



NORTH CHARLESTON CANDIDATE SURVEY

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EDITOR'S NOTE: These answers have been edited for length (100 word limit per answer)

PRIORTIES: What are your top three priorities and why?

My primary focus for running is to promote equal voice for equal vote by providing equal funding by district. I have become increasingly involved in city government and found it is very difficult to get a direct answer to many questions regarding funding. ...

The second priority is infrastructure. Roads, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, these projects affect property values and if you don't fund them adequately you create poverty zones....

Public safety both in policing and environment, need to be addressed. We need faster police response. We also need environmental issues resolved. We have 3 contaminated run off ponds the city has not addressed for a decade.

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?

Population/Business growth is an issue for North Charleston residents. We can not allow the city to rezone or amend zoning to allow for growth without putting in the proper infrastructure. If we don't have adequate water and sewer for the current R1 zoning, allowing for multifamily/apartment will only make it worse. Business is coming let us be selective and allow for growth by companies that will support and improve property values and quality of life for the residents that will be effected. We can allow for growth

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.



that brings beauty and function and refrain from permitting growth that devalues the Community.

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 city council member to make the city safer for families?

Crime rates in North Charleston are higher than the surrounding communities in part due to lack of officers but also due to the lack of support in areas of the city that are under funded. As the 3rd largest city in the state we need to commit funds to the areas in most need. Removal of blighted homes and property is crucial. Criminal activities occur in areas of blight.

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 firmly believed the city has not properly invested in infrastructure throughout the city. There are very clear lines where the monies have been spent. A map of the city with district lines and all of the major previous projects, needs to be reviewed. A clear budget by district review completed. An overview of needs in the previously underfunded areas in regards to the infrastructure needs to be evaluated. That money needs to go towards safety issue related public works: roads, sidewalks, bike paths, lighting, contaminated run off areas, parks and recreation. INFRASTRUCTURE makes for a safer, healthier community.