

NORTH CHARLESTON CANDIDATE SURVEY

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PRIORTIES: What are your top three priorities and why?

- Provide safe and clean neighborhoods that we can be proud to live in.
- Take care of and improve what we currently have. We should zone for what we want; reduce sprawl, reinvest in the Remount and Rivers Ave areas, and create more affordable housing options.
- Promote pedestrian safety and protect our residential streets from passthrough traffic.
 Better walkability reduces traffic load and pollution while preserving livability for residents. Pedestrian centric streetscapes are attractive and functional.

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?

Update our zoning to ensure we are building what, where, and how we want: reduce minimum parking, setback, and lot size requirements. Encourage zoning for mixed use developments, especially along Rivers Ave.

Take care of what we have. Invest tax dollars on livability in existing neighborhoods. Clean up trash, revitalize city owned spaces in and around neighborhoods to provide value to our residents and emphasize access to public and alternative transit methods.

I support the LCRT. We should improve and expand pedestrian corridors with new sidewalks and crossings as well as protected bike lanes.



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 City Councilman I will work to ensure that my constituents voices are heard and represented.

The current Council has taken the first step already and approved pay increases for the police force that will help with morale, retention, and recruiting.

We need to ensure that our officers have the resources they need and that they can put an emphasis on being a part of the community they serve. Stable public resource officers and communication with community leaders provide an important feedback loop. Residents should feel safe with and confident in our police force.

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?

Infrastructure: \$60m to LCTR and \$40m to flood mitigation. Both are both backed by federal programs that make the dollars go further.

LCRT will reduce traffic and allow for redevelopment along the Rivers Ave corridor. Funding connections from adjacent communities to this system will make it much more effective. The Special Overlay District on Rivers can create more dense zones that the City can incentivize redevelopment for tax generating mixed used commercial/residential/lifestyle hubs.

Stormwater and drainage improvements enhance our residents' livability and fix long overlooked down-stream issues in areas like Filbin Creek. Improving drainage is something that we MUST address.