

Committee of 100 Candidate Debate

Opening Remarks

Good Evening!

Earnie, thank you for that kind introduction and thank you to you and the Committee of 100 for all of the work that went into tonight's debate and the larger series of candidate debates that is on-going.

Ladies and Gentlemen, there's a reason I'm running for the Prince William County Board of Supervisors. Simply put, I want to make Woodbridge and Prince William County an even better place to live, work, and play! Over my 15 years in Woodbridge, I have been witness to significant challenges to our quality of life.

The primary challenges that face us today include:

- **Illegal Immigration.** Like you, I too am against illegal immigration. Illegal immigrants who commit serious crimes should be deported and those that refuse to comply with our neighborhood zoning laws should be fined. Employers who hire illegal immigrants should be penalized and their business licenses revoked for repeat offenses. This is why I will urge the Board of Supervisors to pass an illegal immigration resolution, to double the budget of the Neighborhood Services Division, and to stiffly increase employer penalties.
- **Gridlock.** Voters tell me they feel "trapped" in their homes – that they can't get to work during the week or out to shop on the weekend and they tell me that they have few if any transportation options, that time spent commuting would be time spent with their families – we have a challenge to our quality of life that deserves a full-time Supervisor committed to apply my experience to the vision of a New Woodbridge.
- **Over Development.** Voters tell me that development seems not to be planned we need to coordinate our residential development with our critical infrastructure needs like roads, schools, and police/fire services and that we need more "open and green space" to enjoy – I know we have a challenge to our quality of life that deserves a full-time Supervisor that is committed to apply my experience to the vision of a New Woodbridge.
- **Education.** When voters tell me that we need a world-class education system that prepares our children for a global economy, that compensates our teachers at or above the national average and provides them with the affordable housing

they need to live with us in our neighborhoods – I know we have a challenge to our quality of life that deserves a full-time Supervisor that is committed to apply my experience to the vision of a New Woodbridge.

- Protecting Our Citizens. When voters tell me that they are victims of crime and afraid to venture out at night or to certain locations – I know we have a challenge to our quality of life that deserves a full-time Supervisor that is committed to apply my experience to the vision of a New Woodbridge.
- Restoring Social Services. When voters tell me that they need the county to maintain the level of social services that we have grown accustomed to, that protects and promotes our families – I know we have a challenge to our quality of life that deserves a full-time Supervisor that is committed to apply my experience to the vision of a New Woodbridge.