

Questions for City of Georgetown City Council

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

I wish to continue to serve my community. Georgetown has provided a great home for me and my family, so giving back in any way I can is important for me. The knowledge and experience I have attained in business and being a part of the City Council, gives me a good understanding of many pending city projects and what it will take to add them to the list of successful accomplishments the City has attained.

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

The City should actively recruit quality companies in diverse industries.

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

Strategically pursuing companies from diverse industries that bring jobs with higher wages and benefits to the City of Georgetown.

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

Maintaining, expanding, and adding to the transportation system to ensure effective connectivity for all.

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

The lack of retail/commercial amenities. In order to increase the quality of life in District 7, retail and business options need to become available. Citizens in our district need to be able to shop and receive services closer to home.

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 believe in a free market! The market should decide the appropriate wages and benefits based on the specific job. Any government-required increase in wages and benefits hurts small business owners and those seeking employment in these businesses.

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?

It should be defined and considered when appropriate for the City of Georgetown to be involved.

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

Transportation is the challenge I believe we need to work together to find the best solutions.

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

The City should be monitoring policies and regulations, looking for ways to minimize development cost where appropriate so those savings can be passed on to the consumer. The market will dictate the type of housing via demand and the city should provide aid where possible to meet the demand.

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

Requirements associated with City policies and regulations that add cost to overall projects. The City should continuously review our policies and regulations to remain competitive and not add any unnecessary costs.