



## NORTH CHARLESTON CANDIDATE SURVEY

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

Auditing and assessing city cashflow, expenses, and balance sheet which have lacked transparency for years comes first. Incredible change is coming, the proposals for which do not happen without money.

Second, attracting talented staff with competitive wages in combination with housing subsidies for police, fire, teachers, and all city service employees in exchange for a commitment to work for the city long-term. Imperative is that North Charleston is a good (affordable) place to live, work, and play.

Thirdly, I will be addressing the environmental crisis exacerbated and ignored for decades making us a most polluted city. Corporations here will contribute.

### **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 gain insight from city council mentors from "like" cities Austin, Baton Rouge, and Hampton Roads with much discussed on this issue. I will prioritize a twenty-year development plan coinciding with major changes to how we zone, coinciding with needed infrastructure, emphasis on natural areas and near coast buffers. As former president of two neighborhood civic clubs, I have experienced hyper-local lack of support from city hall. Funding and attention to such are the key to understanding our residents' issues and promoting intact communities.



**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?**

For years I have spent hours with NCPD and helped the DOJ's hampered attempts make change after Walter Scott murdered. I applaud the culture changes within our police department over the last seven years and vow to keep that ball rolling, we have a way to go. My focus will be police/community relations. Attempts at improvement here have not provided results. Trust in and accessibility to our law enforcement is fundamental.

**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?**

The redrawing of our District 8 to now include communities like Liberty Hill, not just Park Circle. The clear, established racial divide between what communities receive funding and city services is appalling. These ignored communities need the funding others have received. Killing two, or more birds with one stone is my jam. The expenses of a car and its ownership are major barriers to financial security. Redesigning transit to put the use of bikes, individual electric scooters, LSV's and the like on the level we put traditional vehicles solves transit, financial, and environmental issues while strengthening communities and local employment.