



## **NORTH CHARLESTON CANDIDATE SURVEY**

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

My top three priorities are community safety and well-being, affordable housing, and infrastructure. People deserve to feel safe in our communities, whether they are at home, at work, or at play. Akin to well-being, families in our communities need to be able to afford safe and secure housing options. We also need to be reinvesting in our community's infrastructure to ensure the health and safety of our communities and provide for quality of life, including road maintenance, stormwater management, and city emergency services.

### **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?**

City planning and development need to take into account which areas have the infrastructure and capacity to handle new development or to incorporate new infrastructure to accommodate improvements to existing infrastructure before approving new projects. We need the ability to work with developers in the planning and funding phase to ensure that infrastructure improvements are included to lessen the impact on the community. I would also support targeted moratoriums on certain types of development if deemed appropriate for our city/community health and function.

### **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?**

As a council person, I would work to support the North Charleston Police Department in whatever ways are available to the council. I know that a current issue is the need for additional officers and the difficulty in addressing that need through recruiting. We must ensure that the city is making the resources available to find quality recruits and offer the benefits to support recruiting and retention. The city must also ensure that there is always an open path for communication between the police department and the citizens of our city, such that our officers are recognized as the integral part of our community that they are.

**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?**

Our children and youth. As leaders in our community we must build a collaborative relationship between our city, schools, and other stakeholders to ensure our children/youth are provided strong educational and developmental opportunities. Inclusive to this is the relationship to our schools, colleges, technical schools, recreation departments, non-profits and other community partners that can provide job training and career opportunities. Our children and youth are the future of our nation, state and city. Any investment in them will provide substantial dividends for our children, ourselves, and our community.



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.