

Dear Citizens of Cornelius,

This election season, we are all faced with choices of whom to elect to our Town Board. I am running unopposed in this election, and I greatly appreciate the support that has been given to me as I look forward to serving our wonderful Town for another term. My fellow incumbents, five Commissioners who are all running for re-election, have done a superb job.

We work together as the Town Board. Have there been difficult and challenging decisions? Certainly. Have the five incumbents made decisions and set goals with the best interest of Cornelius in mind? Absolutely, in every case. Have we strongly supported our citizens' top two priorities of Public Safety and Transportation. Without a question!

That's why I am supporting all five of our incumbents for re-election. Commissioners Ross, Duke, Sisson, Miltich and Bilodeau are seasoned, smart, dedicated, and most of all, are highly compassionate toward my hometown! They are highly respectful toward staff, citizens and each other (unlike some of the challengers).

Our incumbents believe, as I do, that the town must grow in a quality and balanced manner – because, just like towns anywhere, if there isn't at least some balanced and reasonable growth, a town is dying. Please know, it goes without saying, infrastructure needs must serve growth and Cornelius is doing just that! With 13 NCDOT road projects and \$419 million approved and coming our way, 8 of these road projects have begun. All have good chances of being moving to completion even faster. Approved town development projects do not begin immediately and their completion will line up nicely with road project completion.

So, what's all the chatter about? It's a bunch of non-incumbent challengers trying to get elected by making baseless and inaccurate claims and preying on fear to get elected. That's just wrong!

We have a former commissioner with his voodoo math (who was defeated 2 years ago for many reasons) teaming up with 3 fairly nice guys (like he did with his nice wife 2 years ago) to claim our town is failing and the sky is falling. **This could not be further from the truth.**

We're very financially sound with a AAA Bond rating, maintaining the lowest tax rate in the county, as we are helping to build a great Arts Center which is wisely creating badly needed downtown redevelopment. Also, for the first time, we are seriously talking about badly needed workforce housing through the Mayor's Housing Committee to help provide more housing opportunities in town for our teachers, police officers and firefighters, etc. **There is much more, but your town is not broken and is on a great**

track for a bright future!

I am so hopeful I will get this very committed and hard working board back in this election in order to help me build a 30 year plan for our town with many citizens joining in the process. That's critically important and so is this election. I am asking you to **vote** as early voting begins this **Thursday, October 21st at Cornelius Town Hall.**

I hope you will vote for me again as your mayor and I also recommend that you vote for our 5 incumbent commissioners – their work is simply not done!

VOTE FOR WOODY WASHAM, MAYOR, AND FOR COMMISSIONERS ROSS, SISSON, MILTICH, DUKE AND BILODEAU.

The bright future of our town is depending on it!

Best regards,

Mayor Woody Washam