

## Darren Wercinski's Responses to the Candidate Questionnaire

1. I do not support the expansion of Flying Cloud Airport because I believe that expanding the airport does not directly increase the quality-of-life for Eden Prairie families as outlined in my platform at [www.ep4families.com](http://www.ep4families.com). I believe that the negative impact to Eden Prairie families in the form of more noise, pollution, congestion, lower property values, etc. outweighs the potential financial benefit to the community. I spoke to hundreds of families throughout Eden Prairie on my 100 Mile Walk and found that the vast majority of residents do not support the airport expansion and it is my job to represent their needs.
2. I do not support the expansion of the airport runways.
3. Based on the information I have seen and talking to many families on my 100 Mile Walk, I do not support \$83M expansion.
4. The answer to the question, one must first understand what the standard operating procedure is today at the control tower and what it would be in the future when run by a private company. Assuming the company is ethical and it would be safe. However, I think it is more important to understand the motivation for why a company would want to take over government function. Usually the answer is that the company believes it can make a profit over time by growing the top line of revenues (more flights) or taking out costs (less employees). Given that motivation and my stance on limiting airport expansion, I do not feel it would be in Eden Prairie's families' best interests to have the air traffic control towers privatized.
5. I would seek to understand and endorse viable alternatives that limit the expansion of the airport and increase the quality of life for Eden Prairie families.
  - a. My platform outlined at [www.ep4families.com](http://www.ep4families.com) is based on meeting the needs of Eden Prairie residents. I am a strong willed leader who will not be influenced by lobbyists or special interest groups. I am paying for the majority of my campaign out of my own pocket and do not accept special interest money to further an agenda that is not aligned with the priorities of Eden Prairie residents.
6. If any mandate does not reflect the needs, priorities, and values of a community, it needs to be updated.
7. Based on my 100 Mile Walk and the consensus view that the majority of residents do not support future airport growth, I would work with residents, other council members, the Eden Prairie Chamber, and General Aviation to find alternative ways to support its capacity outside of expanding Flying Cloud Airport.
8. Yes, I agree and have spoken to concerned residents on my door-to-door 100 Mile Walk to understand what is important to Eden Prairie families.
9. Yes, I am familiar with the findings of this report at a high level.
10. As a Councilman, it is my role to get to the bottom of information, challenge the findings, influence other Council Members who may support the expansion, and make good decisions that increase the quality of life for Eden Prairie families.
11. I have heard about the weight restriction from families on my 100 Mile Walk, but do not have an in-depth understanding of all the details outlined in the Final Agreement and FAA laws at this time.
12. As a principle, I am not in favor of subsidization unless there is a clear benefit to the community that the majority of residents take advantage of the service on a regular basis to help increase their quality of life. To answer your question specifically as asked, however, I would favor subsidizing public bus transportation before the airport if I had to choose one over the other.
13. A slight "halo" effect is possible, but I believe the majority of economic benefit will go to the companies that are directly related to airport usage.
14. I am running as a non-partisan and focused solely on the priorities and values that are important to Eden Prairie families. My platform and ideas for change, outlined as [www.ep4families.com](http://www.ep4families.com) are based on hundreds and hundreds of conversations with Eden Prairie families on my 100 Mile Walk. I have not taken money from either party nor relied on a party to help get me elected. I have been out knocking in doors, listening to the needs of residents and understanding how I can help them. My approach is something I am very proud of and believe that it is the only way in which a Council Member can truly represent the best interest of Eden Prairie families.