

Voters Guide Questionnaire

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[All questions have 50-word limits]

1. What combination of training, motivation and experience qualifies you for this office?

I am a passionate activist for governmental change to create an equitable society based on sustainable development, social justice, nonviolence, and representative democracy. I have extensive experience in consensus-based facilitation and have been in business administration for my entire professional career.

2. What is the most important issue in your district and what would you do to resolve it?

District One needs to have its infrastructure revitalized and maintained to improve our inner city for the health and welfare of all residents. I will work to give developers who specialize in sustainable, community-based economic and environmental models equal opportunity for contracts.

3. What measures, regulations and other strategies do you support to insure that new development in San Antonio contributes to the overall quality of life in our city?

I support following guidelines of healthy sustainability as advocated by organizations like Metropolitan Partnership for Energy, increasing public transportation methods, creating bike and pedestrian friendly communities, limiting development over the recharge zone, and educating the public on consequences of use of toxic materials, including gasoline, on air and water quality.

4. What are your criteria for granting tax incentives?

I support minimal use of tax incentives in exchange for: livable wages, smart energy practices (zero net energy use/carbon neutral), infill, minimal environmental impact, employee commuting options (alternative schedules, telecommuting, car/van pool programs, bus passes, etc), xeriscaping, ecological facility maintenance and custodial operations, and development benefits residents over profit margins.

5. What are your plans to make San Antonio more energy efficient?

Enforce efficiency standards for government buildings, e.g. changing light bulbs to LED/Compact Florescent. Create ordinances to encourage builders to exceed energy code by at least 30%, to provide incentives for building green and retrofitting older houses, and to mandate that all city-funded housing meet or exceed high-performance building standards.

I release for publication by the League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area my responses to this questionnaire.

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