



2009 SAN ANTONIO CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES' QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. How will you protect the Edwards Aquifer, our City's drinking water source, if elected to City Council?

- A. Continue to monitor the issues.
- B. See where they went wrong in California, possibly sending staff members.

2. Please identify priority water issues in your district.

- A. Pumping restrictions
- B. Keeping cost to customers down
- C. How to bank the water

3. True or false: The Edwards Aquifer filters stormwater runoff that enters it.

This is not a true or false question because the Edwards Aquifer does filter some of the runoff but not all of it. Neither answer is right.

4. According to the 1995 San Antonio Water Quality Ordinance, the amount of impervious cover allowed in the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone is up to 30% for Residential, 50% for Multifamily, and 65% for Commercial developments. (Note: Impervious cover = any surface that does not allow water infiltration). Why are different amounts of impervious cover allowed for different kinds of development?

Due to the negotiations between the developers and the water boards.

5. Would you support extending impervious cover and land use restrictions (for example, prohibiting uses that might threaten or degrade water quality) to the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone within San Antonio and the ETJ?

- A. There are a few restrictions that I would extend such as fuel storage etc...
- B. I would be vigilant about new products used in the area.

6. Would you support a Proposition to purchase land or conservation easements in the Recharge Zone and Contributing Zone within the San Antonio Metropolitan Area?

I would, after making sure there were no shenanigans going on.

7. What do you propose to relieve traffic congestion on the Northside while protecting the Edwards Aquifer?

I would finish the construction of 281 with the funds that are already available. No to toll roads.

8. Agree or disagree: Developers have the right to the highest possible return investment on their land.

I agree as long as there are reasonable guidelines to follow for the welfare of the community.

9. Agree or disagree: Land owners are entitled to any rezoning request that is allowed by the Unified Development Code.

I agree they are entitled to a request, but I would monitor and see if what they are doing protects or damages the water supply.

10. Agree or disagree: Each Council Member knows what is best for his or her own district.

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DISTRICT: 10

I disagree. I don't think that each council member knows what is best for his district, but they should each be heard.