



# China Grove Town Council

Vote for three

**Question #1: How should the town of China Grove handle future growth?**

**Question #2: What would you say is the most important issue in China Grove?**

**Question #3: Why should voters choose you?**

**Arthur Heggins**

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**Age:** 67  
**Occupation:** retired from NC DOT, pastor, businessman  
**Education:** Dunbar High School, Shaw University

I think that if the town has done some planning, that will give it a sense of how to grow. I don't know whether we have really thought and planned things out.

There are two things that are important — the circulation of drugs in the community and the unemployment rate. I'd want to see more time spent on how we can make our community safe, and we need to help our people get employed.

I feel like, and I hate to use the term, but that there's a disconnect between what the council is doing and the town. I feel like I can be the voice for the people and share their opinions on the board.

**Jason Higgins**

**Address:** 399 W. Hillside Dr., China Grove, N.C. 28023  
**Age:** 44  
**Occupation:** server administrator, Bank of America  
**Education:** South Rowan High School

I think the town should manage its growth by making sure any new businesses follow the town's plans that are in place.

For the entire state, and maybe even the nation, I think it's the opioid epidemic.

I was born and raised in this community and I care about the direction of China Grove. I want to help it grow to become a major part of Rowan County.

**Brandon Linn**

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**Age:** 35  
**Occupation:** Landis police officer  
**Education:** South Rowan High, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College

I think we've done a good job of preparing with things like our land use plan. When business come in we can work with them.

It's growth. There's nothing more I would love to see than businesses coming to China Grove. I think we've also got to work more on improving our parks, which we have already started on.

Any time I make a decision, I sit back and think and put myself in the shoes of people who voted me in. I think of how my decision is going to impact the citizens of China Grove.

**Charles Seaford**

**Address:** 313 W. Ketchie St., China Grove, N.C. 28023  
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**Occupation:** Training coordinator, Duke Energy  
**Education:** Pfeiffer University

Sometimes if it's necessary, we might ask new businesses to put up a fence or some kind of barrier to protect residents. For example, with Bojangles, we asked them to put up some extra screening.

The biggest thing is for us to stay on top of growth and economic development and pay attention to the I-85 widening. That widening is going to open up a lot of opportunities for China Grove, particularly in the NC 152 area.

During my time in office, we've held taxes low, reduced water bills and done work to improve parks and offer recreational activities. We're trying to reach out and provide the citizens with a better quality of life.

**Shane Safrit**

**Address:** 502 Patterson St., China Grove N.C. 28023  
**Age:** 30  
**Occupation:** Spencer police officer  
**Education:** Rowan-Cabarrus Community College

I think we need to embrace growth while ensuring we don't lose our identity. However, I don't think the town should take a hands-off approach. There's a difference between sensible growth and growth just for the sake of growth.

I think the most important issue is growing our town and the growing pains that might come along with that such as infrastructure or services.

I share the same values of the citizens in China Grove, and I've come to call it home because it's a wonderful place to live. The town is growing, and I want to see that continue, but I don't want it to lose it's identity.