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1. What role, if any, do you feel the city council has in supporting business enterprise in Carlton?

The city council should be invested in our local businesses. These local businesses make up the opportunities for our community to be successful, without them we are incomplete.

2. Our city has a diverse mix of businesses. Often, in an effort to survive, these industries clash with one another. As a council member how would you ensure the voices of all businesses are recognized and heard equally?

The same way we do with any conflict, by making sure that every voice is heard and represented. It doesn't matter whether the business is a small mom and pop shop or a large corporation, everyone should have the same voice on the council.

3. Our business community is facing difficulties with growth due to the following factors: limited commercial space, zoning restrictions, outdated infrastructure, and limited parking. How do you feel Carlton could address these issues?

We are currently working on new parking opportunities as well as infrastructure. We are also looking toward redoing our Carlton Comprehensive Plan, which addresses the zoning issues for commercial. I would like to see us working together with small businesses to plan accordingly for our continued growth.

4. Recently, the city council voted to approve a re-route of highway 47 in Carlton. As a council member, how would you support the businesses (either along the newly formed highway or along Main St) who may be negatively impacted by the construction?

If a business is negatively impacted we need to find ways to help that business relocate or find ways to continue to do business in Carlton, no matter what direction the highway takes. Pulling together is the only way we should move forward.

5. As a city council candidate, what would you like the businesses of Carlton to know about you?

I am a small business owner. I care about our small businesses and want to see us all as successful as we can be.