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Survey Responses: **Cory Judson**, candidate for **Ward 3, Burlington**.

1. Currently, only municipalities can make a request to the Province to grow the Greenbelt, and they are responsible for implementing the Greenbelt Plan. Do you support growing the Greenbelt within your municipality and/or strengthening support for Greenbelt protection in your municipality?

Yes

Green space protection has been a priority for me for many years. In Southern Ontario we have witnessed overwhelming development on prime agricultural and sensitive lands. The encroachment onto this valuable land has led to the deterioration of local food sources and a greater disconnect between the food that we eat and the source of that food. We need to protect and expand the Greenbelt where most appropriate to ensure that we maintain this valuable green space and work to reconnect families with the source of their food.

2. In order for the Greenbelt to remain protected, municipalities must adhere to the Province's Places to Grow strategy, specifically, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, while respecting the protections under the Greenbelt Plan. Do you support concentrating development within your municipality's existing urban boundary, while limiting further urban expansion into farmlands or greenfields?

Yes

The Province's Places to Grow strategy means that the population of Burlington and the rest of our region will expand. This presents tremendous challenges and the need for an honest discussion about what this growth will look like. Intensification within our existing urban boundary is the only sustainable way forward to ensure that we are honouring the need to protect Greenbelt lands. I will oppose any expansion of our urban boundary.

3. New roads and other infrastructure fragment the natural areas of the Greenbelt, threatening its ecological integrity by destroying connections between natural heritage features. Do you support urban planning that would facilitate enhanced



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infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians, an efficient public transit system, increased funding for public transit and/or improving links to regional public transit systems?

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Yes

Residents in Ward 3 are concerned about the proposal from the Ministry of Transportation to build a highway corridor from the 403 to the 407 across the Niagara Escarpment. I will work with local officials and the Province to find a better solution. I oppose any new highway across the escarpment. With that, I also understand that we need to move people and goods. Given this we need to present a viable alternative. I support a more integrated transit system with our regional partners and I believe that we need to lobby the Province for a forward thinking GO Train service and efficient transit options on Highway #5. I believe in investing in local transit and given the significant fare increases in the past 2 years in Burlington, I will oppose any new fare increase for the next 3 years. Further, I believe that we need to investigate the possibility of providing reduced transit fares for seniors during off-peak hours. As a cyclist and as someone who values this mode of transportation, I will support bike lanes and continued work with the transit system to ensure that we have more seamless travel options. Planning decisions need to consider creating more liveable communities where walking and cycling are viable options. This includes having access to local jobs, recreation, shopping, etc.

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4. Strong market demand in urban areas near the Greenbelt for locally-grown foods supports a viable agricultural sector in the Greenbelt. Do you support the creation of a policy in your municipality that favours purchasing locally-grown foods for municipal facilities like nursing homes, day care centres and City cafeterias?

Yes

This past year, Halton region approved a policy for its cafeteria where 10% of the food needs to come from sustainable farms in Ontario. This is a good start but as we go forward we need to find ways to expand this program not just in Halton Region's cafeteria but also in other Regional facilities and at local events. I would like to see us explore having a policy for City of Burlington facilities. Further, we need to enhance local festivals and events with locally-grown foods. I would also like to see the introduction of more neighbourhood centred year-round farmers markets.

5. Do you support stronger recycling and green-bin programs to reduce waste in your municipality?

Yes

The Region of Halton is heading in the right direction in regards to our recycling and green-bin programs. The introduction of the green bin has been relatively successful to this point. The next phase has to include a plan to improve recycling and green-bin use for high-rise condominiums and apartment buildings where participation is significantly lower than the average.

6. Water is a precious resource, yet Canadians continue to be one of the biggest per capita water consumers in the world, using almost double the amount of other

developed countries. Do you support creating the water conservation policies necessary to offset new residential water demand for your municipality?

Yes

You don't have to look much further than the films, Blue Gold: World Water Wars and H2OIL to see the impact that development has on our precious water supply. As the Ward 3 City/Regional Councillor I will work to ensure that we have strong water conservation policies. We have seen the success of programs encouraging the use of low flow toilets and shower heads. We need strong policies and we need to continue to find creative ways to encourage residents to reduce their water consumption.

7. Given the need to reduce Ontario's contribution to climate change and foster the creation green jobs through investment in the green energy economy, will you support the removal of local barriers to facilitate the development of renewable energy projects in your community?

Yes

Renewable energy is a must if we are to continue to have a predictable energy system while reducing our dependence on dirty electricity from coal-fired generators. We must remove barriers to the development of renewable energy projects or we risk losing out on potential local economic development. Other jurisdictions around the world are reaping the benefits of the creation of green jobs. We need to work to catch up.

8. Although aggregate (gravel) extraction is a permitted land use in the Greenbelt Plan, it continues to have huge negative impacts on the natural environment. Would you pursue a procurement policy that requires the highest level of recycled content allowable in municipal works projects, and situates aggregate extraction in areas away from sensitive natural heritage and source water features?

Yes

Aggregate mining is incredibly damaging to the natural environment, poses a risk to the water supply, and disrupts the lives of residents living in Rural Burlington. I will continue to oppose quarry development and expansion in Rural Burlington. Further, we need to work with our partners to find alternatives such as using recycled content in municipal works projects.

9. Do you support changes to the Ontario Municipal Elections Act to require that donations to candidates come only from electors in the municipality where the candidate is running, and that union and corporate contributions are banned?

Yes

10. Do you support the Region of Halton's Natural Heritage System and will you oppose any attempts to locate new highways through it?

Yes! We need to build more liveable neighbourhoods, improve public transit, and find other alternatives than building new highways through the Region of Halton's Natural Heritage System.

Will you vote on Election Day, Monday October 25, 2010?

Yes No

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