

Joe Woods
County Council District B

1. What improvements are needed for your district?

During my nine years of service I feel like we have been able to adequately meet the needs of my district particularly as it relates to infrastructure, public safety and improving our quality of life. I am particularly proud of our new school construction and revitalization of the Route 1 area.

2. What legislation do you plan to introduce for your district? For the County? If you are an incumbent, what legislation have you introduced?

I tend not to introduce legislation for the sake of introducing legislation. I introduce legislation designed to solve immediate problems or plan for the future. I have consistently offered legislation that builds a robust small business atmosphere, provides for adequate infrastructure, provides for public safety and improves my district so my constituents can enjoy a high quality of life.

3. How would you include or engage more people to provide input to the Council's decisions?

My policy for 9 years has been to have an open door to the community for nine years so I am sure any resident has the opportunity to offer any input they wish on any issue. I am available on a constituent, regular basis to my constituents and that will be my continuing policy if I am honored my by constituents to be re-elected.

4. Would you be willing to explain your voting decisions on the dais for each bill you vote upon?

I refer you to my answer on question 4-- My policy for 9 years has been to have an open door to the community for nine years so I am sure any resident has the opportunity to offer any input they wish on any issue.

5. Would you support better ways to provide the public with user-friendly notification of decisions by DAC and the Zoning Board of Appeals? If so, how?

I am always supportive of better public communication. My sense is that the County does a pretty good job communicating.

6. Would you vote in favor of term limits for County Council members? Explain.

No. I prefer to leave the power of term limits in the hands of the voters who can make the decision on term limits for an elected official at election time. County Council members are

close to their communities and the community should make the decision whether or not the Council Member should be re-elected.

7. How do you propose to solve the County's traffic problems in your district?

I feel like we are solving the traffic issues in my district and that we have been proactive looking for solutions.

8. What parts of the zoning code do you feel need to be changed?

I feel like we have a good county code that is fair and reasonable. Our current code serves Harford County well.

9. Do you feel it's time for noise and lighting legislation in Harford County?

I have worked on this issue in recent years and feel like we need to come up with practical solutions that work.

10. Do you approve of General Industrial (GI) zoning adjacent to residential communities or within a Village District? If your answer is 'No', how do you reconcile your disapproval with HarfordNEXT and recent Comprehensive Zoning Review decisions?

Yes, providing proper setbacks and buffer zones are in place.

11. Do you agree with the reduction in the number of County inspections on construction sites when only 34 percent of contractors are in compliance with the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance?

If County Administration feels the need for more inspectors, I would support the request. I have been informed that they have plenty at this time and your 34% number is not accurate.