

# Charlotte-Mecklenburg FOP Lodge 9

## Political Endorsement Questionnaire:

### *Question 1*

*Tell us a little about yourself, like where you were raised, your most significant accomplishment, and why you decided to enter local politics. (Feel free to add anything about yourself that sets you apart from your challengers.)*

**I'm a Wetland Scientist first specializing in bio/phytoremediation, then my commitment to Science enlarged the curation of my academia to include Economics and Law. I'm a military brat. My dad was 82nd Airborne, an entrepreneurial construction contractor and he's buried at the Salisbury National Cemetery. My mom was a professional model turned master seamstress and served the armed forces "indirectly" repairing and constructing parachutes. I'm also a former Federal Park Ranger at border parks (Shenandoah, the National Mall and Organ Pipe Cactus or ORPI), so the aesthetics were NOT core to my duties and instead law enforcement and scientific research. I'm also an entrepreneur, operating my business consulting firm for now 26 years. My most significant accomplishment is enlightenment and remaining completely detached from the corrupt status quo. I have no rivals in the races I've run politically, but that's not what "wins" elections. Poor voter turn-out does. Voting consistent with the corrupt status quo does. Voting consistent with smear campaigns about me does. Thankfully, I wasn't raised to seek validation outside of myself and my Creator, and furthermore in that I am always the most obvious choice then when I am not endorsed or not elected it, then, is a direct reflection of the voter(s) and PACs as opposed to mine own "worth."**

### *Question 2*

*Hiring the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Chief of Police is the responsibility of the City Manager. Manager Jones has indicated that a national search for a new CMPD Chief is underway. Do you agree with having a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Fraternal Order of Police be one of the seats on a committee that reviews all future potential chief candidates? Why?*

**Yes; you are valid stakeholders.**

### *Question 3*

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**We need more disclosure before any such determination can be made affirmatively, but generally no - specifically as to the pattern poor relations between city government and high level officials. From the lens of a Juris Doctorate and thus a lawyer (pursuing license to practice), settlements work that way - and are NOT an indication of admission of**

**liability and instead a private contract allowed by law for parties to resolve their dispute(s). The issue here, of course, is that there's a bigger picture at play for which affected city officials and the public at large "deserved" to know what happened.**

*Question 4*

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**This is not an issue based on council records to which I've been privy in that they've approved CMPD requests for budget increases for take-home cars. I find no immediate issue with further enlarging the budget for that purpose, and concur that police visibility is generally an excellent deterrent for crime**

*Question 5*

*Since July of 2009, the City of Charlotte has no longer offered healthcare to city employees when they retire. Law enforcement officers statistically have a shortened lifespan due to the trauma and experiences throughout their careers. However, the city minimally contributes to a healthcare savings account for these affected employees. Would you support raising the city's contribution to these healthcare savings accounts for employees hired after July 2009? Why?*

**Yes, absolutely. That's a no-brainer in that the scope of duties merits and even necessitates such top healthcare for fit officers.**

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*CMPD officers respond to more than a million calls for service a year and experience more violent calls than all surrounding agencies combined. Is there a gap in the pay structure for CMPD, and what would your plan be, as a council member, to increase the pay and/or benefits for CMPD officers?*

**Fit officers deserve top pay.**

# Charlotte City Council 2025 Political Endorsement Questionnaire

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #9

First Name \*

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Last Name \*

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Email \*

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Phone Number (not required)

Enter your phone number

Which seat are you running for? \*

At Large



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