

**VOTE Nov. 8**

**"SMITHSON... IS THE MOST IMPRESSIVE...  
HE HAS AN AWESOME GRASP  
OF THE ISSUES." ~ THE PILOT**

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Dear Friend,

On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, you will have the chance to shape the future of Southern Pines when you cast your vote for Mayor. I would be honored if you would consider my candidacy and record of public service when you make your decision. Many of you know who I am and what I stand for:

I'm a **native** of Southern Pines with deep roots, raised in a tradition of public service that inspired an abiding love for our unique historic and cultural legacy. I'm committed to preserving and protecting it and all the things that make Southern Pines so special.

I'm a **family man**. Married for 16 years, my wife Mary and I made a commitment to live, work and raise our son Matthew in the heart of Southern Pines, where he attends school. I have a vested interest in ensuring our Town is safe and our schools receive a fair share of our County's education resources.

I'm a **business owner**, who is acutely aware of the economy's impact on our local businesses. I understand their needs and the challenges they face. I also understand the importance of fostering a positive economic and regulatory climate that contributes to their success and long-term survival.

I'm a **seasoned Councilman** with a **proven track** record of accomplishments. My top priorities have been advocating for a long-range plan, working to secure future water resources and delivery of services to all of our residents, **while holding the line on taxes** and **ensuring that citizens have a voice** in the political process. Some of my proudest accomplishments include:

- the creation and adoption of our new **Comprehensive Long-Range Plan**— our roadmap for the Town's future growth and development that represents **your voice and vision**;
- the construction and imminent completion of our new 140-million-gallon **Water Reservoir**; and,
- the delivery of water and sewer services to our **Waynor Road** residents.

I work to bring a thoughtful, well-reasoned perspective to Town affairs. As liaison to the Moore County Water Task Force and the Transportation Committee, I've forged **beneficial alliances** with neighboring jurisdictions to provide regional solutions **when it makes sense**. I support growth that's **planned and compatible** — growth that respects, protects and enhances our quality of life.

If elected, I am **committed to implementing the Long-Range Plan** and creating an **unprecedented** level of openness, transparency, communication and service delivery to our residents.

I've always done my best **to be there for you**, to be **your** voice — a voice **for the people**. I've worked hard to earn your trust. I hope I've earned your vote. Thank you.

I support **Chris Smithson for Mayor** of Southern Pines. I've known Chris for many years. I've always been impressed by his **fair-minded** approach to issues. He understands the value of **balancing development** pressures with **historic preservation** and **protection of our cultural landscape**. This is critical if we are to continue as a resort destination and sustain the quality of life we enjoy.

~ Ray Owen, Life-long Resident / Community Historian

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