1) What would you say makes your jurisdiction great?
There are lots of things that make the Springfield District of Fairfax County great. For starters we border George Mason University. We have the county’s most visited park - Burke Lake Park; we have the historic Town of Clifton - a small community with a big heart, great events and outstanding restaurants; we have Paradise Springs, the closest winery to DC; we have great shopping at Fair Oaks Mall; we have the Occoquan river and its scenic views and trails; and of course great communities from Fairfax, to West Springfield, to Fairfax Station, to Greenbriar. We also have the Mathy House – the residence of Mason President Angel Cabrera.

2) In 20 words or less, what message would you like to share with the George Mason University community?
I'm proud to have Mason in Fairfax County - making a difference in our county, country, and the world. Go Patriots!

3) What was your first job?
I grew up in West Springfield in a home with no central air conditioning so I lived at the pool during the summer – leading to my first job as a life guard at my community pool. Eventually I began coaching my swim team (the Village West Vikings) and became the pool manager until I graduated college and moved on to my first “real” job – as an accountant with the big eight accounting firm Arthur Andersen.

4) What do you do when you’re not working?
In addition to being an elected leader, I am also the CFO of a local government contractor leaving little non-working time. I picked up ice hockey at age 38 so you will find me playing late night games in adult leagues at our local rinks. I also enjoy water sports – everything from swimming to water skiing, walking in the woods with our lab Rex, watching sports (including Mason basketball), gardening, and spending time with my family.

5) What is the biggest challenge facing your jurisdiction today?
There are a few, but the age wave, or the silver tsunami, is one that is often overlooked. The nation’s population is aging and this demographic shift will have huge impact on everything from jobs and our economy, to our quality of life. In Fairfax County by 2020, there will be an 88 percent increase in residents over 70. As the Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisor’s 50+ Committee I am working with county staff and the community to prepare the county for this drastic demographic shift.

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