



## **NORTH CHARLESTON CANDIDATE SURVEY**

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

Affordable housing, public safety & accountability, and sustainable economic development are my top three priorities as they contribute to its residents' overall well-being, prosperity, and quality of life. Affordable housing ensures residents access to safe, stable, decent living conditions. It also allows individuals and families to allocate a reasonable portion of their income to housing costs, which leaves more money available for other essential expenses and discretionary spending. This increased disposable income can stimulate local businesses and economic growth. Crime reduction and prevention efforts create a safer environment for residents and companies, attracting investment, and the cycle completes.

### **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?**

Encourage intelligent growth principles, such as mixed-use development and increased public transportation options, which can help sustain growth without compromising the neighborhood's historic character. We must also identify historic areas and designate them as historic districts. Afterward, we can establish guidelines and regulations that govern development within these districts to ensure that new construction and renovations are in harmony with the historic character.

### **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?**

Making North Charleston safer for families will require a comprehensive and collaborative effort involving law enforcement, government agencies, community organizations, and residents. I would identify and partner with influential and trusted non-profit organizations, community groups, and faith-based organizations to provide support and resources to at-risk individuals and families. I would also promote economic development and job training programs to create employment opportunities, particularly in communities with high unemployment rates, as gainful employment can be a powerful tool in reducing crime.

**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 work with city officials, experts, and stakeholders to develop a comprehensive plan for allocating the \$100 million over five years. I would create a plan outlining specific goals, priorities, and strategies for addressing identified needs. The needs would be determined by engaging the community and experts to help highlight areas where the extra funds could make a meaningful difference.