



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?

Education about our precious water resource is the key to protecting the aquifer. The public must remain as informed as possible to what is happening with their water source and what it is they can do on an individual basis to help. Protecting the Aquifer is not something that can be achieved solely by a council member, in order to have long lasting success it must be a total community effort.

2. Please identify priority water issues in your district.

District eight covers a considerable area over the recharge zone within the city limits, because of this and the continued development in the district one priority issue we face is growing in a manner that is responsible in terms of considering the environmental perspective. As a city our top priority water issue is establishing a viable secondary source of water to supplement the ever growing demand on the aquifer. What I have proposed and support is a combined effort utilizing a combined effort with Nuclear energy. My proposal is to use water drawn from the Gulf of Mexico to cool the proposed reactors, in doing so after the water has circulated it becomes desalinated and potable to use. This has been a proven method of water resource supplementation in other parts of the world and I believe would greatly benefit our city.

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

True: the Edwards Aquifer does runoff in cases of large rain events. Water enters the Aquifer easily in the recharge zone, but the subsurface drainage is generally inadequate to hold all the water that falls in large rain events. Recharge conduits and sinkholes quickly become filled up with water. This is one reason why the region floods so easily.

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?

These different regulations are meant to curb the amount of impervious cover over a concentrated area. It's an effort to protect and limit contamination to the aquifer.

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 support this.

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?

Anything that would help preserve the sustainability of our aquifer, such as this, I will support.

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

I propose a new form of mass transit. I believe with the UTSA soon to gain tier one status it is going to add significantly to traffic congestion. If we can provide a reliable form of mass transit to a population such as the students of UTSA, in which a large percentage commute to school daily, this situation can be alleviated.

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DISTRICT: 8

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

Disagree.

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

Disagree. I believe that these cases should be handled on a case by case basis.

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

If the council member is involved with their community and a true representative they know where their interests lay, but a council member never knows by on their own what is best for their district.