

“If I were Mayor,...” by Avery Dekshenieks

If I were mayor, I would want to continue to support growth and development. There are many ways I could do this, but it would first take one big idea and a plan. I would start by coming up with a major attraction in Cumming to increase our growth. Then I would work on making our roads and commutes around our city much better. I would then continue to provide a better education for our children through better cultural attractions.

The first thing I would do is to build a soccer stadium. Cumming has come a long way since the 80's with regard to integration. The population has become more diverse in its ethnicity. Therefore, soccer has become a very popular sport among children and adults. I would build a soccer stadium to attract a Major League Soccer team or maybe even host the World Cup. This would bring lots of tourists and money into my city.

With this tourism money, I would repair roads such as McGinnis Ferry, Georgia 400, and Highway 141. We need to fix these roads on a priority basis to lighten the rush hour traffic. During busier hours of the day, these roads can look like parking lots. Another factor that causes traffic to be so bad is the construction. I understand that some roads need widening, but the construction workers must complete it quickly and work smart during the busier times of the day. I would also not allow as many traffic lights in an attempt to keep the traffic moving. Traffic causes a lot of people stress, and a stressed-out community doesn't make for a very good one.

Lastly, I would build more museums and educational centers for the arts. I would build museums more appealing to all ages to include theatre performances, famous artwork on display, and an outdoor amphitheater. This would bring my community better together socially.

One day, I hope to become the Mayor of Cumming. If so, these would be the first things I would do to make my community a great place to live. That's what I'd do if I were mayor.