

# Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce Alderperson Candidate Questionnaire

Please tell us about yourself.

Your Name: \*

James C.Mitchell, Jr.

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Aldermanic District: \*

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Current Home Address: \*

1557 Cardinal Court Lindenhurst, IL 60046

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Email: \*

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Phone: \*

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Campaign website, if any:

In progress

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Social media (Twitter, Instagram, etc.) handles, if any:

In progress

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Past education and work history (question optional; alternately you may send résumé to [brett@madisonbiz.com](mailto:brett@madisonbiz.com))

Northeastern Ill Univ BA 2/74; 100 + hrs at College of Lake County, Grayslake Il;  
18 Hrs Masters program Public Health, Northern Ill Univ, DeKalb; several professional classes  
univ Wisconsin - Madison Potable Water Related

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Instructions: Please state your position on the following issues. Please limit answers to 100 words. Any answers exceeding the word count limitations will be cut after 100 words.

If you have filled out this questionnaire before, you may skip starred\*\* questions or modify previous answers to those questions. If you skip starred answers on this questionnaire, we will re-publish your 2017 answers.

**\*\*1. Why are you seeking this office?**

I am a politically homeless Viet Nam era Veteran from Illinois, finding embrace in Wisconsin Non-partisan politics, with a desire to revitalize the 1900 era Progressive Wisconsin leadership in civic engagement to resolve social justice issues in the City of Madison, the State of Wisconsin and the United States of America.

I believe Madison and the State of Wisconsin, using 1900 era Progressive Wisconsin civic engagement, will provide leadership in the 2020 Presidential Race and the solution to reunite America.

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**\*\*2. What in your background or experiences qualifies you to understand the unique needs facing small businesses?**

I have served either as elected or appointed in the following units of local government in Illinois since my Honorable Discharge in 1974.

Republican Precinct Committeeman, Township Trustee, President of a Mosquito Abatement District, President of a Drainage District, Lake County Board, Lake County Forest Preserve District, Trustee Lake Villa Public Library district, Regional School Board Member

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**\*\*3. What are the most important issues the businesses in your district face?**

Trained, reliable employees, access to medical care, reliable public transportation for employees and customers, safe community environment.

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**\*\*4. What is your perception of Madison's business brand? How do you think business in Madison is perceived locally, statewide, and nationally?**

Over taxed, limited draw from outside of Madison except for University of Wisconsin Education, sports and research.

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**\*\*5. How can the City of Madison best attract and retain a diverse and talented workforce?**

Lower taxes and cost of housing

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**6. How can the City of Madison build an inclusive economy and ensure the advanced industries accelerating here provide opportunity for all?**

Minimize regulatory burdens

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**7. With Madison's economic momentum, a continued focus must be placed on infrastructure improvements. What strategies would you recommend for the city to meet the diverse needs of worker mobility and housing?**

With collaboration, develop a capital plan, find the revenue, manage the implementation with out interference.

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**8. How do you define economic development? Please elaborate.**

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**9. The 115th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard is an important driver of the Madison economy, providing an annual economic impact of over \$100 million, emergency and fire services for the Dane County Regional Airport, and over \$1 million in tuition assistance to area student guardsmen. Do you support the Wing as it seeks to continue its mission by acquiring next-generation F-35A jets? Please explain your answer.**

Yes

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10. If offered an endorsement from the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce, would you accept it? \*

Yes

No

By submitting this candidate questionnaire, you agree that the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce may publish it with the intent of sharing it with its membership and the general public. \*

I acknowledge that the Chamber will publish my answers to this questionnaire

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