AT-LARGE (2 SEATS)

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Age: 51

Profession: Property management

Highest degree earned: Business administration

Leadership experience: Small-business owner, several civic leadership roles, mayor pro-tem, chairman of Finance Committee, Furniture Market Authority liaison, Chamber of Commerce, Parks and Recreation Committee.

What is the value of prior elected experience? If you have none, how will you overcome the lack of experience to be a successful council member? The value is learning the complex details involved in municipal operations. Understanding many workings of a city are years in the planning and execution to finish, so experience places you on the ground within that time frame. I have made working relationships with the people in each department.

What, if anything, can the city do to promote economic development? Maintain a high-level yet cost-efficient infrastructure system. We must keep taxes and tax rates very competitive and work to address quality-of-living issues in our community. These are areas that are under constant evaluation and progress.

What is the most pressing issue the council will face in 2015? Setting the table for private-sector growth to keep future pressure and even allow reduction to the tax rate. High Point will also be hiring a new city manager as well as many key staff positions.

Do you support the proposed business alliance in High Point? I am not sure of which specific business alliance this may refer to, so I will just say we must do everything we can to be as business-friendly as possible.

How can High Point retain local businesses while attracting new ones? By addressing the issues I have mentioned about taxes, tax rates, infrastructure along with the quality of life issues. Our customer surveys are very favorable, but there is always room to improve.

Do you support the council's elimination of City Project as a city department, a reduction in funding to the revitalization effort and the transfer of the executive director's job? Why or why not? I believe City Project is an important group in High Point and will still have a positive role to play in the future. It is unfortunate that the organization wasn't handled differently in the beginning, but that is hindsight, and I look forward to a collaborative effort going forward.

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Highest degree earned: Bachelor's degree

Leadership experience: Pastor of God Seekers Church of High Point; jurisdictional secretary of the Belize CA jurisdiction (COGIC).

What is the value of prior elected experience? If you have none, how will you overcome the lack of experience to be a successful council member? High Point is looking for a brand new council that has a vision, goals and purpose. Our city has great potential, but it is going to take innovative ideas to transition to a higher level. It's time for transformation of our city.

What, if anything, can the city do to promote economic development? I believe it is imperative for High Point to recruit businesses and grow small businesses to ensure the success of High Point, but first we must become more inviting for business owners to come to our city.

What is the most pressing issue the council will face in 2015? Easier accessibility of building permits for businesses; revitalization for High Point's downtown; recruiting businesses; creating vibrant entertainment for High Point.

Do you support the proposed business alliance in High Point? Yes, I believe it has come to a point where we all must work together in order to ensure the progress we are all looking for.

How can High Point retain local businesses while attracting new ones? We must become more connected with the businesses of High Point and boost the morale of High Point as a whole. The city has lost confidence in the council's ability to make good decisions. We have to make good decisions in order to regain the city's confidence again.

Do you support the council's elimination of City Project as a city department, a reduction in funding to the revitalization effort and the transfer of the executive director's job? Why or why not? I do not support the elimination of City Project. I believe that any organization that wants to see the progress and prosperity of High Point should never be eliminated. The question is, "Why would we ever want to hinder the growth and development of our own city?"

David Rosen



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Profession: Commercial photographer

Highest degree earned: Bachelor of science

Leadership experience: President, Ashton Oaks Home Owners Association, six years; 2012 graduate, Leadership High Point; co-chairmam of We Heart High Point, a grass-roots group with close to 1,500 followers in High Point addressing revitalization; member, advisory committee with JBC Institute.

What is the value of prior elected experience? If you have none, how will you overcome the lack of experience to be a successful council member? Value is good if you have measurable success that can be documented. I have never been elected, which is a huge advantage. I bring energy, knowledge, a "we" attitude. Unique and sometimes a different way of getting results. Most importantly, positive attitude and determination.

What, if anything, can the city do to promote economic development? In order to do anything, the permits and zoning area has to be totally redone. It's been discussed for over two years, but nothing has changed. There has to be a timetable established and upheld in order for change to occur. Nothing will change in High Point until this is addressed.

What is the most pressing issue the council will face in 2015? Addressing the issues in zoning and permits. This is a do-or-die situation for any econimic development to continue or to initiate any new startups. If this can't be corrected immediately, nothing else as far as economic development and revitalization will matter.

Do you support the proposed business alliance in High Point? I am a bit skeptical of the proposed business alliance. It will take more space here to go into detail. The Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau being under one roof in a great setting is key. Giving to chamber and CVB is up. We must push for this.

How can High Point retain local businesses while attracting new ones? We have to be more of a business-friendly community. The city has to do a better job of having a town forum four times a year where input from the general public is welcome. This needs to happen in different areas of the city each time. Must involve young adults and ideas.

Do you support the council's elimination of City Project as a city department, a reduction in funding to the revitalization effort and the transfer of the executive director's job? Why or why not? I do not support elimination of City Project. This was begun by City Council in 2007 with the intent of economic growth in the core city. There has been measuarable growth. The city had a chance under restructuring to a 501 C4 for Ignite High Point to continue, and it was vetoed again.

Edward Squires



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Profession: Business owner

Highest degree earned: Bachelor's

Leadership experience: Experience with sitting on local boards and committees within our community.

What is the value of prior elected experience? If you have none, how will you overcome the lack of experience to be a successful council member? Prior elected experience can be valuable if the elected person was actively involved. My continual involvement within our local community, genuine concern for our residents and business experience will assist me to overcome "elected" experience.

What, if anything can the city do to promote economic development? To continue to ensure our infrastructure and workforce are prepared for potential employers.

What is the most pressing issue the council will face in 2015? Not answered.

Do you support the proposed business alliance in High Point? The proposed business alliance appears to be tabled at the moment, but this alliance, if handled appropriately, could benefit our city.

How can High Point retain local businesses while attracting new ones? In order to attract new businesses to our city while retaining existing businesses, we need to lessen the complication of opening a business and have a prepared workforce.

Do you support the council's elimination of City Project as a city department, a reduction in funding to the revitalization effort and the transfer of the executive director's job? Why or why not? My support or nonsupport of City Project will be determined by how the project can assist to increase employment rates, partner with local education system, and transportation needs.