

Kenneth Washington - Answers for Leeds Magazine

1. **What is your position on an Elected School Board?** I am in favor of an Elected School Board. It will take the politics out of the school system and make the board more accountable to the community of Leeds.
2. **How are you going to pay for extra and needed city employees?** By bringing new businesses into the city, therefore; improving the revenue and not raising taxes.
3. **What are your plans for our parks and youth sports?** I plan to update the parks with new equipment and creating a safe environment for all. I plan to invest more funds into the youth sports to make it affordable for all families.
4. **How will you address Leeds Magazine's request to be more open with government?** It should be transparent; there should never be a hidden agenda. Leeds Magazine should be invited to all city business meetings and should have an agenda for each meeting.
5. **How will you get control over outside fees from lawyers, experts and consultants?** As a city council person, we should be selective; use only when needed and rely on your city counsel team members for their expertise to help with different situations.
6. **What is your position on the current fallout with the Cooperative District Board members?** This problem may be attributed to one person serving on multiple boards for the city of Leeds.
7. **What is your plan to help revitalize downtown Leeds?** To work with the Leeds Chamber of Commerce to bring new businesses and jobs to the area for all the people.
8. **What are your plans to bring medium to large business to Leeds other than retail?** By promoting public transportation for the city of Leeds.
9. **How will you address the lack of working animal control with numerous stray animals abound?** I would partner with Birmingham Humane Society to help solve our problems with stray animals.
10. **What scrutiny do you place on City Board applicants and nominees?** The applicant and or nominee should complete an application and/or submit a resume' with a letter of interest with a criminal background check. There should only be one citizen per board for the city.