



Iowa City Area Business Partnership 2020 Voter's Guide Questionnaire

Coralville City Council Special Election – September 29th, 2020

Candidate: Barry Bedford



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Questionnaire:

1. What do you love most about Coralville?
The rich community life that my wife Roxie and I have enjoyed for 47 years as we raised 3 kids and 13 grandchildren. Coralville has been very good to us, and I want to help Coralville remain a strong and community focused city for many more years.
2. With so many overwhelming issues to address, what would be your primary focus on city council?
I believe Recovering Fiscal Stability is Coralville's most urgent and pressing need. With \$340M in City debt, our economy hit hard by COVID-19 and the derecho, I'll use my 28 years of balancing city budgets to help steer Coralville to a firm fiscal position.

3. How will you promote a healthy business environment?

Coralville must be a Reliable and Responsive partner. Reliable means we keep our fiscal house in order, process all applications and permits on time, and maintain transparency in policy making. Responsive means listening to the needs of the business community, and seeing employers as community partners. approaching new business development with an open mind and engaging in honest conversations.

4. What motivates you to run for city council?

I want to help Cultivate Community Trust. Community trust in cities and police departments is in decline throughout the country. But 43 years as a Coralville peace officer taught me how to cultivate community trust: through real relationships, honest conversations, and genuine acts of service.