

## **NORTH CHARLESTON CANDIDATE SURVEY**

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

Education I realized early on how important education was and it was reaffirmed by my high school's alma mater, which states, "Education is a possession of which no man can not be robbed." ... My desire is for every child to be academically prepared so that they can be competitive when deciding what post secondary life looks like for them.

Enhancing my community. I want to ensure that everyone in my community feels safe. ...

Community Liasoning of city/state policies. Maintain collaborative relationships with fellow council members. Design effective and inclusive processes for engaging the public. [Editor's note: This answer was shortened due to length of response]

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?

I will advocate for sound zoning and land use policies that will encourage reasonable 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 city council member to make the city safer for families?



Create a cohesive environment between the police department and the community, one of transparency, responsibility and accountability between all stakeholders.

Work with community members and organizations to support efforts to deter gun violence, including support of youth and families and youth programming.

Commit to continuous improvement based on data, and evidence-based practices.

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 building and updating community centers. I would employ high quality individuals in said community centers that not only can serve as after school counselors but be instrumental in the achievement of our children's success.