

Orange County Board of Commissioners - Vacancy Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Registered Voter? yes ___ no ___ Party Affiliation: _____

Questions:

1. What motivates you to want to serve as an Orange County commissioner, including why are you seeking an appointment now, as opposed to running for the seat during a previous election?

2. What do you consider to be one of the most important characteristics of a county commissioner? What in your experience demonstrates your ability to be effective as a commissioner? What is your experience in shared governance or leadership? What steps do you take in making decisions?

3. How would your appointment enhance diversity of the BOCC?

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4. What do you see as the most urgent unmet needs facing Orange County. Please limit to 5 or less and prioritize these needs, particularly if listing more than 3.

5. If you could change one thing about the current county budget, what would that be?

6. What is your assessment of the county's funding practices with regard to the two school systems? How do you propose the BOCC meet over \$300 million in K-12 public schools capital needs?

7. Do you support the 1909 Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools special district tax? How should it be used?

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8. What is your vision for how Orange County should grow economically?

9. One of the unfortunate outcomes of the pandemic is that the wealth gap has grown even greater. We anticipate what economists call a K-shaped recovery, in which pre-existing inequities are exacerbated. This disparity largely falls along lines of race. How can county commissioners ensure that prosperity in the coming years is more equitably shared?

10. What steps do you think the Board of Commissioners could take to address the chronic lack of affordable housing in the county?

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11. What should the county government be doing to address the climate crisis?

12. How should the BOCC interact with other governments—i.e., town councils, NC General Assembly?