



**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 prevent as much development over the recharge zone as possible. I will fight for consistent impervious cover limits and extend regulations to include the contributing zone.

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

The priority of water issues in district 8 is the same as for the city; provide for additional sources of safe and inexpensive drinking water.

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

False. There is little or no filtering of water reentering the aquifer.

- 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?**

There are different percentages of impervious cover allowed because there was too much influence by certain parts of the community. The fact that the ETJ rules are stricter is even more confusing and adds pressure on the city to get annexed for laxer rules.

- 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?**

Absolutely. And I would look at adding a "buffer" around these areas to provide even more protection.

- 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?**

I have supported this in the past to include being on the advisory board for the original prop 3 and will continue to support this action in the future.

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

The damage has largely been done. We need to restrict/limit future development to keep further sprawl from occurring.

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

Yes I agree, however the real issue is what it considered a fair price. All land cannot be valued at commercial or prime residential values.

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

Disagree. And that is the purpose for zoning regulations so that the city can make a better community decision than individual owners.

**NAME: Jody Sherrill**

**DISTRICT: 8**

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

I only partially agree. Too often decisions have been made on individual parcels when looked at separately. We need to begin to look at the whole picture of what is good for San Antonio. This also extends beyond the recharge and contributing zones.