

Questions for Georgetown Mayoral Candidates

What was the most important factor that influenced your decision to run for mayor of Georgetown?

We need change. We can not continue to do what we have always done. We need to do different things in order to effect a different result. As a police chaplain, I care very much about our law enforcement officers and I want to increase their funding. I also want to effect change to our growth trajectory... we are growing too fast, at a harm to our community.

What is your ideal vision for the future of economic development in Georgetown?

Helping, incentivizing, and encouraging small business owners that have been in this town for generations, decades even, is my vision. We currently cater to and incentivize and encourage big businesses, who in turn often take more from our community than they give or invest, so I would like to improve upon that disparity or balance.

The Mayor's position serves as the leader of our community during a state of emergency. How would you best describe the role of the Mayor during a state of emergency like the current pandemic?

Our small businesses suffered a lot during the coronavirus pandemic. Single parents and working families were also hit hard. And many of us citizens longed for answers, or just communication. As Mayor, I will work to revive small businesses through creative relief programs. I will partner with non-profits to help families get caught up on life. And I will be available, serving as that strong leader who makes tough decisions, when you need it most

Based on what you perceive to be Georgetown's greatest challenges, describe the first 3 initiatives you would undertake as mayor to address these challenges.

Public Safety... I would take an in-depth look at our traffic, while also recommending we increase funding to our law enforcement officers.

Community Involvement. I am not going to just put my friends on the boards and commissions. As a Masters in Business Administration (MBA), I will look at all of the applications and will allow YOU, to help US, better run this city. We need a diverse cross section of qualified applicants from our community, to help lead it.

The Pandemic. We do have some needs when it comes to the homeless, small business owners, and many others who have been disproportionately affected by the Coronavirus. I will continue to make sure their needs are taken care of, as I have done for the past several months.

What do you think has been our City's greatest accomplishment within the past 10 years?

Our crime rate is very low, and that is attributed to Chief Nero of the Georgetown Police Department. Georgetown also has a family feel, a charm, that my wife absolutely loves, and I look forward to protecting these amazing things.

What makes you the ideal candidate for the Mayoral position?

I am passionate about improving our community, and I do not have conflicts of interest that might preclude me from making smart decisions. I also have years of General Manager, Director, and CEO Level experience, to include serving as a Navy Warfare Officer, so I know how to lead a complex organization, from the top.

If elected, how would you want the people of Georgetown to remember your time as mayor?

Going back to the City Charter, the Mayor's job is ceremonial, and emergency management. I would like to be remembered as the guy who showed up to the boy scout meeting or ribbon cutting, with a smile, while also being a smart businessman who handled things well behind the scenes. I want to be remembered as the face that reflected the love, unity, and charm that is Georgetown. Lastly, as a former naval officer, should an emergency happen, I want to be remembered as mayor who led well.

What do you believe is the biggest threat Georgetown faces, and how would you address the issue if elected?

Our biggest issue is our skyrocketing growth and I will manage it by NOT incentivizing or encouraging growth that harms our community. By no means can (or should) we stop the growth that is coming to Georgetown, but if we do not stay in front of it with infrastructure and finances and resources, we could harm the charm that makes our community special.

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