



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 would continue to support efforts in restricting impervious cover as well as support the purchase of any land over the recharge zone for the purposes of preservation.

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

Priority water issues are ours as a city and should not vary from district to district. We all must step up our conservation efforts. We must also do everything possible to avoid any contamination of our water supply.

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

There is debate on this but for the most part this is 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?**

Good question—this seems a little unfair to the average citizen of our city.

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 I would be in support of this as I have answered in question 1.

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 I would be in support of this as I have answered in question 1.

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

Many of our city's problems can be addressed by inner-city revitalization. My vision for a stronger District 5 falls directly in line with helping solve our current transportation woes. I do support efforts to improve the effectiveness of our current mass transit method as well as a possible light rail system. I would also encourage the revitalization of our inner city to reduce the need for long commutes. If we could promote strong economic development with sustainable quality of life amenities closer to the heart of our city this may be able to draw families back to our district and at the same time reduce pollution, transportation expense, congestion and the need for outward expansion.

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

I would only agree with this if it did not infringe on the needs of the rest of society. So I disagree.

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

Here again, the community's input is vital. Disagree.

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DISTRICT: 5

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

I would hope that they would. However there have been times that this has been proven not to be true.