

Clemson Candidate Questionnaire- Windsor Sherrill

1. Why are you running?

I am running for city council because I love Clemson. I want to be involved with doing whatever it takes to make Clemson better. Whether issues facing the Council are big or small, my most important qualifications are building relationships, listening and advocating for our neighbors and our community. Clemson is a great place to live, and I believe we all are in this together. From our homes to our neighborhoods, we want Clemson to be vital now and in the future. We want safe and strong neighborhoods as well as a wonderful downtown. I'm running for City Council to help ensure that all Clemson citizens have a city government that is working for them. Council should work toward the goals that are important to everyone in community: responsible development, safety and security, economic opportunity, sustainability, and a sense of home. Clemson can be the best small college town in the Southeast. That should be our collective goal. City Council could create a long-term and intentional plan for responsible development. We need downtown revitalization, of course, but when people go home to their neighborhoods and to downtown Clemson, we should feel a sense of pride. We need a plan that serves all of us: A plan that promotes sustainable economic development and provides for key infrastructure needs while retaining the sense of identity that is Clemson. I am running for City Council to serve my neighbors and work hard on their behalf. Working together, we can move Clemson forward, for our neighbors, our children, and generations to come.

2. What have you personally done to improve the lives of Clemson residents?

I have always been engaged in civic and volunteer activity, at both the state and local level. I serve on the Advisory Council for the Community Foundation of Greater Clemson (CFGC) and am a member of the Women for Women philanthropy group of the CFGC. I serve on the SC Workforce Development Board and the board of Goodwill of the Midlands / Upstate. I am also a SC Liberty Fellow. Via formal service and informal engagement, I advocate for community needs and citizens.

3. If you were on council when the HUB was voted on, how would you have voted?

Opposed. My understanding of the project was that would eliminate downtown businesses and create parking, traffic and infrastructure challenges. I spoke with many residents from both downtown and other areas of the city who are opposed to the project and are very concerned about responsible development.

4. What did you personally do to support or oppose the HUB?

I connected with Council members to share my concerns, discuss the project and to advocate for sustainable economic development, discussed infrastructure needs and the potential impact of the project on traffic, resident density, and local neighborhoods.

5. If elected, what would you do to support the creation of additional affordable workforce housing in Clemson?

City Council should represent and advocate for all citizens, including those who are under resourced and underrepresented. Affordable housing options for working families and first-time home buyers are limited in Clemson. An economically diverse community is a strong community. We have the opportunity to advocate for and create housing opportunities and options that serve all our neighbors.

6. If elected, what would you do to get Clemson University to house a greater portion of their students on campus?

Clemson has been recognized for excellent “Town / Gown” relationships between the city and the university. Council has opportunity to build on these positive relationships to advocate for housing options for students. I would welcome the opportunity to represent my neighbors in these discussions.

7. 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?

For development projects that have been approved, it is now incumbent on the council to work together to ensure optimal outcomes regarding impact on parking, traffic, infrastructure and neighborhoods. For future projects that are proposed for Clemson, we can learn from recent experiences and plan for smart, sustainable and limited growth. The council should commit to discussions that are transparent and engage all stakeholders, with focus on the long term and future Clemson generations.

8. Do you plan to accept campaign contributions from apartment or home developers?

No /Undecided

9. Please provide your name, phone number and candidate website

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