



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 protect and insure that no risk be taken to contaminate our source of water. Restricting or prohibiting construction on or in close proximity to the aquifer and recharge zone.

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

The first priorities are quality and purity of drinking water. The second priority is a long term plan to keep a supply of water to utilize when another drought occurs. The third priority is the security of our water resources from contamination, or threats.

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

False is the answer I will state. My answer is based on the fact that if the Edwards Aquifer becomes contaminated we will have to clean it up. It will not decontaminate itself.

- 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?**

The different amounts are allowed because it has been designated by the governing officials. If elected, I intend to change that.

- 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?**

I am ready and willing to fight for any effort that protects our water resources. Make no mistake, without strict ordinances or prohibitions we would be asking for a major disaster.

- 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 support any effort to secure and conserve the recharge and contributing zones.

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

I propose that the current highways be extended to relieve the heavy congestion that exists but that in no way do we build interchange ramps. I do not favor toll roads at all nor do I favor building another outer loop over the aquifer.

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

I do not agree that the developers have the right to the highest possible return on their investment. A fair and equitable amount should suffice.

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

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DISTRICT: 5

I disagree that the developers are entitled to any rezoning request. We wouldn't be having the Camp Bullis issue if G. G. Gayle hadn't gotten his request passed back in the early/mid eighties. I was one of the few that wondered why the military was allowed to build an airstrip at Camp Bullis, and spend a huge amount of tax payer's money, if the property owners were going to complain because of the noise. Now we have the light issue at Camp Bullis.

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

I disagree. Each council member represents the residents of their district. Their input counts. It would be arrogant to agree to feel that they know what's best.