

Vinroot Shares Views On Bonds, Taxes

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Richard Vinroot, incumbent City Council member running for reelection, recently shared his views with this reporter on the bond issues that are on the November 5 ballot, and on future tax possibilities.

The City Council unanimously endorsed the county's bond, and while not stating opposition to any of the bonds, Vinroot is more strongly "for" some of the bonds than for others.

"I feel strongly about the school bonds," he remarks. While he understands those who say the southeast is once again getting the lion's share, he points out that "we can't afford to leave our children uneducated."

He added, "I have a great respect for the school board and administration, and I don't believe they'll do anything to undermine their commitment to racial balance in the schools." Despite some critics' remarks that there is available school space elsewhere in the city, Vinroot says he's unaware of any underutilized facilities.

"I hope people would have enough



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.....Incumbent Council member

trust in the school board to support the bond," he comments.

He's also strongly in favor of the bonds for CPCC and the county water and sewer extensions.

The proposed \$18 million water line to the southeast, which is a city

project, "will pay for itself," he notes.

On the subject of taxes, Vinroot says, "I think we're going to have to find other revenues. The property tax is not sufficient to make up for the loss of federal revenues."

"I think the most desirable ways would be user fees or a gas tax increase. I don't think a penny or two on the gas tax would cause people to run out of the county to buy gas."

As a less desirable option, he would consider a payroll tax. "Last year we went off half-cocked," he remarks. Vinroot believes the city would need the support of business and the Chamber of Commerce, and possibly of other cities with similar revenue problems.

What he wants to avoid, he says, is what has happened in many other cities, such as Atlanta, and that is that the well-to-do people move out, leaving the city without an adequate tax base to support services.

But, he adds, given Charlotte's history, this seems unlikely to happen, at least in the foreseeable future.



YOUTH SUNDAY OBSERVED AT ST. MICHAEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH - Approximately 50 pre-teens and teens - the youth of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church - took an active part in the Sunday Eucharist and Worship Service at the 192-year-old church on Hevis Road last Sunday. Pictured above are: center, front, Oblationers Dana Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hughes; Starre Sessoms, daughter of Senior Warden Connie and Flow Sessoms; and Melissa Wyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wyatt. Mrs. Latrelle McAllister, second from left,

co-chairperson of the Youth Committee, passes wine for the Morning Eucharist to Starre Sessoms. Usher Michael Hughes, left rear, and Sidney Smith Jr., co-chairperson of the Youth Committee, prepare to carry the morning offering to the altar. Lisa Given, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Givens, was cross bearer. Gloria Heath, daughter of Henry Heath, Feleciene Moore, daughter of Men's Club president Jack Moore, standing, left, and an unidentified youth carried banner in procession. (Photo by Peeler's Portrait Studio)

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Join these community leaders on November 5 by voting YES for the bonds.

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