



NORTH CHARLESTON CANDIDATE SURVEY

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PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities and why?

Public safety, Infrastructure and Economic Development.

Public safety is priority to removing the assault of crime in our city. Being ranked number one for murder per capita in the state, is unacceptable. We must make our city safe again to maintain community and business and to remove the negative stigma that crime brings.

Infrastructure for better mobility and moving traffic within our city, as well as for accommodating more opportunity for housing.

Fiscal stability, Economic development needs to continue, in order to generate revenues so that citizens will not be burdened with increased taxes.

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?

To appropriately zone in areas where more density is best suited, such as along Rivers Ave. corridor where the future Lowcountry Rapid Transit route is planned.

Growth is inevitable. We must work strategically to accommodate growth with more dense housing areas, yet, be mindful of preserving existing communities, which can be achieved by creating Residential improvement Districts, to promote stability of existing community by oversight with current conditions and improving with better infrastructure, green space and amenities.



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?

Violent crime related to murder has reached the highest level per capita in the state. Other type violent crimes, rape, robbery, assault etc. have come down.

We need a zero-tolerance crime policy-not aggressive policing. I will back our police 100% to enforce the laws against the lawbreakers. We need to recruit to fill 50 vacancies in order to have stronger presence in community, which serves as a deterrent. Hire the highest qualified professional staff, while paying wages well above other local agencies and backing the blue, will ensure recruitment and retention for a quality police department.

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?

Establish a dedicated Capital Infrastructure Improvement Fund. The city has no funding reserves for future capital improvements and it's the biggest issue threatening the potential for increased taxes on citizens. Being the 3rd largest city with no type funding is merely, disregard for the best interest of the citizenry.