

# Questions for City of Georgetown City Council

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## **Question 1: Why do you want to serve on Georgetown City Council?**

I believe I bring a unique experience and perspective to the city council. My years of teaching, educational administration, and local involvement in Georgetown, have demonstrated the need for effective change in our community that creates tangible solutions for people in the realms of accessibility to grocery stores, expansion of public transportation, and improvement of our infrastructure.

## **Question 2: What should the City of Georgetown's role be in Economic Development?**

When I think of economic development I think of living wage employment. I believe the city need to be more proactive to garner jobs here in town that pay living wages.

## **Question-3: What is your vision for quality Economic Development in Georgetown?**

As a city, we need to see the value in investing in technology. Apple is opening a corporate campus in Williamson county, Georgetown is a viable option for the population this will attract - but we are currently not providing the infrastructure to attract small business and entrepreneurs. It is my belief that a vital part of this infrastructure is internet, the City should put forth an effort to create a competitive market with more providers and a vast diversity of housing for all size families.

## **Question-4: What is the biggest infrastructure gap facing Georgetown over the next three years?**

Internet. We could be laying the cables down now while we are completing road projects. I believe the City currently exhibits a the lack of consideration for future technological advances that affect markets and can improve quality of life of all residents.

## **Question-5: What is the biggest infrastructure gap facing your district in Georgetown?**

Sidewalks and bike paths. Transportation is a big deal and if the city makes no attempt in the near future to expand our bus route we need to provide our residents different means of transportation ie laying down more sidewalks and expanding the bike lanes in the master plan.

**Question-6: Across the country, cities have pass regulations requiring small businesses to pay a higher minimum wage and/or require businesses to offer paid sick leave. What is your view on the City of Georgetown adopting similar ordinances that could impact the daily operations of businesses?**

I think that it should be put to a vote and let the citizens of Georgetown decide.

**Question-7: The public input of the 2030 plans identified the city taking a larger role in health and human services. Where does this fit as a priority?**

Major priority. We need to be planning to adopt a health department. By the time Georgetown hits 100,000 in population, having a health department is going to be a necessity for the city.

**Question-8: What opportunities do you see for Georgetown to work with other cities in Williamson County for regional solutions?**

We should build a coalition. We have city council members that meet up regionally already but we are in need for a specific design to share knowledge and information about the services that are being provided. I see what happening with Hutto's water contracts and the utility contracts in Bartlett and how they are interestingly similar to what we are dealing with in Georgetown.

**Question-9: How can Georgetown monitor land use to ensure housing meets the needs of the workforce?**

Many years ago, the City made a clear line in the city distribution of wealth divided by 1-35. That is in our 2030 Land Use Element chapter. That division continues today. I would like to see development geared to the amt of poverty following the plan that exist in our 2030 plan.

**Question-10: What is the biggest concern you have heard from businesses and how do you plan to address these concerns?**

Rent prices downtown and along the city of Georgetown are really exp along with utility cost. I plan to address this by getting us under control and also looking at lower cost dev on the east side so small business can remain sustainable in Georgetown.