal leaders in 2004. The policy we set forth was to mandate that a certain percentage of each new community and some of the existing communities be reserved for providing affordable housing.

**Q6** Given the imminent development of the River District, what tools will you employ to ensure that residents at < 60% AMI (in addition to the planned housing for those near 80% AMI) are included in this community?

I recommend reviewing this \$131Mil budget to ensure that the policies mentioned in #5 are put forth and the number of affordable houses confirmed based on the AMI for Charlotte.