

Name & Address:

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Candidate Web Site: www.joelmacon.com

Office Sought: Mayor of Carolina Beach

Political Affiliation: Independent (Libertarian)

Date of Birth: 1-18-62

Occupation: Investigator for the North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors

Education: High School Diploma, Hoggard High School

List Political Experience: 12 years on Carolina Beach Town Council and 9 years as the former Building Inspector

Marital Status: Separated

Children: Brandon Axel Macon 5-17-88
Samantha Alexandria Macon 6-27-95

Where Were You Born: Asheboro, NC

How Long Have You Lived in the Municipality Where You Seek Office:
30+ years

Top Four Hobbies: Surfing, martial arts, running, food & wine

Last Book Read: “The Fair Tax” and “Somebody’s Gotta Say It” by Neal Boortz

Favorite Movie: The American President

Favorite Food: Mexican

Role Model: Neal Boortz

Most Admired Politician: Reagan

Type of Car You Drive: Honda Civic & Jeep CJ7

Your Strongest Attribute: Communication

Something Unusual About You That Few People Know: I am a laundry guru.

Please answer the following questions 100 words or less:

1) Addresses have changed numerous time in Carolina Beach in the past few years. Why did the town require more than one change and will this latest swich be the last? Proper addresses are an ongoing problem. It is not that there have been changes as much as there have been corrections. The 911 system makes this a priority for safety.

2) What should the town do to ensure future funding for beach nourishment and inlet dredging? One thing the Town has done and should continue to do is provide beach access parking and facilities where ever possible. Carolina Beach has been very aggressive in this over the last 18-20 years. What many people do not know is that our parking fees and CAMA grants fund these projects. Without beach access, Federal funding will not continue. We must work with all coastal communities and continue to lobby our legislatures for funding, as well as look at other options.

3) Why have past master development plans for the central business district fallen through and what would you suggest to prevent that from happening with the current plan? The reason many plans fall through has a lot to do with poor implementation and “turn over” in councils. I remember a plan for the CBD from 1986 which was never implemented and called for enhancing the boardwalk “as is” using decorative lattice on the building awnings. The next administration required the awnings to be removed.

I feel that this master planning process will be different and will settle issues like height and density once in for all.

4) What grade (A-F) do you give Town Manager Tim Owens and why? I guess I would give Tim a C. I like Tim and Tim is a true “public servant”. Unfortunately, Tim came to Carolina Beach during a very difficult time for which he is not to blame. I blame those in the community who “conquer and divide”. Tim is also plagued by the 3-2 majority that so often causes problems for Town Managers.

Carolina Beach's problem has always been an "us and them" attitude, not a "WE" attitude. There are those elected officials, who want to get re-elected and those who want to get elected, that use this to their advantage.

Please answer the following questions yes or no:

Do you support vendors in Freeman Park? Yes- I support vending in Freeman Park.

Does the town need to hire more lifeguards? Yes- The town needs to hire more life guards. We took over Freeman Park, we charge a fee for access and we should provide a service for that fee, this includes lifeguards.

Is the town prepared to handle the growth taking place? No- While the town is and has been working on infrastructure issues, (contrary to what those that "conquer and divide" would have you believe) it is a continuous never ending process. Our water resources have not been addressed for long term concerns and certain sewer lift stations are in need of major work. One of the things that I have pushed for the last 8 years is a comprehensive look at our water resources. This was finally done in the last administration and the engineering report has been presented to us this year with many recommendations. Our Towns infrastructure is something that this council is united in addressing.

Do you support more commercial development? Yes- I support more commercial development.

Do you anticipate approval of the towns 2005 CAMA land use plan this fall? Yes- I think that there is a majority of council who will vote to pass the Land Use Plan. I will not vote for it in its current form.