

**Richard Vinroot**

**Candid Incumbent Seeks Second Term**

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City Council incumbent Richard Vinroot is running for reelection to his second term.

One of three at-large Republican candidates, Vinroot describes himself as a "middle-of-the-roader" who is "willing to be educated" on the issues and who has provided "even-tempered judgment" to a broad range of concerns during his first two years on the Council.

Vinroot is proud of the fact that this City Council has worked well together. When there have been disagreements, there have been no "potshots," he says. The present Council, he adds, is a good balance of sensitive, thoughtful members and "some like me who want to get on with it."

The candidate believes the biggest issue to face the new Council will be one of priorities: "how we will cope with the loss of funds from revenue sharing." The City, he says, will be forced to either find alternate sources of income (such as some form of taxation) or cut back on services. Vinroot foresees the Council struggling "long and hard" over this issue.

Among specific areas he thinks are of particular importance: public housing, public-private devel-

opment, employment, development in the northwest, construction of a beltway on the western and northern perimeters connecting the airport and UNCC, and "coping with growth."

The 2005 Plan, he points out, is "full of very specific ideas and very big investments." A controversial item, which interests Vinroot is the "district planning system" wherein the city-county would be divided into district for planning purposes.

He has no regrets about his position on various issues before the Council in the past. To the contrary, results were sometimes better than he expected, he says.

Among positions he has taken: for a downtown site for a new coliseum; against a proposed income tax; for expanding the City's M-WBE policy; against selling City-owned land to a private developer rather than to the County for human services programs.

Vinroot believes Council sometimes gets too bogged down in the details of running the City. Deferring some of these details to the City Manager and staff would provide Council with more time to look at

long-range planning and goal-setting, he maintains.

During his first two years, the Council member has served on committees for transportation, planning and public works, joint capital needs, and planning liaison with the County.

A native Charlottean who has lived here all his life "except for the Army and law school," is a partner in the law firm, Robinson, Bradshaw and Hinson, P.A. He is involved in numerous community activities, serving on the boards of directors of the YMCA, Spirit Square, and the Mint Museum. A Morehead Scholarship recipient at UNC-Chapel Hill, Vinroot is on the board of his alma mater's General Alumni Association, is vice chairman of the university's Board of Visitors, and is a member of the Central Selection Committee of the Morehead Scholarship Program.

He and his wife, Judy, have three children, Rich, 16, Laura, 13, and Katy, eight. Vinroot is a ruling elder in Myers Park Presbyterian Church and a senior high Sunday School teacher.



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**1928 GRADUATE**  
Lillian Carter Greene of 2001 Renner St. has recently returned from attending her 55th class reunion. She is a graduate of Louderdale County Training School in Ripley, Va. Many friendships were rekindled as Ms. Greene attended the class picnic, banquet, worshipped at her childhood church and went to the town's parade. She was also awarded a certificate of appreciation.

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Hickory Grove Presbyterian Church, 4; Third Presbyterian Church, 5; New Covenant ARP Church, 20; Hidden Valley School, 42; Grace Baptist Church, 43; Shamrock Gardens Elementary School, 44; Windsor Park School, 45; Briarwood School, 60; Shamrock Drive Baptist Church, 61; Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church, 82.

**DISTRICT 5**  
Amity Presbyterian Church, Precinct 6; Randolph Junior High, 7; Eastway Junior High, 33; Oakhurst School, 34; Cotswold School, 35; Providence Baptist Church, 36; Trinity Presbyterian Church, 47; Albemarle Road Elementary School, 62; Idlewild School, 63; East Mecklenburg High School, 64; Sardis Presbyterian Church, 65; Rama Road School, 66; Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church, 88; Albemarle Road Junior High, 84; Charlotte Christian High School, 85.

**DISTRICT 7**  
Park Road Moravian Church, 57; Star Mount School, 58; Lansdowne School, 67; St. Stephen United Methodist Church, 68; Olds Providence School, 69; Carmel Baptist Church, 70; Carmel Presbyterian Church, 72; Beverly Woods School, 73; Sharon Baptist Church, 75; Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School, 76; Carmel Junior High, 86; CPCC Learning Center (10761 Park Rd.), 87; Living Savior Lutheran Church, 88; Messiah Lutheran Church, 90; McKee Road Baptist Church, 91.

**Democrats**  
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bang later this fall, but details are still being finalized.

According to Siman, money is vital to the Democratic Party's ability to engage in a two-party fight, a new experience in North Carolina. "This state used to be all Democrats," he remarks. "There was never a challenge before."

That there is a challenge now and will be in the future cannot be denied. But, comments Siman, "there's a new spirit coming into the Democratic Party" to meet the challenge.

Looking ahead to 1988, the local Democratic goal will be to raise \$100,000, which the party will use to support candidates and help local causes, as well as run the office.

What is Siman's long-term goal, say three years from now? "I'd like to have organized the people who are Democrats so that, not only are they giving on a regular basis, but more importantly, that they see themselves as Democrats year round, not just when they vote in elections."

To accomplish this goal, Siman plans donor clubs at varying levels of giving, from the Renaissance Club on down.

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