

NORTH CHARLESTON CANDIDATE SURVEY

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PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities and why?

Safety: Our police officer numbers should match the city population. We need to Retain, Increase Morale and hope to achieve positive results. Police officers need to be allowed to be police officers while still building relationships within our communities, allowing us to get guns and drugs off our streets and out of our communities.

Education: Although the city has no control over CCSD, it is imperative to have a good working relationship with the Superintendent and the Board.

Employees: We must have fair and equal treatment for ALL city employees. Work towards an employee health clinic and day care options.

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 work with developers to keep neighborhoods intact and affordable, creating Public/Private Partnerships. We need to update our Zoning Ordinances to include looking at the density of neighborhoods. We need more home ownership where citizens can feel like they have achieved something great! We also need to catch our infrastructure up to our growth and require future developments to include infrastructure in their plans.



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 mayor to make the city safer for families?

I will continue to partner with non-profit organizations within our communities. I will request the re-establishment of specialized teams within the police department making it easier to focus on crime ridden areas. I will re-activate our Community Service Program.

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 one thing I would invest in is Communities! My wish is that ALL communities will be connected to each other, receiving the same attention and services as any other community. No more North End or South End, just One, Our City of North Charleston Community.