

LOCAL-MOTIVE TOUR

10 QUESTIONS TO ASK SOMEONE RUNNING FOR LOCAL OFFICE

A strong town needs elected officials who will listen to residents' needs, prioritize incremental investments over megaprojects, and focus on bottom-up action rather than top-down decisions. These ten questions can help you determine whether someone running for mayor or city council fits the bill.

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Do you think our main street or downtown is successful? If not, what would you do to change that?

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How do you feel about the transportation options currently available in our city? Can all of our residents affordably get where they need to go? If not, what will you do to improve transportation in our city?

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What's more important for our city right now: building new homes and commercial space or rehabbing, expanding, or better utilizing our existing homes and storefronts?

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Some people in our community say that we have traffic problems. What do you think? How would you mitigate those concerns or change the situation?

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If you could change one thing in our zoning code, what would it be and why?

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How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in our town?

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If someone came to you with a proposal to build a new piece of public infrastructure in our city (road, bridge, etc.), how would you evaluate whether or not that project was worth implementing?

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If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

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If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

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What neighborhood do you live in? Why? Where are your favorite places to spend time in our town?