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DISTRICT: Mayor



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?**

Will seek to strengthen water quality laws and enforcement!

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

Believe priorities are: drought; pollution; development; pumping; capture.

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

TRUE; The Edwards Aquifer filters stormwater runoff that enters it.

- 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?**

Different amounts of impervious cover allowed for different kinds of development because that is how they wrote the Ordinance. Believe Ordinance can be improved; for example: What if we were to require lattice pavers for parking lots?

- 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! Will support extending impervious cover and land use restrictions!

- 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! Will support a Proposition to purchase land or conservation easements!

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

To relieve traffic congestion; seek to have synchronized traffic lights; better intersection construction; fewer (to none) gasoline stations (with underground tanks) over the Edwards Aquifer; seek use of Monorail where possible; such as to/from UTSA (especially from park and ride parking lots away from the aquifer).

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

Disagree; there must be long-term environmental balance to what developers want on their land.

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

Disagree; there must be long-term environmental balance to what land owners may wish to request.

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

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Agree AND disagree; it depends on the issue under consideration; some matters may affect the entire city.