

## Save Clemson Candidate Survey – Adam Jones

### Q1: Why are you running?

I have been actively engaging with the City Administration for many years. I've volunteered on two boards and helped with the comp plan review. I have seen Clemson change over the last 25 years, and I've participated in ways that I could be helpful. I feel that my skills would be put to a better use on City Council. I want to give back to a town that I care for deeply. Clemson doesn't have anyone to represent the average working-class citizens on Council. I aim to represent all of Clemson's citizens.

### Q2: What have you personally done to improve the lives of Clemson residents? Be specific

I was on the Board of Architectural Review for 6 years and am now on the Board of Zoning Appeals. I volunteered to work on the Comprehensive Plan Review some years ago. I've also been attending some Council Meetings and Board Meetings on and off for the past 20 years. I've tried to add input to decisions by our administration on various topics over the years. No single topic has driven my involvement. I have always wanted to give something back for the betterment of all of us.

### Q3: If you were on council when the HUB was voted on, how would you have voted?

Opposed

### Q4: What did you personally do to support or oppose the HUB? Be specific.

As the previous question posed does not allow a reasoned and intelligent answer I have attached an answer here. If I had been on council when Hub was initially presented, I would have worked to find a very different solution and I'd have never faced that vote as it was. I don't want to see large developments take over our city. I see HUB as just the most recent issue. There were many projects that were dealt with very poorly: Dockside, Cambridge Creek, Campus View Etc. After all these projects have been built, we are still struggling to solve our basic issues on Parking, Traffic and housing affordability. None of these projects should be able to move forward without our core issues being addressed. More importantly this is looking rearward. We need to be focused on the future and what we can do to have better solutions when these issues arise in the future. To answer this question: Nothing. This issue of the land on Keowee trail has been ongoing for a long time. I did not participate in that project. I was involved on the Boards with many of the other projects that have happened. I did not see that I had a meaningful ability to influence that project in a way that would help our town so I am putting my time and

energy into running for council instead. Once on Council I can influence these projects in a more meaningful manner.

Q5: If elected what would you do to support the creation of additional affordable workforce housing in Clemson?

This is a core tenet of what I hope to achieve on council. All our Folks who work in town should be able to afford to live in town. We have numerous ways we can make small changes that will encourage and support affordable housing. Partnering with Habitat for Humanity and working with Pickens County to identify and incentivize areas we can build smaller lot size houses. Working to reduce outside and commercial renters purchasing our single-family homes for student rentals. We have options we can exercise to control student housing in single family homes. Reducing student rentals in single family homes will return those homes for families and workers in our city.

Q6: If elected, what would you do (be specific) to get Clemson University to house a greater portion of their students on campus?

Clemson University will only pay attention to the issues we face if we can get their attention. Directly addressing these issues with the university would be a first step. Then we need to work to find some leverage that will create pressure on the university to address the issues. We have regulatory regimes in place to control student housing locations and student families can create that pressure on the university. We also must reach out to our State Representatives and work with our folks in Columbia to make sure our concerns are being heard. Clemson has several things the university doesn't. We control the access roads and the areas that students stay. We are in a few partnerships with the university. We need to use the leverage to create the necessary pressure to convince the university to take on some of these problems.

Q7: If elected what actions would you take to limit the growth of student housing in the city if negotiations with the university are not successful? Be specific.

We have an existing Regulatory Framework that just needs to be stiffened so we better control the location and amount of student housing in our town. We have ordinances on the number of unrelated folks renting any house. There is a rental licensing and inspection system in place for all long-term rentals in town. These systems are already there and just need some updates to achieve the desired result.

For the next Question that doesn't allow a reasoned answer: I don't plan on taking money from any group or individual that is not a Clemson Citizen or business. My vote will not be bought by anyone. I will take donations from any Clemson Citizen or business that wants to help with my election. For every donation I accept. That donation will be appreciated. It will not provide anyone with access to me or my vote more than the access and ear I will provide to every person and business in Clemson. I intend to represent all of Clemson's Citizens.

Q8: Do you plan to accept campaign contributions from apartment or home developers?

Undecided

Q9: Please provide your name, phone number and candidate website (if available)

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