



## **NORTH CHARLESTON CANDIDATE SURVEY**

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### **PRIORTIES: What are your top three priorities and why?**

I am running for district 10, which is a new lay out for the district this year. I have lived in chicoria for 10 years.

1 zoning. We have to start thinking outside the box.

2 housing plan, affordable housing is a nice thought. But to implement it the city has to be heavily involved.and we have to have support from the state and the federal government.

3 making sure all communities in north Charleston are treated equal.

### **GROWTH: Charleston is experiencing overdevelopment that is pushing people into North Charleston. What is your plan to accommodate growth while keeping neighborhoods intact in North Charleston?**

It is really not the over development it is the pricing of the development. People are getting relocated to north Charleston based on housing prices. The market is crazy everywhere especially Charleston. As a city we need to support homeowners who live in the city now. We need better public transit ( the rapid transit that is coming, that should already have been here). It really boils down to zoning and making sure we have our neighborhoods and they mix well with other forms of development.

### **SAFETY: North Charleston has been ranked one of the nation's most violent cities in recent years. While the crime rate has come down, what will you do as a**

NOTE: Answers for each question were limited to 100 words. Answers were provided by the candidate in response to a survey by the Charleston City Paper. Candidates who did not return surveys were not considered for an editorial endorsement.



**city council member to make the city safer for families?**

I live in the most violent neighborhood in north Charleston. It has change drastically in the 10 years I have lived here. Controlling violent crime means controlling guns and well that takes cooperation with state and federal governments second it is lifestyle, drugs, lack of opportunity and education throw in lack of family support. We need to keep kids in school, we need to foster a better support for familys, we need to offer all people in north Charleston opportunity. That being said, I was the neighborhood president for chicoria for 4 years and worked with lamc to offer jobs to the neighborhood resident's. our success rate was lacking but not for lack of trying

**COMMUNITY: If you had an extra \$100 million to spend over five years to make North Charleston a stronger community, what one thing would you invest in and why?**

We need better housing, we need a system and housing program set up to foster home purchases for our city employees. I know north Charleston has worked with CCSD to help with our school buildings. More million dollar playgrounds in neighborhoods that need them. More community centers, more after school support ,more summer camp /program support. Our kids are our future we need to invest in them.