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1. Yes or no, do you agree that there should be no significant new traffic introduced into the Colonial Hills neighborhood? How will you ensure this in the future?

I've been meeting numerous Colonial Hill's residents and it is clear to me that they do not desire more traffic. We should honor this by ensuring any development around the neighborhood is not directed onto an already busy street. Examples: Do not connect Indianola to 161 and ensure traffic from the potential new elementary school is mitigated by driveway or new road access being restricted to buses.

2. What improvements to Colonial Hills do you propose?

I've come to appreciate the fact that Colonial Hills residents do not seem to be looking for sweeping changes in the neighborhood. What residents express to me is frustration over the decline of basic infrastructure and issues like speeding vehicles. The city must engage with the City of Columbus to address the waterline issues and work to deal with the sewer issues. There is no overnight fix, but I'd be an advocate on city council for making sure our infrastructure is in top shape before we fund pet projects.

3. How do you propose to upgrade the water system in Worthington?

I'd rely on our City Engineer to recommend the specifics on how best to upgrade the system and it would be my job to help him get the financial resources and political support to move forward with the upgrade. Because of my economic development role, I'm confident I have enough meaningful relationships with regional government partners to help make this happen.

4. How would you diversify and stabilize the revenue stream in the City of Worthington?

We must focus more attention on business retention, expansion, and attraction efforts. More jobs, more businesses mean more income tax. We must fill our existing commercial office space and work with developers to redeveloped existing and develop new more attractive commercial office and mixed-use inventory. We must do this so we can fund basic city infrastructure needs and work towards enhancing other amenities once those basic needs are met. Better parks, a new pool, etc, are all possible if city incomes exceed expenses. That is not our current budget reality yet our leaders are still advocating for niceties we can't afford.