



NORTH CHARLESTON CANDIDATE SURVEY

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PRIORTIES: What are your top three priorities and why?

1. Lifting People Up and helping everyone succeed: I believe in empowering the community to be part of the decision-making process and ensuring everyone's voice is heard. I am committed to fostering economic growth that benefits all residents and creates job opportunities.
2. Protecting Our Families: I am dedicated to improving public safety and building strong relationships between law enforcement and the community.
3. Providing Quality Education: I believe in providing quality education for all children in North Charleston to prepare them for a brighter future.

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?

Balancing growth and neighborhood preservation is an ongoing process that requires careful planning and collaboration. It's important for cities to find a sustainable and equitable path forward to accommodate growth while maintaining the unique character and sense of community that we offer. Community engagement is critical because we must involve residents in the planning process to gather input, concerns, and preferences. We need to collaborate with neighborhood associations and community groups to ensure that growth aligns with residents' values and aspirations.



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 mayor to make the city safer for families?

Creating a safer environment for families requires a comprehensive, long-term commitment and collaboration across North Charleston. It's essential to listen to the concerns and ideas of our community and continually assess and adjust strategies based on their feedback. We need to promote community policing initiatives that encourage positive interactions between law enforcement officers and residents. This can build trust and cooperation between the police and the community. We need to use data-driven approaches to identify high-crime patterns, enabling law enforcement to deploy resources more effectively. We need police reform measures that enhance transparency, accountability, and oversight of law enforcement.

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?

I would invest in education and youth development programs. By investing in education and youth development, we can create a lasting impact that benefits current and future generations. Access to quality education and enrichment programs can provide children and young adults with the skills and knowledge needed to pursue higher education and better job opportunities. Empowering young people with education and life skills can reduce the likelihood of youth engaging in criminal activities. A well-educated workforce is essential for attracting businesses and fostering economic growth. The initiative could encompass extracurricular activities, mentorship programs, and support services for all students.