



QUESTIONNAIRE & RESPONSES

FIRST NAME: LAST NAME:
SEEKING TO BE ELECTED TO:

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. **While in office, what will be your top priorities?** Listening to the citizens and being available to them. Being impartial while listening to citizens and others present concerns, etc. Supporting what the citizens want for our city.
2. **What influenced you to run for office?** Sitting in city council meetings and seeing how some people were openly treated when they were clearly not liked. That should not happen. We are there to serve everyone in our city regardless of how we feel about them.
3. **Who do you look to for advice and consult when making decisions that will affect the public?** Prayer, the citizens, my family and others that serve our city in able to make the best decisions possible.

GOVERNMENT / BUSINESS REGULATIONS

1. **What are your thoughts on government's involvement with regulations for businesses?** There is a lot to unwrap there. It feels as though small business gets the short end of the stick compared to large corporations. I think there needs to be a line drawn but the question is at what point.
2. **Where do you see yourself on taxes and fees? What is your opinion on the current structure?** Unfortunately, taxes and fees are needed in order to keep our city funded to do the work necessary around our city. As prices have risen considerably for everyone, it also effects the cost of running the city. I think the best thing to do is make sure budgets are in line and see where, if anywhere costs can be cut back to avoid adding additional taxes.
3. **Do you believe businesses play a pivotal role in our community?** Absolutely!
4. **What role do you see for yourself in helping to grow businesses of all sizes in your position?** I think that depends on what the citizens want. We are a small city that sits between three other cities. Seeing businesses come in can be a good thing as long as we don't turn into a warehouse district. We need to find a balance where there is growth for both retail and small businesses.
5. **What are the most pressing issues in the office you are seeking as it relates to local businesses?** Ensuring we do not have so many big box stores that it pushes small businesses out.
6. **What does growth mean to you as it relates to business?** Growth can be good to a point. When it starts encroaching on existing homes and tearing down woodlands and filling in wetlands can be problematic. At the same time, you have to make room for growth and make a good decision as to where that growth makes sense. This is something I would want citizen input on.
7. **What have you done to enhance the business community in your area?** I try to shop small business as much as possible and our local retail establishments within our city.
8. **What are your thoughts on tax structures for local businesses?** That's something I would need to look at more closely and try to understand why it is structured the way it is.

RESILIENCY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

1. **Given our geographical area, what do you believe are some best practices for resiliency, and how do you believe our businesses can play a role?** We need to stay on top of and fix what we have now so we can be ready for the future. There are so many things that have been neglected and repairs have not been kept up with. We need to have protected areas so wildlife currently being displaced have safe spaces to go and live.
2. **Businesses could help by sponsoring projects such as making updates to our parks and beautification projects around town. It would be great advertising for businesses where their store names could be placed on plaques at those sites. When people see businesses that care about our community, they tend to want to shop at those establishments.**

FIRST NAME: Dana

LAST NAME: Knight

SEEKING TO BE ELECTED TO: Orange Cuty - City Council at Large

3. **Climate resiliency is becoming a heated topic of discussion as it relates to our community given the natural events that occurred over the past two years. If elected, how do you see your office assisting to alleviate and reduce some of the detrimental effects of such occurrences?** The best thing we can do is find better ways to do things that do not impact the environment. This is something already being addressed in our city.

WORKFORCE HOUSING / LIVE LOCAL ACT / EMPLOYMENT

1. **There have been conversations about workforce housing in our area, and the need to keep those that are working in the community, living within the community. Where do you see the need? And what are your thoughts on the Live Local Act?** While it's a great concept, it's not always possible depending on where you live. Many people have to commute to their jobs due to the type of work they do that is not available in our area. However, workforce housing would need to be affordable. I'm not sure what they consider the threshold for affordable because currently housing of any type is out of reach for so many.
2. **Workforce housing is only a part of the problem. How can we hire the best employees? How do we attract good applicants?** You have to address crime. If crime is statistically considered high in a city or specific area, people are not going to want to live or work there. Clean up the city, any city and make it look nice and attractive. Infrastructure is another thing to address. I have visited Australia several times and have to say their Infrastructure is pretty on point. They use a lot of roundabouts which cuts back on the need for traffic lights. That in itself keeps traffic moving and cuts back on costs to the city. Traffic is always a hot topic when people are making a decision as to where they want to live.

* ** For State Candidates Only ***

PROPERTY INSURANCE (STATE CANDIDATES ONLY)

1. **Name ways that you believe your office can assist with the cost of property insurance.**
2. **Do you believe current measures taken to lower insurance, such as, reducing frivolous lawsuits, will have a positive impact? If not, how so and how can it be fixed at the local level?**