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TCR CITY OF HOUSTON ELECTIONS 2009  
QUESTIONNAIRE

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

- Yes. However, I also support changes in the state appraisal system for mandatory sales disclosures so that we can properly value commercial and industrial and high end residential properties so that the average homeowner is not subsidizing those entities.

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

- Yes. You should be aware however that we are not allowed to raise taxes, even with a supermajority, beyond a combination of CPI and population increase because the City of Houston has a tax limitation cap.

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

- Yes. The City of Houston already has one.

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.

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?

- I support the current program, but should we lose that program I would support its replacement by a needs based small business program which I believe is preferable.

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?

- No for a majority. Yes for a supermajority.

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?

- No. I support the use of public tax funds for a clear public purpose.

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, as funds are available.