



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?**

Create and maintain stricter codes and reduce the amount of hazardous waste going into sewer and aquifer.

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

Improve infrastructure to reduce breaks and waste.

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

True

- 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?**

Likely to make the properties function to their fullest. I support stricter limits.

- 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?**

Yes. Each item is on a case by case basis, but I do support stricter standards.

- 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?**

Mass transit. San Antonio is the largest city with a failed bus line and no mass transit.

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

Developers must develop responsibly.

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

Disagree.

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

Disagree.