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Pataskala City Council Applicant Questions

- 1) Is there a cause, event or subject that made you apply for this opening? **I have been looking for a way over the past year and a half, since graduating from law school, to become involved in the community in a way that can effect real positive change. After being in contact with Council Members Melissa Carter and Todd Barstow, I was informed that this opportunity would be on the horizon and felt this would be a good fit for my skill set.**
- 2) Please tell me about your complete history of volunteering in your community. What is your philosophy on volunteerism and how it works with a city? **Most of my volunteer work has come through my church. I have done everything from helping organize our summer VBS, hosting desert auctions to benefit our missions teams, to volunteering as part of our church group at community events. My church is in Westerville, as that was were I was originally living when I moved to the Columbus area. Now as my daughter is growing up in the Licking Heights School district and getting involved in girl scouts, I anticipate that my volunteer hours will transition to this local community. I believe that cities work best when they are able to partner with local civic groups/religious organizations/etc... to achieve common goals.**
- 3) If placed in this position would you intend to run again when the term is up? **Yes, I am a former assistant prosecutor and a current attorney for the State Department of Agriculture. Public service is very important to me and I want to teach my children the same passion for public service that I have.**
- 4) In your opinion what is the #1 issue that Pataskala is dealing with currently? Why? **Growth and Safety. As our community continues to grow our police force and related entities (fire and ems) must grow as well. We cannot become a city of 30,000+ citizens and have a police force of a town half that size. As a former prosecutor in this county I can affirm that the crimes that have long been viewed as "something that doesn't happen here", are happening here in increasing fashion. I have had multiple conversations with Detective Sgt. Gary Smith and Detective James Wiles about the encroaching drug problem that has long plagued Columbus, Whitehall, Newark, and other surrounding areas. If we do not have controlled, measured growth with a mind toward what our police force can reasonably patrol/protect, we will lose the citizens of this city that long for a quiet/peaceful town to raise their children in.**
- 5) Please describe your philosophy regarding development and how it affects Pataskala. **Growth and development are necessary. However, they must be done in a well thought out and practical way. Our city will grow, and we will reap the benefits of more tax payers and involved citizens, but those benefits will be outweighed by crime and a loss of our moral compass if we allow growth too quickly and without thought to how our community may be affected. Thus far I believe that counsel has done a good job in a difficult circumstance, with growth booming in just a few short years. My goal would be to help council continue to develop plans and codes to ensure that the community remains a desired area to raise a family.**
- 6) Generally, the departments of the city are listed below. (excluding Finance) Please rank them in order of importance to you:
Drainage/Water and Sewer/Police & Protection/Parks and Rec./Roads/ Development **1) Police & Protection 2) Parks and Rec. 3) Development 4) Roads 5) Drainage 6) Water and Sewer**

7) If the annual city budget was \$100 how much money would you assign to each department (I am roughly looking to see what percentage of 100 you would assign to each subject) **(1) Police and Protection \$30 (2) Parks and Rec. \$21 (3) Development \$10 (4) Roads \$14 (5) Drainage \$14 (6) Water and Sewer \$11**

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