

Mayor and/or City Council 2021

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

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2. Candidate for Ward # (if applicable)

Mayor

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2. Candidate Background

7. Occupation/Work History (last 5 years - 25 words or less)

*Yellow-IT/Software Dev_2017-Present

Scrum Master/Project Manager/Business Analyst

*Sprint_2006-2017

Data Analyst & Network Operations Analyst

*Loving Mother_2005 to Infinity and Beyond

8. If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held.

I am a huge supporter and advocate for shopping and eating local. Mission's small-town charm is such an asset.

Through the City of Mission, I am grateful to have been a member of the NEJC Chamber since 2014.

Since 2014 I have enjoyed being an active and vocal supporter of Mission Forward, the Mission Business Partnership, and now the Mission Business District. I love Mission, and its businesses remain 1 of the 3 focus points of mine as a City Council member. (The other 2 being residents and employees) This will not change when I am Mayor.

9. Other recent political/community experience (50 words or less)

*Mission City Council

-Member_2014-Present

-President_2019-2021

*Smiling Hearts Foundation/Mission Community Food Pantry-Director/Treasurer_2020-Present

*Autism Advocate_2013-Forever

*Active Supporter-Mission Project/DownSyndromeGuild

*Mission Comprehensive Plan Selection Committee_2019

*SMSD Strategic Plan SteerCommittee_2018

*SantaFe Elementary Site Council_2015-2016
*Community Development Chair_2015-2016
*Mission Citizens Academy Graduate_2015
*Parks&Rec Master Plan SteerCommittee_2014
*Johnson Drive Parking TaskForce_2014
*PTA/Lifetime Supporter
-Hocker Grove_2019-2020
-Rushton Elementary_2012-2018

3. Issues and Policy

10. As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues? (100 words or less)

*Demographics/Diversity/Inclusiveness-In the quest to secure diversity/inclusion, we've had many discussions/meetings/work-sessions regarding goals/changes/action. Our scope should mirror the value we seek without limiting focus on any single "difference".

I'd like to shift focus from the issues themselves to our strengths. We are a city of all ages/abilities/backgrounds/experiences.

I've encountered my fair share of discrimination, but I'm proud to serve a community that sees me, not my differences. THIS and experiences like this are where we should focus.

*Economic Development-Fostering an environment that promote the strong relationships between the city, its businesses, and their patrons.

*Fiscal Responsibility without sacrificing quality

11. What are your views on the services and value the City's citizens receive for their local tax dollars? (100 words or less)

I'm proud of the many services Mission provides for its citizens. We must continue investing in their quality along with showcasing them for citizen awareness. Services are no use if they aren't quality, and nobody uses them.

Just like anything else over time, change is inevitable. Which is why we continue to review, revamp, and reinvest in services.

A few of my favorites are the Neighborhood and Business Investment grants. Not only are we willing to invest in ourselves as a city, but we are willing to invest in our citizens because to me, you all are our greatest asset.

12. What changes, if any, would you like to see to the City budget? (100 words or less)

Budget season, usually starts in April giving us enough time to hit our (required) end of August deadline to submit next years budget plan. That's 5 months of the year spent on meetings, discussions, data review/reflection, and decisions pertaining to our plan for next year's budget.

13. What role, if any, do you believe the City should play in economic development to bring jobs and capital investment to the community? (100 words or less)

We should continue to provide effective tools, guidelines, and practices with realistic expectations. Positioning ourselves as a strong and welcoming partner.

14. As the City considers future development and redevelopment projects, describe your views on how the City should best manage and balance growth? (100 words or less)

There is no blanket plan on how to manage and balance growth when considering development/redevelopments. We must look at them all individually and stay educated on the tools and resources available in order to make the best decisions for our citizens.

15. What is your philosophy on the role the City should play in terms of metro-area issues? (100 words or less)

Our responsibilities as a City:

* Stay informed and educated on issues

* Ensure Mission is represented by actively participating in discussions, collaborations, and decisions relating to any issue that directly affects us

* Consider and understand their impacts to our residents and businesses directly and to the city as a whole

* Streamline all the above info to our residents keeping them informed of not just the issues, but their options in terms of participating or weighing in on discussion, decision, etc.

16. What do you believe the takeaways for the City should be, if any, from the COVID-19 pandemic experience? (100 words or less)

We have learned so many lessons in this past year. We must continue to evaluate, adjust, and prepare for potential future issues.

17. What do you believe are the greatest challenges the City faces over the next ten years and how would you address them? (100 words or less)

I do not like to play the guessing game. Overall, I would like the us to stay informed, proactive, and flexible in as many aspects as possible. Positioning us best for success.

18. Why are you seeking this public office? (100 words or less)

I love Mission. The people who live here, work here, and visit. We are Mission. If you know us, then you know.

19. What do you believe makes you uniquely qualified to serve in this position and most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race? (100 words or less)

*City Council President experience- I've stood in for the Mayor on numerous occasions.

-Chairing Committee and Council meetings

-Ribbon cuttings

-Emceeing events like the Holiday Tree Lighting and Pearl Harbor Remembrance events

-Judging for Rushton's Arbor Day Poster Contest

*Serving my eighth year on City Council. Not only have I had exposure to these job duties, but I am working on 8 years of:

-Budget Seasons- Process, strengths/weaknesses, unique situations, etc.

-Development/Redevelopment Plans with the many different economic tool types

-Johnson Drive/Broadmoor Redesigns

*Mission-Minded - I've been very much a part of this community for years, even without politics.