

Hello, for the Del Mar Foghorn, we will be doing a spotlight on the mayoral candidates in our issue that will come out shortly before the election. Due to limited space, we are only allowing answers to be less than 150 words. If you do not respond by April 27, we will note that you did not reply to our requests in the paper, however we want everyone to answer! This will be a good way for DMC students to learn about each of you before the election and we can't wait to read your responses!

Sincerely,

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Mayor Questionnaire

1. What steps will you be taking towards helping fix the infrastructure in Corpus Christi? Cut funding towards "Pinterest projects" and redirect them towards city infrastructure needs. Propose Desal plant, recycle grey water and sell brown water. Send small business contractor out to patch pot holes instead of a multimillion dollar contractor.
2. When it comes to public transportation, what are your plans? Ride share with restrictions such as rideshare insurance and background checks. Wider roads to handle HOV lanes, bike lanes, lighting and sidewalks.
3. What will you do to progress education in Corpus Christi? Good question, It starts out in grade school to push them learn to deal with real world problems not how to pass a test. Ensure funding is available for students wishing to attend college. Free GED classes.
4. Do you support more non-discrimination legislation directed towards the LGBT community in Corpus Christi? I am a Christian, While I am not a member of the LBGTQ+ community I have friends and family that are. I love them and do not want them to feel unwanted. I did mention I am a Christian because through Gods love I have a love for all my brothers and sisters no matter race, religion or sexual preference. While I do have issues with men using the ladies restroom, I think parties should come together to meet on common grounds. It is sad that other cities around the country have accepted people for their race, religion and sexual preference but we are still in the 1800s. Your question is kind of broad if it was narrowed down into biological male identifying as a woman using a restroom for ladies I would be against it nor would mandate any business to accept it but if by the kindness of their heart they want to do it that ill be fine with it. I go by a simple principle , just because I do not agree with something does not mean I have to burn it down. If a business was to say no gays allowed, well them my friends I will be the first to lead your charge! If the public wishes to fund any type of a single restroom stalls I will be proud of them in their steps towards really making our country great again.

5. Aside from the roads and water, what would be your highest priority during your time in office?

Bringing our community together! I love to joke , laugh and have fun I think with my comedic stand point the citizens and city staff will respond better than having someone try and crack the whip on them. Animal control and Vector control I have on my Facebook plans to help the ACVC dept. Chief F. Simpson and Law Enforcement Expressway which will add 100 miles of NEW expressway around the outskirts of Corpus Christi, such as in San Antonio. MLMB fine for empty lots and buildings. Sexually Orientated Business tax to help funding for preventing domestic violence , sex trafficking, education, awareness, legal assistance and counseling.

6. What are your plans to help fix the homeless problem in Corpus Christi?

Mandate all multimillion dollar projects to hire a set number of low income and homeless. Ask the city to come together for work clothes. It does not take much for there large companies to provide adequate housing on the job site for the length of the project . PLEASE SEE MY CALLER TIMES INTERVIEW ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT I REALLY HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD.

7. Do you support the ban on plastic bags? Why or why not? I am not opposed to grocery chains enforcing their own ban but the city will not go that route. How ever I am for adding a .10 cent tax CAPPED at .10cents added to the end of every purchase to help prevent trash, clean up and landfill issues

8. Do you believe in climate change?

Yes and I do feel humans have a part in it but also I do believe mother nature herself is changing. That is what she does , the earth is a living creature. Best way I can explain it, is how many T-rexs did you see driving a Prius to work?

9. If another water crisis is found out to be caused by a refinery or other business, how will you deal with the responsible party? An elbow drop off the top rope!! With my plan for the Desal plants we would disconnect any lines going to the industrial district forcing them to buy water from the plant (which is how I plan on funding it) . Code enforcement has dropped the ball because they are understaffed but it would be to hire more officers to over watch back flow preventers as well as make sure every home built from this point on has a back flow preventer. Offer tax incentive for home owners that do have a back flow preventer. My plan is to charge everyone 5\$ a month for two years. By that time each homeowner has about 120.00 in a city owned savings account then offer 200.00 in tax incentives to home owners that already have a working back flow preventer. After that work with small business owners to work with home owners in giving a discounted price. The overall picture is the city will use funds gained and interest funds towards homes that can not afford a back flow preventer and offer discounts to

those that can. Get with real estate companies to inform them they will be fined heavily for selling a business or home that has not been inspected. Block sell if code upgrades are not met.

10. What will you do to fight pollution and environmental problems in Corpus Christi?

With my Chief F Simpson and Law Enforcement expressway it will allow for a HOV lane and best yet it will ease traffic on other areas of the city for new or wider bike lanes. So many people want to ride a bike but are afraid due to the traffic. Encourage companies that specialize in solar and wind to start up in Corpus Christi by removing any red tape or confusion so that home owners and businesses can go green. The city recycling dept need a major overhaul. If you take a free product that is recyclable and still do not turn a profit then something somewhere is wrong.

11. What departments do you feel need more funding and less funding?

WHICH EVER DEPARTMENT IS IN CHARGE OF THE "PINTEREST PROJECTS" WILL BE CUT! 1)water including fresh and waste water 2)street 3) animal control

12. What areas do you feel can be remedied during your term within the city.?

With a year and a half to go in this term I would have to hit the ground running but it would be to lay down a solid base foundation so the next person can succeed, if I get reelected awesome if not then the next person shall be left in great shape to succeed.

13. What will you do to revitalize downtown Corpus Christi? I have proposed a MLMB fine which will fine owners of these empty lots and buildings every month. Look at an area downtown with empty lots that charge event parking but claim a loss on their taxes. Well we are going to fine them every month for the city losing revenue. With that extra funds it will trickle back into curb appeal , better drainage, roads, lighting, bike lanes, and the list goes on!

14. How would you lead the city?

From the bottom-up! If I can show I care about my job and the city then other people will show more pride in what they do.

15. What will you do to show people that the water in Corpus Christi is safe? Open and transparent records from the water department, no calling no emails , just BAM! right there online daily for everyone to read the test results.

16. The mayor's position is a non-partisan seat, how will you ensure that partisan politics do not take precedence while making decisions?

Honestly I have a headache talking about that, everyone needs to chill out!. Republicans are not always right, Democrats are not always right. We need to do what is best for the country by working together not bashing each other ideas!

17. How will your background help you be mayor?

As the youngest candidate out of this group and if elected I would be the second youngest behind Roy Miller who was mayor at 29. I would bring a outside the box mentality to the group. I

know that just because something has not been done before does not mean it can not be done. By being a team leader and player we can accomplish our goals for the city. I business minded and I see that departments need to be able to function with out causing debt.

18. How will you be transparent to the citizens? I would like to see more open meetings. I said in a Caller Times interview the council needs to go back out into the streets not to the donors or supporters houses but average Joes. Goto the citizens and not wait till they come to you. My plan is to give 3 tickets for council that live in their district and 8 tickets for those that do not live in their district . With those tickets they are to goto average Joes (which means I do not want to see them on the donor list) and talk with them and give them that ticket as an invite to a council meeting. They will be first to sit in before general public so that I know the council is going out talking to the community. If they don't then they face a penalty.

19. Will you introduce any legislation to bring down hate crimes, domestic violence, or any other forms of motivated violence? Federal and state already have hate crime enforcement but I think awareness in school and acceptance is more of what we need.

20. If you do not win the election, what're your plans?

They say the camera adds 5 pounds to your body, some how when I left the station it kept adding on. My plans would be to relax, get back in the gym and enjoy family time. After that I will be right back in it planning for the 2018 election.

You can also include a short bio of where you are from, your education, past experience, and where to find more info about yourself.

I grew up quick! As kids my sister and I bounced around until my grandparents took my in about 12 years old in which I took care of them (not many 12 year old would drive a car but I did) . Both my grandparents are children of the Great Depression so their wisdom and insight was valuable. I was taught to never look down on my situation but to keep striving to reach my goals. At 19 I became a apprentice electrician in two years I passed my Journeyman Electrician exam. My supervisor knew me as the kid with hard work ethic. No matter the task I took it on, Yes sometimes I did fail but I gained experience in my trials. At 29 I passed the Master Electrician exam and opened Landmark Electric Company. Today at 32 I am here asking for your vote for Mayor of Corpus Christi. Thank you and god bless

...BTW you forgot a very important topic that is coming soon, What about open carry in schools???

My response is : I am a supporter of the second amendment but enough with the open carry. Concealed carry works just as good there is no need to walk around holding a gun, the wild west days are over!