

## Candidate Forum District 1 Commissioner

### Additional Questions

#### **Eddie Gordon:**

1. What are your specific plans to address the drivers of our tier one status.
  - a. What are your steps of progression? **To ensure voters are brought to the table in the decision-making process. This can be done in two folds. Make sure that county boards have qualified people in their respective position. Meet the needs of the residents by having virtual and in person meetings bi-monthly to help with the communication gap. Residents need to be brought to the table at every level and that's what I plan on doing.**
  - b. How will you include residents in these decisions. **Addressed in the answer above.**
2. Can you share one thing from your plan as District 1 Commissioner that sets you apart from other candidates? **I have a background in government and budgeting. I manage over 80 faculty across the U.S. and know how to stay within my limits. Meaning, I won't overspend and make promises that the county won't be able to keep. For example, mandatory trash is a no go for me. Also, I will strongly advocate for lowering the millage rate. Seniors and others are being taxed out of their homes, which is unacceptable and unsustainable.**
3. How will you better serve the senior citizens of Clayton County, and what additional services will be provided to senior citizens? **Meet them where they are. Meaning, I will travel to them and setup meetings in there area or zone. I will also start mailing out information from my office instead of posting signs through the county. Seniors are less likely to use social media, but still check and read their mail. It's imperative that I adjust all messaging to fit the needs of our most treasured population (seniors).**
4. How are you going to engage the members in the community? **This question was addressed in 1(a).**

5. It was stated that our economic development is tied to the income of residents. How do you plan, or what can be done to increase incomes and change the perception of the citizens to potential businesses? **Stop allowing companies to come into Clayton County and offering our residents anything below 15 dollars an hour. Car washes, gas stations and logistical centers are not helping our residents increase their income. People making anything below 15 dollars an hour are still on government healthcare. The county still foots the bill for residents that are considered low income. I plan on having job fairs in District 1 with employers that want to offer residents a livable wage.**
6. How will you communicate with voters that don't get emails? **This is addressed in question 3.**
7. What is your vision for economic improvement for Clayton County? **Traveling outside of the county, outside of the state and outside of the U.S. to showcase what District 1 has to offer to prospective employers. We are 15 minutes away from the airport and have roughly over 300k residents that can be a boost to any company that's looking to maximize their output.**
8. You stated that you do not have "friends". Do you not agree that having alliances and friendships will make your job better than a one-man army? **No, we have many issues right now that's causing Clayton to lose out on sustainability measure that can help us get on track to generate revenue. We can't do that if friends and family are the driving force for policy development in the county. I can have a relationship with my peers by not having alliances. Having an alliance can be a receipt for trouble when someone decides to go astray. It's better to develop a relationship with your peers instead of an alliance.**