

Stephen Costello  
At-Large Position 1  
TCR Questionnaire

1. DO YOU SUPPORT CAPPING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX APPRAISALS AT A MAXIMUM 5% INCREASE PER YEAR?

Yes, But I want to work with the state appraisal system to make the necessary changes so that home owners are not subsidizing commercial and industrial property values.

2. DO YOU SUPPORT A REQUIREMENT THAT THE CITY NOT RAISE TAXES WITHOUT A SUPERMAJORITY OF AT LEAST 60% OF CITY COUNCIL

Yes, but the city of Houston has a tax limitation cap that does not allow us to raise taxes even with a super majority beyond a combination of CPI and population increase.

3. DO YOU SUPPORT A SPENDING CAP LIMITING THE INCREASE IN CITY SPENDING TO THE RATE OF GROWTH OF POPULATION PLUS INFLATION?

Yes, however if there is a utility/ service that is under funded and other services are properly funded I would want to re- visit this position.

4. DO YOU SUPPORT THE PUTTING TOGETHER A HOUSTON "GRACE" TYPE COMMISSION TO FIGURE WAYS FOR THE CITY TO ELIMINATE FRAUD, WASTE, ABUSE, INCOMPETENCE AND SUGGESTED OPERATING EFFICIENCIES?

YES, to make recommendations to the mayor and council

5. DO YOU SUPPORT THE CONSOLIDATION OF CITY FUNCTIONS WITH HARRIS COUNTY WHERE IT MAKES SENSE?

YES

6. DO YOU SUPPORT ENDING RACE AND GENDER BASED AFFIRMITIVE ACTION PROGRAMS TO BE REPLACED BY A NEED BASED SYSTEM?

My company has always complied with the current system

7. DO YOU SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ADD ITEMS TO THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS?

I support a majority

8. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE PRIVATE PROPERTY FROM INDIVIDUALS OR CORPORATIONS FOR THE "GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY" WITHOUT PAYING FAIR COMPENSATION?

NO

9. DO YOU SUPPORT THE GRANTING OF PUBLIC TAX FUNDS FOR PRIVATE OR SEMI-PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS THAT ARE NOT ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED?

I support tax dollars being spent for business expenditures that create economic opportunities.

10. DO YOU SUPPORT EXPANSION OR REORGANIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SO THAT OFFICERS ON PATROL ARE IN TWO PERSON CARS AT LEAST DURING NIGHT HOURS?

YES