

## **Dane Scalise Questionnaire Responses**

Hello, Ms. Tait. Thanks for writing in to me. I appreciate your questions and concerns. I share those concerns.

First, please check out [my website](#) for some additional information about me and my positions, including on the subject of development. Here's what everyone, including developers, will find there:

### *STOP OVER-DEVELOPMENT*

*We don't need to develop every square inch of New Hanover County. It is long past due for us to reevaluate where and how we grow. The people have spoken: we cannot approve reckless development to the detriment of our neighborhoods and quality of life. I won't sacrifice the character of our community just so a developer can make a quick buck. Any future growth must make sense first and foremost for those residents who are here now.*

I am not in the real industry like so many other local politicians, but when I first started as Commissioner, I had a general, simplistic perception that our housing inventory did not meet the demands of our current population and that, as a consequence, we needed to build more to create affordable houses for nurses, firefighters, teachers, etc. I had good intentions with that analysis, but my thinking has grown a lot since then. Indeed, I am always willing to learn more and educate myself on topics like this, so when I started taking meeting with concerned citizens, I realized that we have got to be a lot more careful about where we build and when we build. We simply don't have enough space to accommodate everyone in the world who might want to live

here, and, of course, we've got to preserve green space so that our quality of life doesn't suffer. That's why I've been saying no to a lot of rezone requests and led the charge on fighting against the attempts to rezone and build out the western bank. I took flak from the real estate community for doing so, but it was the right thing to do.

How else have I contributed to this dialogue? I spearheaded the creation of a new position in County Government called a Sustainability Manager. I successfully advocated for this position to be added to our most current budget and we just announced that we made a fantastic hire. She will help us to create a more resilient and sustainable future. Read more here:

<https://www.nhcgov.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=747>.

Again, I appreciate you reaching out. I'm not perfect, but I do care deeply about protecting our beautiful county for my family and everyone else in NHC. And, as my record will show, I am not afraid to fight for what I think is right even in the face of powerful opposition.