

**Edi Birsan's "TO BE DISCUSSED" List**  
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**Political Issues**

1. Directly elected Mayor?
  - a. In three year term separate office or
  - b. Top vote getter in each election (2 year term)
  - c. Alternatives defined rotation (see Walnut Creek Method)
  
2. Vice Mayor directly elected?
  - a. Second highest vote getter in Mayor's race or
  - b. highest vote getter in Council race (2 year term see Antioch Method)
  - c. defined rotation
  - d. leave it alone?
  
3. Change reporting to conform only with the state laws (reduce Admin all round)?
  - a. reporting limit \$100 instead of \$50
  - b. reporting dates conform to state- eliminate two extra dates just for Concord
  
4. Change limits on donations?
  - a. Raise limit on individual from \$1000 to \$2000
  - b. Change limit on PAC's from \$1500 to \$2000
  
5. Raise the salary/stipend of the Council equal to that of the bargaining groups: 2014 +\$26/Month Each YEAR to avoid major increases every 7=10 years?
  
6. Raise stipend of the Mayor +\$50 plus increase expenses for travel
  
7. Re-adjust commission terms in Aging to 2 years, Planning to a mix of 2 and 4 years?  
Look at expansion of Planning commission to 7 to get ready for the Base
  
8. Require Primary Residence for Council/Mayor?
  
9. Scientific Polling for issues such as direct elected mayor etc once a year?
  
10. Cap ballot statement costs at lower level regardless of increase in fonts?

## **Economic/Fiscal Issues**

1. New businesses get two years license for price of 1?
2. Start some sort of entrepreneurial micro or otherwise investment program partnering with a bank?
3. Get lease concept in action on some land?
4. Require payment of Yearly Required for health benefits?
5. Get some vesting concept changes on medical 5 year/ Council to conform?
6. Remove fees on Mother in Law units down town. (ex 8,000 dollars for park fee)?
7. Require a plan to bring unfunded liabilities and dependence on Measure Q down to -0- in the long range budget?
8. Statement to the community and council on unfunded liabilities every 6 months?
9. Raise minimum wage for city employed workers to a living wage?
10. Increase the discount for Concord based business from 5% at \$50,000 to 10% at \$100,000?
11. Get solar sourced in Concord on Government buildings. (Solar Park at the Weapon Station)?

## **Social Issues**

1. Establish School-City direct link= maybe assign a Councilmember to each of specific schools and the Councilmember to hold meeting at school in a meet and greet with Students and PTA-Direct School to City internship with High School and lower?
2. Local Police-city Sub station in the Monument and the North Concord area to promote long term community link?
3. Leadership Academy restart or redesign ?

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4. Change relationship with consultants and community- Example Bike... have bike community draft what they want and then have consultants formalize it?
5. Establish a permanent Bike-Pedestrian-mass transit function?
6. Expand bike lanes as a transportation plan?
7. Engage the community on a discussion on the return of Medical M. Dispensaries north of Highway 4>
8. Get the City involved directly with expanded School Programs such as music, sports, STEM setting a budget for it?
9. Establish a city run 'Civil Service' class like a trade school class?
10. Establish a City College Grant Scholarship for kids who graduate from our schools= Elementary+Middle+High School who go to a Contra Costa School and live home? Maybe start at \$30K total and then expand?
11. Expand Soccer fields, maybe at Pavilion or existing schools?
12. Get Senior Center open longer and cheaper?
13. Get more health swimmers and give out Lap Swimming membership to low income seniors and families. Make more use of facility?
14. Re-establish Jazz Concerts at Brubeck Park and spread concerts in the Park to other parts of the city?
15. Make a permanent homeless sweep of the river and other camps to close down the encampments
16. Build at least a 30 Dwelling unit facility for homeless placement with services on site (maybe convert a warehouse north of Highway 4.)?
17. Get the Family Justice Center started immediately with General Funds of \$200,000?
18. Restart a Senior Van transportation system?