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Chapel Hill Alliance for a Livable Town

Chapel Hill needs a course correction to line up our town policies with our community values. We want a mayor and council members that will:

Actually Deal with Traffic and Transit Problems

- Start with a town-wide traffic impact analysis of ALL pending development - requested by Council 2 years ago, yet no town resources allocated
- Implement the “Chapel Hill Bicycle Plan” to allow residents to replace the need for second or third automobiles; call for a comprehensive transit-bike-ped planning with Orange County
- Fund the bus system to serve residents as well as commuters and move money from light rail studies to increase the bus fleet

Encourage and Support Local Business and Renovation

- Improve Inspections Department permitting efficiency
- Change town economic development policies to favor local small business growth instead of big outside money favored by current Town Council
 - Use zoning incentives so land owners will market to small businesses
 - Start a Revolving Fund to help small business get started

Make Housing Affordable for All

- Plan with UNC to allow excess campus student housing to become affordable housing for UNC employees
- Stop approving luxury condos with NO affordable housing component; incentivize redevelopment projects that provide affordable housing
- Set up goals for more town staff, teachers and UNC to live in town

Restore High Standards for New Development – Example Ephesus Fordham

- Apply long-standing town standards instead of giving way to developers
- Fund transportation infrastructure before approving zoning changes
- Mandate energy efficiency standards for new developments and redevelopments
- Require good design, modest heights, and amenities such as pocket parks, trails and greenways that the community wants; Support neighborhood conservation
- Insist on significant commercial development before issuing mixed use permits

Restore Protecting Drinking Water, Air Quality and Flood Prevention as Town Priorities

- Improve the integrity of our water quality ordinances: steep slopes and buffers
- Step up enforcement of persistent violators of ordinances
- Restore anti idling measures that protect air quality
- Actively promote community gardens, and town wide tree planting
- Keep redevelopment out of flood prone areas

Spend Tax Money Wisely

- Do a strategic analysis of Town services and costs; Ensure that all economic development projects yield a net positive revenue for the town before approval
- Stop borrowing money for maintenance and basic services that should be covered in annual budget (versus bonds for capital needs)
- Improve transparency of money spent; Reduce use of consultants and Town PR activities
- Increase transparency about how our tax money is spent
 - Stop mortgaging Town properties without voter consent
 - Stop reducing services without public hearings: limiting pool and library hours, basic street maintenance, and sidewalk repair

We want a mayor and council members who will listen. Vote November 3. www.chalt.org