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1. What is the biggest issue/challenge you believe Loudoun faces in the upcoming term? Please use list format .

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Taxes are too high and there is too much spending by Leesburg. The Loudoun board spends too much on wasteful programs like millions for retrofitting old buildings with "energy efficiency", when Sterling needs a renovation of the old Sterling Fire and Rescue Station for the safety of its volunteers. Reckless spending stalled a correction needed at Sterling's Community Center pool when there was a health issue. Sterling has overcrowded houses that threaten the single family zoning of Sterling and regulations must be tightened up to "next day zoning inspector visits".

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2. How do you propose to address this challenge?

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

I promise not to vote to raise taxes. I have not for 12 years and will not in the next 4 years. I will continue to also make sure Sterling is not ignored. Services to Sterling will continue to be the number one goal—Sterling residents will get what we pay for when it comes to transportation, schools, and facilities like the new Claude Moore Recreation Center, libraries and the Sterling Sheriff's Station. And we must have a long overdue renovated Fire and Rescue Station downtown. But wasteful programs like the Chesapeake Ordinance costing millions of dollars to outlaw playsets must end.

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3. Please detail the specific opportunities or regulatory measures that, if elected, you will work to see implemented to support the private sector's efforts to create jobs and make commercial investment in Loudoun County.

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The direction I have led the board in on financial management as past Chairman of the Finance Committee in my 2nd term or as team player with Chairman York and a pro-business majority in my third term is the kind of economic stability business leaders seek. I opposed the destructive Chesapeake Bay Ordinance which would have saddled Loudoun companies and residents with billions in new costs. I supported streamlined sign ordinances. I defended Chamber and business leaders being involved in government at public forums and in formal partnerships. I have hailed new ideas and voted for them!

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4. What is your vision for supporting and growing the tourism industry in Loudoun County, and what changes do you feel are necessary to improve the infrastructure in the County to better support the success and growth of tourism and related economic development that can come with it?

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

There is an 80 -20 split with residential housing paying 80 per cent of the revenues and commercial properties paying 20 per cent of the Loudoun County revenues. We need tourism dollars for more "occupancy taxes" and customers for Loudoun retail. I am honored by being credited with bringing minor league baseball to Loudoun and their partnership with the Kincora proposal is an example of a significant cultural turning point. Along with the critical role I played in keeping the Redskins, I think bringing minor league baseball to Loudoun will result in enthusiastic response from tourists.

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5. It is clear that Northern Virginia will not be able to count on the state or federal government to fully meet its transportation needs. As a rapidly growing jurisdiction, Loudoun County has unique challenges in the area of transportation. What actions do you believe Loudoun County should take at the local level to ensure citizens and businesses have an efficient multimodal transportation system?

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

For 12 years I have worked as a Supervisor to make sure the planned Route 28 Tax District road improvements continue without any slowing down. Over \$600 million in improvements including 4 new massive interchanges for Sterling have been built.

There are \$10 million in improvements coming with a new acceleration lane at Sterling Boulevard and Route 28 (southbound) and a new secondary road to ease cut-through by Magnolia Road. For the first time in county history, I proposed selling surplus county land to add dedicated turn lanes at Sterling Boulevard and Route 7 and longer turn lanes at 2 other intersections on Route 7.

I support new methods including general obligation bonds, community development authorities, special commercial tax districts, and proffers. Mass transit like an efficient bus rapid transit, slug lines and HOT lanes should be promoted. I have railed against the slow building of a Loudoun commuter bus fleet using "tax" dollars when commuters are saying they want to pay for their own new buses. The county should put commuter bus stops in shopping centers or churches. I oppose forcing car owners to pay \$40 in tolls daily, as proposed, to pay for public rail.

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6. It is the Chamber's view that the County's commercial tax base should be grown through expanded economic development, not through increasing taxes on existing businesses. Balancing the commercial tax base with the residential tax base is essential to the continued growth of Loudoun County and the stabilization of its tax base. In your view, what is the optimal ratio of commercial to residential tax base in order to achieve a balanced fiscal structure in the County and how would you propose to achieve this goal?

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

There is an 80 -20 split . We need to see a path to moving this to a 70-30 split with more revenue coming from improved or new businesses in Loudoun. I voted for new developments, brought minor league baseball here, kept the Redskins, planned a new waste facility, the region's first secure data center, a new hybrid power plant, a Five Billion gallon reservoir and kept a AAA bond rating even while building dozens of new schools. Thats part of my successful formula.

Let us also ERADICATE wasteful spending. End corporate welfare as practiced by Loudoun County and end the promotion of cradle to the grave government handouts. The use of taxpayer funds for trips, museums, the Aldie Mill, Franklin Park Performing Arts center, the Howard Hughes Institute, Polo Playing, and the Lovettsville Public Horse Park must end. Some goofy but otherwise responsible public safety officials propose six million dollar leases for an "emergency command center", waste \$25 million on new digs, propose \$3 million dollar shooting ranges in Eastern Loudoun -- it is clear that tax expenditures can be reduced without any loss of service for essential needs.

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7. Reliable, affordable energy is required to support the needs of Loudoun's businesses and to sustain our community's high quality of life. Please discuss/explain what specific initiatives you would propose or support to develop a long-term, County-wide energy plan which emphasizes energy generation, transmission and conservation.

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

I voted for the Hybrid Power plant and recently voted for a "secure data center". Both proposals will generate 100 million dollars in annual tax revenue in commercial real estate value in their plans.

This provides major companies with reliable power from a plentiful local source with very little pollution.

Pairing Loudoun Water with Luckstone Quarries required years of work as a member of the Loudoun Board and the Water Board. The proposed Five Billion gallon reservoir will permanently supply all of Loudoun's water even during the worst drought by cooperating with Luckstone and accelerating their planned use of their Loudoun quarry to transition to a reservoir for Loudoun Water. This is big and is very energy efficient.

I worked to help build and finance the \$600 million water treatment plant in Ashburn, the most efficient facility on the East Coast.

There no-growth anti-prosperity leftists, like my opponents, who attack these gigantic proposals. The thought of alternative power independent of the traditional electric power grid has arrived and is also extremely valuable to businesses seeking to keep their costs down. Phony baloney "green" regs and costs must be opposed.

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8. Loudoun has a diversity of land uses from urban and transit-oriented nodes, to suburban communities and rural uses in the west. Various proposed environmental regulations, such as the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) process, have been extensively discussed and debated in recent months and will impact these uses in different ways. What is your position on these proposals and what would you do to make these or any other proposed environmental regulation or strategy “Loudoun-appropriate”?

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

I oppose the CBPO vigorously at the board level because boiler-plate legislation like the CBPO doesn't make sense for Loudoun. We the people of Loudoun are capable of pulling together a contingency of highly qualified people to address water quality without inviting the federal government in to tell us what we should do. And, there are too many other pressing needs in Loudoun that require attention.

Businesses and farmers in Loudoun are agitated and nervous about the CBPO. They cannot invest today into this endeavor when the economy is so fragile. Homeowners are unsettled when they hear that it will cost them an additional \$6700 to add a pool or patio, garage or shed, playhouse or retaining wall as they would be required to hire professionals to map, at their own expense, the required resource protection areas of their property for land disturbing activities and submit the map to the government data base, with no guarantee of approval of the project.

Then there is the requirement for additional buffer plantings without the thought of the full cost to the property owner of maintaining such a buffer when it begins to mature.

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9. Virginia and especially Northern Virginia is predicted to attract both significant numbers of jobs and residents over the next 20 years. What tools and policies would you seek to implement in the County to address both the benefits and challenges of this anticipated growth?

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

When a businessman gets appointed to something in Government, the liberals howl really loud.

Liberals howl when you want Government listening to someone with business experience. Nah Nah Nah they plug their ears up.

When the Loudoun Chamber came in to the board of supervisors to protest over regulation, you were attacked.

When you came into to promote transportation improvements and oppose cutting six lane roads to 2 lane roads, you were attacked.

When you met as a chamber or as a CEO cabinet or as the Economic Development Commission, business leaders were attacked for being BUSINESS LEADERS!

So as far as I am concerned you are doing your job.

And I am going to encourage you to speak your mind about reducing regulations, government boondoggles, ending socialism, eliminate corporate cronyism and having plain honest talk about making money for your companies and staying out of your way when it comes to making money. And the more value you bring your shareholders and customers than the more tax revenue Loudoun gets in improved real estate values and other tax revenues.

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10. Affordable housing isn't only housing for low-income, homeless or unemployed – it's housing for vital workers in our community whose work is essential to a strong and vibrant business community in Loudoun County. What programs do you propose to develop affordable and/or workforce housing in the County?

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

I live in a townhouse since 1998 when I first moved here. I believe an elected official should live in the kind of housing he would vote for. I oppose high density high rises anywhere near Sterling that threaten the residential one family zoning but I have voted for Kincora.

I have fought the wrongful efforts to illegally convert one family houses to flop houses or apartment style housing with shifts of 25 bunks in 2 shifts to house 50 people- in a single family house. I proposed and a previous board passed a resolution discouraging illegal aliens from residing in Loudoun. The current board reversed this anti-illegal alien policy in 2008. I hope to bring it back if I am re-elected.

I sponsored a dozen legislative solutions to tighten up the overcrowding regulations, make putting cars on lawns illegal, requiring private residents to cut their grass , requiring the fixing of roofs , and declaring a no-abandoned car zone. We have affordable housing but block-busting slum lords need to be stopped. I will continue to fight to preserve the equity of the existing affordable housing unlike my opponents who want to ignore the overcrowding.

This is a partial list

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11. In recent years, Loudoun County has allocated much of the cost and responsibility for providing school sites, parks and recreational opportunities to the development community through the imposition of proffered obligations and capital facilities fees, which are among the highest in the country, in connection with rezoning applications. The Chamber is opposed to any tax policies or capital facilities fee increases that will inflate the cost of housing to the point of creating a disincentive for businesses to locate in Loudoun County. How do you propose to ensure that there are adequate schools, parks and recreational opportunities for current and future residents without unduly burdening the business community?

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

End requirements for archeological digs, water studies, dirt studies, view shed studies, historic preservation, historic overlays, conservation design (hear that Jim Burton?). Pass ZORC recommendations that have been worked on by business leaders to save business

Cut the property tax rate, eliminate bpol, streamline rezoning applications, eliminate some comment periods for county staff, schedule more joint meetings with business leaders and eliminate unfair government assistance to selective companies over other less connected companies.

Eliminate funding for historic preservation, museums, public horse parks, subsidies to non-profit multi billion dollar groups like HH Insitute, eliminate millions in subsidies to illegal aliens who lower the standard of life and cause costs as a result, end millions to performing art centers in Franklin park, cut out archeological studies required and water tests that just add thousands of dollars to the development of houses, encourage volunteer firemen to expand not contract saving millions, increase auxiliary deputies to 200, saving millions, force parks and recreation to collect fees from out-of-county residents, defund all "regional" dues.

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12. Please briefly describe what traditional and innovative policies or initiatives you support to ensure Loudoun's children have access to a K-12 system that will allow them to achieve competitive levels of proficiency in science, technology, mathematics, engineering and the arts, and how you would fund these policies or initiatives.

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

Apply the same reasoning that county supervisors use in reducing spending in order to have money for essential services. The first step would be to have a budget that both Supervisors can work from and the School Board can work from.

For 12 years I have voted to fund renovations and new schools in Sterling Park and in Loudoun. With my active sponsorship Loudoun taxpayers have invested \$64.5 million in capital improvements to the schools that serve Sterling. Capital improvements include the new Forest Grove Elementary School, four separate renovations to Sterling Middle School, a new lobby at Park View High School and a new gym at Rolling Ridge elementary school. I have also raised \$250,000 in private funds for honor roll students, a Discovery park playground and new lights for a private youth sports league. I promise to continue to use general obligation bonds for improvements and to raise private monies for youth sports to make serious capital improvements.

I have been the most supportive of capitol programs for School construction of the 9 supervisors over the entire 12 years.

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13. Small business access to affordable health care continues to be a top priority of the Loudoun County Chamber. Please describe what specific policies/initiatives you would support to help address the significant changes facing businesses related to implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Please also share any other ideas that may be implemented from a policy standpoint that may help businesses to reduce their healthcare costs and improve the health of their workers.

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

A victim of MS 13 gang violence was shot just on the next block. The victim required \$500,000 in operations to be made whole again. The victim has no insurance and this cost will be paid by all of us. By reducing gang violence and passing measures to reduce illegal aliens in Loudoun county, millions of dollars in future costs to local health plans could be prevented. We have to cover current costs but we must reduce future growth in those costs now. We -- all of us-- should fight the Obama Health care plans in the legal system and in the upcoming federal elections by voting for federal candidates who will vote to repeal Obama care which is illegal, unconstitutional and destroys our entire health care system.

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14. The Loudoun County Chamber and the County's business community has made effective contributions to several important public policy issues in Loudoun in recent years, such as the processes created to revise the County's sign regulations and on the adopted Route 28 Comprehensive Plan Amendment. How would you assess the County's efforts to engage the Loudoun business community on important public policy issues and how would you improve or otherwise change those efforts?

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

Make sure through my public statements and through other lawful means business leaders, government workers and economic thinkers in this county are aware of free market principles and capitalist lessons so that they resist the lure of corporate welfare, regulatory favors from government and quickie tax breaks that destroy the entire fabric and foundation of true economic liberty and provide unfair and dangerous advantage at the expense of their competition to benefit a few select Big CEOs. Subsidizing through tax breaks to large corporations makes it hard for small business to compete.

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15. Please briefly describe what best qualifies you to hold the office for which you are running.

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

One of the greatest attributes is the "total skill level" which includes:

Experience. I have learned how to work with elected leaders on the board and at all the many levels of government. When crime threatened to overwhelm Sterling and Loudoun, it took every bit of teamwork to summon federal, state and local efforts including various elements of the news media with a genuine partnership with hundreds of citizens. Sterling united and turned it all around.

Accessibility, Accountability, Performance.

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16. What is the chief factor that differentiates you from your opponent(s) (if you have one)?

Eugene Delgaudio* (R)

Accessibility. I am able to attend 99 per cent of the frequent meetings of the board of supervisors over the past 12 years and respond to emergencies. My regular job as president of a non-profit allows me to do both jobs.

Accountability. I work every day on Sterling issues and am able to respond to all my responsibilities using the internet, familiarity with existing problems and knowing many people and their particular projects or issues. Many people know I am making progress.

Performance. I have routinely proposed legislation that solves and beats back problems no matter how hard.

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17. Do you have a web site where more information about you is available? What is that web site address?

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If you have any questions regarding this questionnaire, please contact Tony Howard at 571-209-9020. This questionnaire has been sent to the list of candidates provided by the Board of Elections. Thank you.