

Questions for Georgetown City Council Candidates

What was the most important factor that influenced your decision to run for Georgetown City Council?

As an Austin native and former business owner there, I can attest to what happens to a City when they choose not to recognize or embrace their growth in planning and preparation. Now, almost 30 years later, Georgetown is and has been receiving unparalleled growth. How we handle the growth of today will determine OUR success in the coming 30 years too.

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

Attract high quality employers balanced with attainable housing costs for residents.

The City of Georgetown is currently looking at a mobility bond. Based on the current information available, would you support a call for a bond vote?

YES, mobility for Dist. 2 west of I-35 on 3 major routes needs immediate evaluation & improvement. Transportation is consistently on of the top constituent concerns for COGT surveys.

What is the biggest infrastructure gap facing your district in Georgetown?

Williams Drive congestion I-35 to Sun City.

Over the coming years, TxDOT plans a major reconfiguration of the Williams Drive overpass of Interstate 35. This project will impact businesses in this corridor and in your district. How do you plan to work with TxDOT and City Staff to ensure the businesses do not have another unnecessary burden on their operations?

Communicate as thoroughly as possible with COGT staff, TxDOT, and any affected parties to mitigate undue burden and insure adequate communication to all businesses.

The Chamber surveyed our members and 80% of those surveyed agreed or strongly agreed that “government should avoid action that unnecessarily raises the cost of housing so that our housing is as obtainable as possible for the community's workforce.” Based on these results, how can local government avoid action that unnecessarily raises the cost of housing?

Attempt to streamline the Development and Permit process for new construction while making every effort to have these new neighborhoods in our city limits & tax base as opposed to ETJ. Further, attempt to limit additional COGT Development fees as these additional directly impact the end user.

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

Again, attempt to lessen the real or perceived difficulty of burdensome City regulations for the betterment of local businesses.

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

\$5mil. spent downtown revitalizing Historic Architectural Assets with a total of ±\$50 Mil. in the last 10 years. The Historic Square is more vibrant and alive today than ever before.

What makes you the ideal candidate for the City Council position?

Uniquely qualified to lead on Day 1 from years of proven leadership in business, participation in multiple city boards, youth coaching, and as a church elder and Sunday school teacher.

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

Unchecked Growth is our biggest threat. We need additional high-quality commercial growth and increased attainable housing for residents. Attempt to increase sales tax revenue through growth and shop-local campaign.

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