



NORTH CHARLESTON CANDIDATE SURVEY

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PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities and why?

Reducing Crime through positive policing programs— Our police force has a negative image and I want to improve that through programs that foster positive encounters with children and adults to develop trust and a more humane police department.

Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety- Right now it is dangerous for bicyclists, children and animals to walk our streets. I will strive to appropriate funds to provide pedestrian-friendly improvements to our roadways.

Green spaces Daily our green spaces and access to waterways are disappearing. We need to protect our parks and offer families, including our four-legged members, access to safe spaces for recreation.

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 support the existing Comprehensive Development Plan in place. The plan includes infill development of vacant lots and underutilized properties in the urban areas of North Charleston which will help to reduce sprawl. Historic Preservation of existing neighborhoods and smart growth coupled with community engagement will ensure that the growth we plan is aligned with the needs of established neighborhoods. Paramount to me is to keep our charm and livability while promoting sustainable growth.

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?

I will work with our Mayor and fellow council councilmembers to ensure funding to develop new and strengthen existing programs that get our officers out into the public developing the trust of our citizens. I will support funding to continue to have officers work in the school system strengthening relationships between our police force and young children. I will engage local non-profits and community organizations to support programs that provide job training to teens and young adults which can help to reduce crime by providing alternatives to criminal activity as well as teaching respect and empathy for each other.

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 support the rapid transit system! Having a reliable, safe, easy way for people to commute to work, restaurants and shopping districts is a critical tool to create a safer community and reduce traffic. It is proven to help reduce the number of vehicles on our roads. Our future growth, environmental health, and future generations are depending on us to make these critical decisions today. The Rapid Transit project's affordable transportation, use of alternative fuels and electricity, and sustainable easily accessible stations will improve our city. The current project will need hundreds of millions of dollars to complete but I would allocate my 100 million to help it to become a reality.