City of Albuquerque City Councilor Questionnaire

Dear Councilors,

The Independent Salary Commission members would like to better understand the nature of your elected position as we delve into our work. We respectfully request that you take a few minutes and complete the questionnaire below. If you have additional comments please feel free to use the empty space on the back below the last question. The individual information you provide will be used only by the Citizens’ Independent Salary Commission. Your comments will only be used in an aggregate form and individual responses will be kept confidential. Please return the questionnaire no later than Monday, November 1, 2010 to Vicky DeHerrera in the Office of Internal Audits and Investigations. We appreciate your feedback and appreciate all that you do to make Albuquerque a great place to live and work.

1. List the items that motivated you to run for City Councilor.

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2. In your opinion, how does the pay of a Councilor affect those who would like to run for office?

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3. List the primary duties of a City Councilor.

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4. How many hours each work day is a Councilor supposed to dedicate to City business?

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5. How many hours each work week do you spend attending City Council and City Committee meetings?

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6. How many hours each work week do you spend attending related meetings and functions that are not official City sponsored activities?

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7. Please list all meetings outside of official Council meetings that you attend as a Councilor.

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8. What are the minimum number of hours a week a City Councilor should give to cover the requirements of the position?

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9. Do you see the job of City Councilor as a part-time position?  Y  or N
10. a. Do you receive compensation for full-time employment elsewhere? Y____ or N____
    
    b. Do you receive compensation for part-time employment elsewhere? Y____ or N____
    
    c. Do you receive any other compensation for employment elsewhere? Y____ or N____
    
11. Are there issues you want to pursue as a Councilor, but can’t due to time constraints?
    
    Y____ N_____ Comments__________________________________________________________
    
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12. Please list any constraints you face in doing your Councilor job. _____________________________
    
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13. Do you have adequate administrative support to do your job? Y____ N____
    
14. Please list any additional tools/or aids that would help you more fully do your job as Councilor.
    
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15. Does being a Councilor involve too much time for someone who has full time commitments (family or job)
outside of being a Councilor? Y_____ N____
    
16. Is there some major component of the Councilor job that was not covered in this survey? If so, what is it?
    
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