

City Council Questions

- 1) Serving on City Council for your District, you become the voice for your community.
Tell us a little about yourself, what you have done in this District and why you want to serve on City Council.

I graduated from Baylor University in 2001 and worked in Waco before coming to San Antonio in 2005 for a job with a small company. I currently work as a programmer. I was previously in district 9 but recently was re-districted into 10. I have lived in the same location for almost 5 years. Most of my volunteer time goes into political activities and helping out others using my technical background.

I want to serve on the city council because I think there needs to be representation on the council to reduce government. We have plenty of people with plans to use government and manage it but I feel there is no representative to ask whether government should be involved. I think we need more people asking how to reduce government and put resources and power back into the hands of citizens.

- 2) ***Who are your current supporters for this political race?***

While I have many supporters, I do not have official endorsements. Groups are usually looking for specific ways to use government. I believe government should be fair and equal. It should not be used as a tool to give favor to any particular group. So it is a bit harder to get specific endorsements, but I am glad to speak and listen to any group that invites me. I think communication and understanding of issues is important.

- 3) ***What are your goals for this District? What are your goals for the City of San Antonio?***

I want to keep my role simple. Focus on the basic needs of the district and city. Streets and safety are the main concerns and that is what should be focused on. Reducing city debt and returning as much power to people as I can.

The program I want to push for most is a "city builder" website in which people can voluntarily come together to solve issues. Instead of relying on the council and politics to solve problems people should have the power to come together to meet their needs. This could be solving sidewalk issues, new police or fire equipment, or beautification projects. Money put into this would be controlled by the people and not politicians.

- 4) Counties in Texas have various powers and duties related to regulating land use, regulating structures, platting and subdividing of land. Other border counties also are allowed to require water, sewer and other utility service to residential property. Several bills that have been filed in the Texas Legislature deal with expanding county rule-making authority.

Do you support a counties' authority to have wholesale authority to regulate development through local rulemaking powers?

I support very strong property rights. I believe the property owner should be king and would oppose almost all claimed authority over someone's land.

I would be happy to comment on any specific regulation on land use.

- 5) City South covers approximately 80 square miles encompassing most of the land south of Loop 410, between Interstates 35 & 37, and extending just south of the Medina River. In 2003, a Defense Adjustment Management Authority (DAMA) was created. It was under this authority that City South Management Authority (CSMA) was then created. The CSMA was created to help control zoning and development. Currently, state legislation has been introduced to give even more control to the DAMA. If bills filed are enacted, the DAMA's oversight would be greater than that of City of San Antonio.

What is your opinion of the future of City South and efforts underway to expand their authority?

I am not immediately familiar with these authorities but I will comment as best I can in general. The state has ultimate say of course in these issues and I am not sure how the city could fight it. I am against creating many confusing and burdensome agencies that make government complicated. I think the state should make clear rules instead of many agencies. Competing interests such as these become political fights that erode liberty and property rights.

I believe this kind of thing was best put in the Declaration of Independence:

"He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance."

- 6) As San Antonio continues to grow, our road infrastructure is not expanding at the same pace.

What is your position on road development and expansion?

I believe this is a reason we should stick to basics. Quit expanding government and forgoing its basic promises. I am against the RMA and its sole reason for existing which is to create a double tax upon the citizens. I believe TXDoT is punishing San Antonio for its fight against toll roads and playing games with highway development. Pressure needs to be put on the state to quit diverting our gas tax money to other projects and saying we are out of road funding.

Our government at all levels needs to stick to basics. If it cannot handle that then it fails at everything.

This is why I am running. Make the basic promises of government work and quit its expansion into everything else. Keep individual rights and free markets strong. Let people have the power to make decisions and not politicians.