



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?**

I will continue to support the purchase of sensitive land over the aquifer. I will also support ordinances that ban or limit dangerous materials over the aquifer as well.

- 2. Please identify priority water issues in your district.**

A. Affordable rates. B. Clean reliable water. C. Conservation efforts.

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

False.

- 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?**

I would think the level of water capture varies for different developments.

- 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?**

Depends on the particular ordinance and its effect on property rights.

- 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?**

Yes.

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

Encourage inner city development.

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

Agree.

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

Agree. Landowners are entitled to request any zoning change.

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

Agree. For the most part, yes.