

Election Questionnaire

North Bay Leadership Council, North Bay Association of Realtors, Sonoma County Alliance, Engineering Contractors Association, and North Coast Builders Exchange

The organizations above who are participating in joint candidate interviews would appreciate it if you would complete the following information and return it to us by September 2, 2010 at 8 pm. This will assist us in making our endorsements in the upcoming races in Sonoma County.

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Attach a separate sheet if you need more space to answer the questions below. Also, please list any key campaign committee members and key endorsements that you wish to share with us.

All endorsements are available on my website barrett4petaluma.com or my facebook page: Teresa Barrett for City Council 2010

- 1) Do you have a professional consultant or manager? If yes, who is it? No
- 2) What are the three most important challenges facing your city? Budget, jobs, environment
- 3) What would you do to solve/improve the challenges you have identified?

Implement our general plan [GP], which will encourage economic revitalization. We are already moving ahead on the station area development plans, identifying development areas in our downtown and in our northeast quadrant. I am also supporting the extension of the UGB through the life of the GP, further protecting the environment and focusing the development near our transit hubs.

- 4) What solutions do you see promoting if elected regarding the water and sewer challenges?

First and foremost, we must defeat measure U and protect our city's largest asset, our waste water treatment center and our city's ability to stay economically solvent. We need to continue to work with SCWA to fulfill its water delivery tasks with the nine contractors. Conservation methods must be continued and extended.

- 5) What is your position on Living Wage? Do you support it? If so, how should it be implemented?

We have a living wage in Petaluma and I support it and am happy with how it is being implemented.

6) What has the existing City Council done that you would like to see continued? What do you think they need to change?

We need to continue our ability to get things done. We have had a very productive period and I would like to see this continued.

7) How do you see redevelopment as a tool (or handicap) for your City? A tool.

8) Do you think the current public pension system is sustainable? If not, what changes or reforms would you support?

I believe the current pension system is something that will have to be worked out in collective bargaining, the options are wide open, as far as I am concerned and we should get all the numbers to the parties in order to have a clear view of how we can go forward.

9) Local governments are fiscally challenged. What ways would you suggest to reduce municipal costs and increase efficiency?

We seem to be getting just about peak performance from our employees while we are asking them to do so at a wage cut (furloughs). We need to look at the various ways to increase revenues that include retail sales tax, Transit Occupancy Tax, and other creative ways. We are not in this alone, we are part of a larger global economic crisis that is affecting our private sector as well. We need to make sure that whatever fixes we impose are not pennywise and pound foolish: we need to keep a long term perspective.

10) Do you support public/private partnerships? I have been a longtime champion of such partnerships and value those that add value all around.

11) What is the role of government in helping to create jobs and increase economic competitiveness?

Even before the economy began its nosedive, I have advocated for, and seen put into place, an economic development plan. We are now awaiting the final draft, which I eagerly await. The city can follow the direction of such an analysis in its efforts to bring in new businesses that will thrive, build on the businesses and demographics that are already in place, and promote our assets. Government can also use its redevelopment dollars to maximize return on investment while improving the city at its most needed sites.

What are your plans to reduce unemployment and spur economic vitality?

Implement the above, for starters!

12) Do you own or rent your residence? Own

13) Do you own rental property? No

14) What is your position regarding the regulation of signs, especially real estate signs in your community? I don't think real estate signs have been an issue in our community, so I'm unclear about the possible subtext of this question. Perhaps we could discuss this further at the interview.

15) Often times, cities look for ways to upgrade properties throughout their respective jurisdictions.

What methods do you support in accomplishing goals, such as energy efficiency retrofits or water conservation upgrades? (Example: Community-wide approach, a mandate during the real estate transaction, incentive-based)

I like the SCEIP and especially how Petaluma initially approved it [forseeing the problems that have had to be addressed at the county level]. I do believe we should incentivizing retrofits for water and energy efficiency and was a proponent of making those conditions for resale. That effort was not successful, but I believe it should be revisited.

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