

SSP100.001 *Democracy Inaction:*  
Questions for Mayor Valerie Keehn, November 17, 2006

Charter Revision Proposal

1. Why did you decide that it was no longer necessary to implement fully the 2001 revision of the charter and instead pursue another revision? Patrick Bruner
2. What do you think are the main reasons that the charter revision didn't pass? Ben Forman
3. Do you think the defeat of the charter revision was an informed decision by the voters? Danny Schwartz
4. Were you planning on running for mayor under the strong mayor format? Was that a motive for charter revision? Andy Rosenblatt
5. Why did you run for a position that has no power? Kaitlin Siehs

Current and Future Agenda Issues

1. What makes Saratoga Springs such a successful city? Simone Perez
2. What are your future plans for Saratoga Springs? Would these plans have been different had the charter revision passed? Molly Kidder
3. What plans do you have for tackling water issues, truck traffic, and parking in Saratoga Springs? Scotty Schwartz
4. How often does Skidmore College play an important role in your decision-making process? Anna Hymowitz

Leadership and the Private vs. Public Spheres

1. What is your relationship with the state government? Shaun Woo
2. Do you or did you have political ambitions beyond Saratoga Springs – e.g., to become a state senator or assemblywoman? Jeff Meyers
3. Before becoming mayor what was your role in the community, and what do you see that role being after your term ends? Mike Silverstein
4. What does it take to be a successful mayor? Hannah Harris
5. How difficult is it to separate your political life from your home life? Sam McKenney
6. As the second female mayor in Saratoga Springs' history, do you think your gender been a significant help or hindrance? Christiana Harden