

Raleigh City Council candidate answers to questions regarding the RDU Quarry from the Indy Week and the News&Observer are below (along with web links to the on-line article source).

Here are the questions and link to these answers and the other questions/answers:

IndyWeek Question: Wake Stone. Do you support RDU's quarry lease? Do you believe this case is something the city should involve itself in? Why or why not?

<https://indyweek.com/news/elections/candidate-questionnaire-charles-francis-raleigh-mayor/>

<https://indyweek.com/news/elections/candidate-questionnaire-zainab-baloch-raleigh-mayor/>

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<https://indyweek.com/news/elections/candidate-questionnaire-stef-mendell-raleigh-city-council/>

<https://indyweek.com/news/elections/candidate-questionnaire-david-knight-raleigh-city-council/>

N&O Question: Would You support the city filing a lawsuit against the proposed quarry on RDU Airport property?

Major: <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/election/article235139487.html>

At-Large: <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/election/article235139782.html>

District A: <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/election/article235139797.html>

District B: <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/election/article235139802.html>

District C: <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/election/article235139822.html>

District D: <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/election/article235139837.html>

District E: <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/election/article235139852.html>

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Charles Francis	Mayor	<p>Indy: YES, I believe the city should move to intervene in the lawsuit over the quarry. In arriving at this position, I met with Wake Stone executives, Umstead coalition representatives, the leadership of RDU Airport Authority, and heard from numerous people on all sides of the issue. I oppose the quarry deal for several reasons. First, it's inappropriate to put this public property which was taken under threat of condemnation from private owners to a private for-profit use with so little relationship to airport operations. Second, the process that RDU went through in executing this long-term contract did not comply with state law. Third, I don't believe that a 105-acre quarry pit on public land adjacent to Umstead Park is the right use for this property. Finally, the contract between the quarry company and RDU is not a good deal for the Airport Authority or the public. Once the contract is invalidated in court, Raleigh and the other municipal owners should work with RDU to find a better use for the Odd Fellows tract and reliable funding to pay for RDU's capital needs.</p> <p>N&O: YES, First, it's inappropriate to put this public property to a private profit-making use with so little relationship to airport operations. Second, the process that RDU went through in executing this long-term contract did not comply with state law. Third, I don't believe that a 105-acre quarry pit on public land adjacent to Umstead Park is the right use for this property. Finally, the contract between the quarry company and RDU is not a good deal for the Airport Authority or the public.</p>
Zainab Baloch	Mayor	<p>Indy: YES. The relationship between RDU airport and Umstead Park seems to be another example of corporate interests winning over environmental justice yet again. There is absolutely no way anyone should be in favor of a corporation mining stones in our county that has been known to have EXTREME environmental impacts since 1890. Quarrying rocks for 35 years will cause irreparable damage to our environment. It's important to note John Kane is once again leading this controversial and corrupt deal.</p> <p>N&O: YES. The relationship between RDU airport and Umstead Park seems to be another example of corporate interests winning over environmental justice yet again. There is absolutely no way anyone should be in favor of a corporation mining stones in our County that has been known to have EXTREME environmental impacts since 1890. Quarrying rocks for 35 years will cause irreparable damage to our environment.</p>
Justin L. Sutton	Mayor	<p>Indy: YES, I do not support the proposed RDU quarry lease. Yes, I believe the city should intervene as a plaintiff in this matter to take an affirmative stance on the preservation of our open spaces and precious natural resources. We must lead by example as good stewards of the earth.</p> <p>N&O: YES. I believe the city should intervene as a plaintiff in this matter to take an affirmative stance on the preservation of our open spaces and most valued natural resources. We must lead by example as good stewards of the earth.</p>

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George Knott	Mayor	<p>Indy: YES. I am proud those council members have taken a stand. I am all for the preservation of green space, and the environmental impacts will be felt far past the hole in the ground that quarry will leave. If the city has legal standing we should advocate against the quarry and if we do not I will use my voice to fight against it. My stance on the preservation of green space extends to the Dix park plan, which I am appalled by. We should leave that a green space, not turn it into a semi Disneyland attraction like the master plan calls for. Model it after Central park, a large green manicured park with walking trails. We will NEVER have another chance to preserve such a magnificent and overwhelming natural park for all citizens to enjoy. The problem with both the RDU quarry and Dix park is those in charge see every piece of land as a potential revenue generator. We can do better than that. Our parks don't have to make money. Our parks don't need to have event spaces and hotels and restaurants on them. There is enough of that. We have one chance and once it's built out it's gone forever. Once it's built up or mined, that's it, finito.</p> <p>N&O: YES: We only have so much green space and I want to protect all I can at any cost. The potential for it to become an environmental disaster is a real concern and after it's mined out, having an abandoned quarry on the edge of a state park is borderline criminally negligent. Just because there is a dime to be made is not enough reason to chase that dime at the expense of public safety.</p>
Caroline Sullivan	Mayor	<p>Indy: I would certainly prefer green, open space to a quarry; however, the next step for the proposed quarry on RDU Airport property will be decided by the courts in the next couple of weeks. Going forward, we need leaders who make decisions in a more transparent way, bringing together citizens, the city, county, and regional partners to find a balanced approach that is best for our entire community.</p> <p>N&O: NO. I would certainly prefer green, open space to a quarry; however, the next step for the proposed quarry on RDU Airport property will be decided by the courts in the next couple of weeks. Going forward, we need leaders who make decisions in a more transparent way, bringing together citizens, the city, county, and regional partners to find a balanced approach that is best for our entire community.</p>
Mary-Ann Baldwin	Mayor	<p>Indy: NO. This is going to be settled by the courts with litigation already filed.</p> <p>N&O: NO. A lawsuit has already been filed and the courts will decide this issue.</p>

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Russ Stephenson	At Large	<p>Indy: YES. Council’s best legal advice is that Raleigh has legal standing and legal grounds for intervening to halt the quarry lease that was signed without public input or consulting Raleigh and the three other local government owners. Instead, we should negotiate an outcome that is better for the airport, better for the environment and better for Umstead State Park. Long term, we need to establish a more collaborative working relationship with the Airport Authority.</p> <p>N&O: YES. Council’s best legal advice is that Raleigh has legal standing and legal grounds for intervening to halt the quarry lease that was signed without public input or consulting Raleigh and the three other local government owners. Instead, we should negotiate an outcome that is better for the airport, better for the environment and better for Umstead State Park. Long term, we need to establish a more collaborative working relationship with the Airport Authority.</p>
Portia Rochelle	At-Large	<p>Indy: YES. It is my understanding that the quarry would be destructive to the environment. Yes, I believe the city should be involved to take every means available to protect our environment.</p> <p>N&O: YES. It is my understanding that the quarry would be destructive to the environment.</p>
Carlie Allison Spencer	At Large	<p>Indy: no ans</p> <p>N&O: NO. I support the idea, but based on my research and understanding of the law, the city would lose. I don't want to put the city through a losing and expensive lawsuit.</p>
James Bledsoe	At-Large	<p>Indy: NO. I do not support the building of the quarry nor do I want to waste the tax dollars on joining a lawsuit on an issue we have no decision making process in.</p> <p>N&O: NO. I don’t believe Raleigh has a foot in that race. The land belongs to the RDUAA and does not a part of Umstead. There are pros and cons to the quarry including economic and environmental. The city filing a lawsuit wastes tax payer dollar under a council that already wants to raise taxes. That’s frivolous spending.</p>
Jonathan Melton	At-Large	<p>Indy: NO. I want RDU to have the resources it needs to be successful; that is very important to our city and this entire region - if the RDU Airport Authority Board thinks the quarry lease is necessary for the continued growth and financial well-being of the airport, I am inclined to defer to their judgment. I understand the environmental concerns given the site’s proximity to Umstead. But the mining industry is heavily regulated by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, and Wake Stone has no environmental violations in their decades-long operation of the existing quarry adjacent to the site at issue. This proposed quarry expansion was publicized years ago as part of the RDU 2040 vision plan. I would only support action on Raleigh’s part if all four owners of the land were involved. As a city council member, I would support a meeting between Raleigh, Durham, Durham County, and Wake County in an effort to form a consensus on how, if at all, to act. I think good leadership is acting in a manner that does not to inflate public fear, but works to reach consensus and builds coalitions.</p> <p>N&O: NO. I support talking to Durham, Durham County, and Wake County governments about options and coming to a consensus about how to act. Jumping immediately into a lawsuit, alone, would not be an appropriate use of city time or resources until we explore all options and bring every involved party into a discussion and form a consensus.</p>

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Nicole Stewart	At-Large	<p>Indy: NO. I do not support a quarry next to Umstead Park. However, this is not a simple, do you want a quarry yes or no. I wish it was. This is a complex reality that has many complicating factors, not the least of which, the City of Raleigh (and the three other owners) do not have jurisdiction in this manner. At the current time, the ongoing lawsuit brought by the Umstead Coalition is the most efficient avenue to fight the quarry, and I am watching it closely.</p> <p>N&O: NO. This is not a simple, do you want a quarry yes or no. I wish it was. This is a complex reality that has many complicating factors, not the least of which, the City of Raleigh (and the three other owners) do not have jurisdiction in this manner. At the current time, the ongoing lawsuit brought by the Umstead Coalition is the most efficient avenue to fight the quarry, and I am watching it closely.</p>
Sam Hershey	A	<p>Indy: YES. I do not support RDU's quarry lease, and I do believe the city should be involved as we should allow the courts to determine if we have standing. There are a couple of items that are not really discussed that I want to address, since it's well documented that I am opposed to the quarry.</p> <p>One, the city of Raleigh should do more to support RDU. They are a vital part of our economy, and we should work with them and the state to better support our airport. Two, we should never again allow another City Councilor to serve on the Airport Authority. It can create a conflict of interest, even when the person is ethically above reproach. This was a mistake from the beginning but something that we can get right in the future.</p> <p>N&O: YES. I am 100% against the quarry, but my preference is to join the Umstead Coalition's existing lawsuit and let the court decide the issue of standing. Furthermore, Raleigh City Council should never again appoint a current city councilor to the Airport Authority, as it creates a conflict of interest (serve one or the other, but not both at the same time). And Raleigh should figure out more ways to support RDU financially.</p>
Patrick Buffkin	A	<p>Indy: As an advocate for parks and open space, I do not support the quarry over a park and I expect that the pending lawsuit will reach a decision prior to my being sworn in, if I am elected. The key question is this: what are the city's rights to stop this quarry? If the current lawsuit doesn't answer that question, then I will support getting an answer so that our citizen have a voice in this decision. Regardless of how this lawsuit is resolved, if I am elected to city council, I will be a vote in support of Umstead park and preserving open space.</p> <p>N&O: YES. If the current lawsuit leaves it unclear as to what the city's rights are in relation to the quarry. Because there is currently a lawsuit pending that does not involve the city, this question may be answered before the new City Council takes office.</p>
Joshua Bradley	A	<p>Indy: YES. I do not support RDU's proposed quarry lease. If the lawsuit is winnable, I would suggest that the city join the lawsuit. Either way, it should be protested, because this land is proximate to the city and development of any kind on it impacts the quality of life of future and current residents. Furthermore, the city refrain from allowing RDU to use Raleigh police in quelling protests at the site.</p> <p>N&O: YES. I would go so far as to say, in this era of Extinction Rebellion and the urgency of combating environmental destruction, that the city should not allow its police force to arrest protestors on behalf of RDU.</p>

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David Cox	B	<p>Indy: YES. Obviously, the City Council should protect its ability to control what happens with properties that it, and by extension the citizens, own. Moreover, the proposed 100+ acre quarry next to Umstead State Park and Crabtree Creek is the worst, preventable, man-made environmental disaster of our generation. We are morally bankrupt if we do not pursue legal action to stop it.</p> <p>N&O: YES.</p>
Brian Fitzimmons	B	<p>Indy: NO. This past March, the RDU Airport Authority entered into a lease agreement with Wake Stone Corporation to develop a quarry on land located next to Umstead State Park known as the Odd Fellows Tract. This was not news. RDUAA made their intentions for this land known via their Vision 2040 plan that was released in 2017. Despite that, this has turned into a much larger issue only recently.</p> <p>Over these past few months, I have walked Umstead State Park land surrounding the Odd Fellows Tract with Dr. Jean Spooner of the Umstead Coalition, and visited with executives and employees of Wake Stone at their existing quarry site adjacent to the Odd Fellows Tract. In both cases, it's impossible to deny the commitment both have to our city and county. When I met with the folks at Wake Stone, the first thing I said to them was what I still feel today: if someone asked me if I would rather have a hole in the ground or not a hole in the ground, my first instinct would be to take the latter. I think most people would, including literally everyone running for Raleigh City Council now. But we live in a world now where everything has to be binary. You're either for us, or against us. It is rarely, if ever, that easy.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from the courts on whether or not 1. The City (along with it's other three partners in the RDUAA) have any say in the matter and 2. If there is validity to any claims made by those who have filed suit (Umstead Coalition and TORC). In the meantime, we can focus instead on protecting other lands surrounding Umstead, and preserving those for future recreational use. Our climate crisis is getting worse and worse by the minute. Let's focus on the things that we CAN affect, while we CAN affect them. We need to double down on Councilwoman Nicole Stewart's proposal to cut the City of Raleigh's greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050. We need to be advocates for concentrated, mixed-use density across Raleigh, giving people the ability to be less reliant on their vehicles. We need to invest in our public transit infrastructure so a single-car household might become more of a possibility. We need to commit to not using neonicotinoids and other pesticides on any land owned by the city. We need to continue our commitment to protecting land surrounding the Falls Lake watershed, protecting our drinking water. Let's take real, proactive action instead of clinging to an entirely reactive narrative.</p> <p>N&O: NO. From the beginning, I have had serious concerns and have not been in favor of a quarry. The problem now is that we're coming at this far too late, especially since the quarry was included in RDU's Vision 2040 plan, which was created in 2016. We need to focus on the things we can change with the same vigor that we do when focusing on the things we can't.</p>

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Corey Branch	C	<p>Indy: I am against the quarry and I believe this matter can be resolved without a lawsuit once we improve overall communications between RDU Airport and property owners.</p> <p>N&O: NO. I am against the quarry and I believe this matter can be resolved without a lawsuit once we improve overall communications between RDU Airport and property owners.</p>
Wanda Hunter	C	<p>Indy: No ans</p> <p>N&O: YES.</p> <p>Note: At recent candidate forum, Wanda Hunter indicated strongly that “I would be the 5th vote” for Raleigh to join lawsuit against quarry.</p>
Shelia Alamin-Khashoggi	C	<p>Indy: No ans.</p> <p>N&O: No ans.</p> <p>Shelia Alamin-Khashoggi has added to her web site:</p> <p>Umstead State Park: In response to a recent inquiry regarding Umstead State Park and the proposed rock quarry:</p> <p>Frankly, I have been baffled by this issue ever since a question was raised about it at a 2017 candidate’s forum at the Renaissance Community Clubhouse. I could not then (nor can I now) understand the necessity and rationale for a new rock quarry when there was already the Duraleigh Road rock quarry.</p> <p>My husband and I lived on Tournament Drive when we lived at The Falls Apartments before building our home in District C. We loved to go hiking at Umstead Park on the weekends. I love nature because I am still a country girl at heart! I miss having access to Umstead, but I still go for walks almost every morning. I am in favor of Umstead Park remaining a park and do not see a rock quarry enhancing the natural beauty of the park.</p> <p>This issue will again be on the City Council’s agenda Tuesday, September 17th. Hopefully, our current District C Council representative will step up to the plate on this issue this time. But in time past, he has not been committed to issues that are important to his constituents in District C. This is the reason why I am running for District C/Southeast Raleigh to make sure our community has a voice again on the Council; and, to protect what matters.</p> <p>Lastly, I would think that the four governmental authorities on the deed for Umstead Park would be the only ones that could legally make this decision.</p> <p>N&O:</p>
Ricky Scott	C	<p>Indy: YES. I do not support the lease agreement with Wake Stone, as a result, I believe that the city should join a lawsuit over the RDU Airport Authority’s quarry lease with Wake Stone. As one of the four owners of the property, any lease agreement must receive prior approval before coming into effect.</p> <p>N&O: YES.</p>

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Kay Crowder	D	<p>Indy: YES. I do not support strip-mining of our publicly-owned land. This is not a lease, it is a combined sublease and contract to sell a portion of the real property (the rock - legal term is "profit a prendre"). State law prohibits RDU from disposing of real property without permission of the municipal owners of the airport. The rock and minerals under the surface are real property. The municipal owners have not given RDU permission to sell them.</p> <p>The City should absolutely protect its ownership of property. Strip-mining will destroy the land forever, in return for a token payment to RDU. I have studied the projected income to the airport. I spent a large part of my career marketing investments, and I don't know if I've seen a deal as bad as this strip-mine. This sublease is a good deal for a few, but not for you. Or the City of Raleigh. I fail to comprehend why some of my fellow councilors support letting a private company effectively take public property for a token payment.</p> <p>N&O: YES. The City is one of the counties and municipalities that jointly own the property, which was not leased to the Airport Authority to sublease it for a use not related to aviation that will destroy it. Each owner has standing to sue, with a good chance of prevailing. Removal of the mineral makes this a sale of public property, not a sublease. There are not five yes votes on the Council needed to sue.</p>
Saige Martin	D	<p>Indy: The proposed lease (or sale) of the quarry by the RDUAA is detrimental to our community and our environment. If the City Attorney does believe that there is legal standing to challenge the lease then I will work to build relationships amongst the other three municipalities who also have a stake in the lease and the land. Any litigation would be far more compelling with all interested parties participating. I am committed to doing the deep organizing to ensure that your advocacy on the front lines is as effective as possible when it comes to your proposed outcomes. I'm interested in ensuring that we use all of our available channels to be successful.</p> <p>N&O: YES. On principle, I oppose the lease of the Oddfellows Tract. But I would also need confirmation from the City Attorney that there is an actual case for us to fight in the courts.</p>
Brittany Bryan	D	<p>Indy: NO. The RDU quarry situation is an incredibly unfortunate one. There are many better uses for the land in question. However, the City was involved with this decision as Council appoints two members to the Airport Authority board and gives them the authority to make these decisions, one of those members is also currently a City Councilor. So the City was represented during the unanimous decision to move forward with the lease. I think that makes joining a lawsuit much more complicated and problematic. While I personally hate the idea of a quarry there instead of a more environmentally sustainable use of the land, the truly unfortunate part of this situation is that the City WAS involved with the decision to move forward. Because of that, I think it is best to let the case play out without further involvement from the City.</p> <p>N&O: NO. I hate the idea of a quarry instead of a more sustainable use of the land, the unfortunate reality is that the City WAS involved with the decision to move forward. The Airport Authority has two representatives from Raleigh, one is actually a current City Council member. They voted unanimously for this lease. Because of that, I think it is best to let the current case play out without further involvement from the City</p>
April Parker	D	<p>N&O. NO. Although I don't like the idea of the quarry, it's necessary for RDU to be able to expand. The growth of the airport will stimulate Raleigh's economy, which is beneficial for the entire community.</p>

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Stef Mendell	E	<p>Indy: YES. I am one of the four current council members, along with David Cox, Kay Crowder, and Russ Stephenson, who believe Raleigh should join the lawsuit or file our own lawsuit over the RDU Airport Authority’s quarry lease. Mayoral candidate Charles Francis and District A candidate Sam Hershey also support taking action. Our City Attorney has confirmed that because we are on the deed, we do have standing to take legal action. I believe we are setting a dangerous precedent by not getting involved. And in the past when Raleigh has taken the lead on similar issues, the other three municipalities have followed suit.</p> <p>The RDU Airport Authority’s decision-making process has not been transparent or inclusive. Shortly after I began serving on the Raleigh City Council in December 2017, we began discussing holding a work session with RDU to discuss a number of items, including the issue of the potential expansion of the quarry. That meeting never happened and instead we were invited out to the airport in September 2018 for what was essentially a "dog and pony show." Several of us continued to try to schedule a more substantive meeting to no avail.</p> <p>In January 2018 I attended a celebration of the new shops opening in Terminal 2 and asked several Board members about the quarry, noting that I had been contacted by citizens who had concerns and seemed to think that some action was imminent. I was repeatedly assured that nothing was in the works. A few weeks later, on February 27th, the RDU Airport Authority called a meeting for March 1st and voted to lease the land for a quarry. Council member Dickie Thompson, one of our representatives on the RDU Airport Authority, called me on February 27th to tell me that this was the first he had heard of the deal.</p> <p>Furthermore, this deal does not actually appear to be a lease. When the lease is over, we will be left with a hole in the ground. And the quarry owners will have sold off the “contents” at a profit. Several years ago when RDU sold off timber rights, the four municipalities did have to approve the sale.</p> <p>It’s also not clear that RDU has made the best decision for the Airport or for the community. Financial analysis of the deal calls that into question.</p> <p>During my professional career, I regularly flew in and out of RDU. In fact, American Airlines has recognized me as a Lifetime Platinum member of their frequent flyer club based on my accumulating more than 2 million air miles during this time.</p> <p>I very much recognize and appreciate how RDU contributes to business and I want to work with them to understand how we can find mutually beneficial ways to fund the airport’s needs without endangering the environment.</p> <p>N&O: YES.</p>
David Knight	E	<p>Indy: It sounds like the lawsuit will be decided in the next few weeks, and I hope the courts rule that the city has a say in how this land will be used. I’ve spent my whole career creating and preserving public lands and open space, and given the chance on council I would vote for a park and against the quarry.</p> <p>N&O: YES. So long as the city attorney and staff supported that course of action. It’s likely that the current lawsuit will be decided in the next few weeks, and I hope the court rules that the city has a say in how this land will be used. I’ve spent my whole career creating and preserving public lands and open space, and given the chance on council I would vote for a park and against the quarry.</p>