

TO: BLOOMINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE –CHRISTOPHER EMGE

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If elected, what are your top 3 priorities as a City Council member?

1. In regards to the recent attacks on individuals in our community, the safety and well being of everyone who lives in or visits our city should be a concern of the highest priority.
2. As we experience and continue to experience the problems with the pandemic, a concrete plan for dealing with catastrophic health and emergency issues should be high on the list of any city's plans to take care of the imminent needs of the community.
3. An overview of the state of the city; how are we working together with various agencies including law enforcement, fire protection, social workers, transportation availability, to just name a few. Are we working efficiently and more importantly effectively; and are we listening to the ideas of the people who are working to protect and serve our community.

What concerns do you have about the business community and economic development in Bloomington?

My concerns continue to grow as a result of the pandemic ; it has affected everyone. Businesses had to close down and many could not survive the economic losses. Hopefully we are climbing out of this stage. Many of our town's businesses have reopened and it does look promising for the future.

What solutions would you propose to address these concerns? Specifically, what would you do to promote a positive business climate?

I believe the solutions are already in play for the rebuilding of the business community coming out of this particular pandemic. We have such a wonderful diverse population – so many different food traditions, clothing and jewelry styles, artwork, music, and literature. Whether a small business or a corporation, the inclusion of various ways of thinking is invaluable in problem solving.; a diverse workforce offers an array of creative talents.

What do think is our community's biggest opportunity? What is its biggest threat?

Our community's biggest opportunity is found in the talents of its diverse population. Our community's biggest threat is when anyone is excluded because of their particular background or lifestyle. When we exclude – we lose.