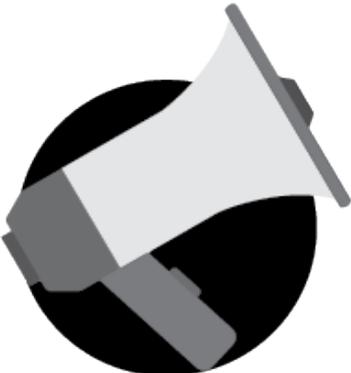


# RECLAIMING POWER



**A PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY VOTER'S GUIDE**

*In loving memory of our friend and comrade,  
Mimosa Thomas*

**2020**

# THE PEOPLE'S VOTING GUIDE

*The Corpus Christi People's Voting Guide is a publication of the Corpus Christi People's Assembly, published with the intent to provide the community with a new and different type of voting resource – one that asks specific, policy based questions of the city council candidates, relevant to the city's direct needs.*

*The Corpus Christi People's Assembly is a community-based coalition of non-partisan grassroots organizations working to develop a people's platform that will serve to empower and educate communities. Participating organizations include the Corpus Christi DSA, For the Greater Good, the Corpus Christi Immigration Coalition, and the Corpus Christi AFT.*

*Below candidates were asked to respond to the questionnaire's statements with either Strongly Agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, or Strongly Disagree.*

## MAYORAL CANDIDATES

*Only two mayoral candidates responded to our questionnaire — Paulette Guajardo and Eric Rodriguez.*

*Guajardo only answered three of the questions and Rodriguez chose not to follow the format of the questionnaire and instead emailed his responses.*

*Despite the deviations, for the sake of the voter we have published their responses below.*

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*This section of the questionnaire addresses Industrial District Agreements (IDAs).*

**Properties with IDA's should be annexed by the city so that these entities can pay taxes.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** They do pay taxes and the rudest rate is about 60 percent, the IDA should be renegotiated. This will be done by the next council and industries within the contract will have

to comply with certain air and water quality standards to be permitted in the IDA.

Restrictions will also be implemented where industries can not challenge their evaluation after the contract has been signed. Any violation of the contract would be annexation by the city. Also by increasing their evaluation of tax.

**IDAs should be allowed to expire without new IDAs being signed.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** See above answer

**Companies with IDAs should be expected to follow the same city code requirements as those companies within the city limits.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** Companies should be expected to follow the same city codes. To clarify that companies in the IDA are totally different from companies in the city, there are no heavy industrial operations within the city.

**Corporations who have IDAs now should be allowed to have new IDAs.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** That's purely negotiation based on their willingness to meet certain standards.

**Companies with IDAs PAY their fair share.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** No, the percentage is low and the IDA is based on evaluation. Several refineries have challenged their evaluation after they signed the contract to lower their evaluation.

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*This section of the questionnaire is regarding Teachers: Texas is one of only 5 states in the United States that prohibits teachers from collective bargaining (union contract) rights.*

**The statute prohibiting teachers from the right to organize unions should be repealed.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** Yes, I support teachers having the right to organize and bargain for wages, benefits, etc.. by an elected committee.

**The statute prohibiting teachers from collectively bargaining for wages should be repealed.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** Yes, state public employees

**The statute prohibiting teachers from collectively bargaining for benefits should be repealed.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** As a union president myself, I fully support unions and collective bargaining.

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*This section of the questionnaire is regarding the library budget.*

**I support an increase in the libraries' budget to hire a social worker to the library staff as many similarly sized cities have already done, in order to help community members connect with social services and social support networks.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** I would support working with behavioral health centers and hospital districts. Even working with the schools to make more social workers available in our communities. We have to look for state grants/funding and new revenue towards our budget.

**I support an increase in the libraries' budget to offer more programming for Seniors.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** We need to promote and build a closer relationship with our senior centers and libraries.

**I support an increase in the libraries' budget to add more books.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** I believe that we need to increase the library's budget and resources but we need to balance that with all departments. Increase revenue from industries and developers.

*This section of the questionnaire pertains to public health.*

**I support a paid sick leave ordinance.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** I support the idea but the Texas Supreme Court has ruled it unconstitutional.

**I believe our local officials responded appropriately to the Coronavirus pandemic.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** No, strongly disagree. Joe did not take any leadership role. No action was taken to prevent the huge surge of cases from tourists after memorial day.

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*This section of the questionnaire addresses policing.*

**I support a cite and release ordinance for non-violent offenders.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** Yes, I support this.

**I support a repeal of the 287(g) program.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** That is the position of the Sheriff Department and the city has not signed it and will not sign it under my leadership. It's also seen as a waste of tax dollars , Harris county did away with theirs and saved close to \$60,000

**I support a repeal of our participation in the Operation Border Star.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** I would support sharing data between local authorities and the feds to help deter drug trafficking but not for immigration. Parts of the program should be done away, including participation with the Military and DPHS.

**City Council and Mayor should set policy that instructs CC police officers to not inquire a person's immigration status.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** I believe that is not asked now but I would be against asking it.

**Paulette Guajardo:** Neutral

**I support authorizing local police officers to inquire of a person's immigration status on any traffic stop.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** No

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*This section of the questionnaire addresses parks and recreation.*

**The budgets for our parks and recreation department should be increased for an information campaign to increase the community awareness about programs.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** Yes, first we must have the revenue for a program then an awareness program. There is some money in the new budget and a bond issue to support more parks and rec.

**The budgets for our senior programming should be increased for the meals program.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** This is federal and state money that is dispersed through local government. Our local government's part is to provide local support.

**The budgets for latchkey program should be increased to allow for more latchkey sites at all elementary schools.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** It's being increased in the next budget which will allow for more sites. Latchkey should be made available to parents on a sliding scale. (sale tax period through type b board.) money is connected through employment and latchkey is an important employer.

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*This section pertains to city services, budgeting, and the reallocation of resources.*

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support annexing property with industrial district agreements so that they may be taxed for new services.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** No, it would increase the revenue from the IDA and implemented stipulations in the garment, so they would be held to it upon signing.

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support increasing taxes on local property owners.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** No, impact fees from developers, industries, and the port.

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support leveraging fines on heavy industries that exceed their pollution permits.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** The city has no authority to levy fines but we do have the authority to annex them from the IDA.

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support re-allocating money spent on policing to community-based services.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** No, we have 1/3 of the police officers under the national average. We have the same number of officers since 1997, our population has increased since then. I would remove some of the collateral duties of the police department such as animal control, code enforcement. We have one of the highest crime rates in the country.

I would also establish a closer relationship with behavioral health departments and our community relationship through a Citizen Review Board. By bringing in new revenue towards our budget, we can both hire more officers for our high person per square mile rate and create more jobs for social services, animal control, etc..

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support eliminating tax exemptions for private corporations and use that surplus money for community services.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** Tax exemptions are between multiple tax entities and I would be against any subsidies for industries and developers period.

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support eliminating tax abatements for private corporations.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** No, (IDA proposal from above answers)

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**Please summarize what you believe to be Corpus Christi's largest and most pressing issues and your proposed solutions.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** Revenue, Desal, Infrastructure, and failure of industry and developers to pay their fair share.

**Paulette Guajardo:** Rebuilding and recovering our economy post COVID-19, and securing an uninterrupted source of water, and fixing our streets.

Rebuilding and recovering our economy is a critical priority for Corpus Christi's future. As Mayor, I will establish a COVID-19 economic recovery program that will include small business relief, workforce development, and creating partnerships with the federal and state government to bring jobs for Corpus Christi future.

Corpus Christi is challenged to develop an uninterrupted water source. As Mayor, I will work to create a comprehensive water solution plan that includes short and long-term water delivery for our residents at the very best rate. I have been the leader in ensuring public input in this important process as the council has move forward with desalination.

As a leader in hiring our current City Manager Peter Zanoni, I have made fixing our streets a critical priority during my service. Corpus Christi must continue to fix our streets to build our economy and we must prioritize residential streets for repair. As we are currently in the process of repairing major arteries and we have funded repairing Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi must also utilize technology to redouble our efforts. Among our many projects, we must build a dashboard, move forward additional light synchronization, and work on a five-year concrete maintenance plan in addition. As Mayor, I will provide the leadership to ensure that we move forward projects on time and on budget.

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**Please summarize your views on our city's budget and what you believe should be our top priorities as it pertains to generating a larger budget and public spending.**

**Eric Rodriguez:** Views on the budget are prioritized by special interest and not the citizen. Negotiate the IDA, implement impact fees on the port cargo, this can increase the cities budget within 50-60 million dollars a year.

**Paulette Guajardo:** The City's budget is a collective effort of work by the City Manager, city staff, and the City Council, with citizen engagement throughout the process. The 2021 budget is a leaner budget due to lower sales tax and hotel occupancy tax being projected. However, the budget includes many important enhancements including the funding of five new police officer positions, a new fire academy scheduled

## CITY COUNCIL - AT LARGE CANDIDATES

*We did not receive responses from candidates Myron Grossman, Patricia Pena-Noyola, Mike Pusley, Brian Rossas, or incumbent Michael Hunter.*

*Candidate Larry White responded but declined to take part, citing a need to review more information before taking positions.*

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*This section of the questionnaire addresses Industrial District Agreements (IDAs).*

**Properties with IDA's should be annexed by the city so that these entities can pay taxes.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** Neutral  
**Richard James Diaz:** Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Agree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Neutral  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**IDAs should be allowed to expire without new IDAs being signed.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Disagree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Agree  
**John Martinez:** Neutral  
**Liz Perez:** Agree

**Companies with IDAs should be expected to follow the same city code requirements as those companies within the city limits.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Agree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**Corporations who have IDAs now should be allowed to have new IDAs.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** Disagree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Disagree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Agree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Neutral  
**John Martinez:** Neutral  
**Liz Perez:** Disagree

**Companies with IDAs PAY their fair share.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** Disagree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Agree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Neutral  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Disagree

*This section of the questionnaire is regarding Teachers: Texas is one of only 5 states in the United States that prohibits teachers from collective bargaining (union contract) rights.*

**The statute prohibiting teachers from the right to organize unions should be repealed.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Neutral  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Strongly Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**The statute prohibiting teachers from collectively bargaining for wages should be repealed.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Disagree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Strongly Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**The statute prohibiting teachers from collectively bargaining for benefits should be repealed.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Disagree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Strongly Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**The statute prohibiting teachers from collectively bargaining for working conditions should be repealed.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Disagree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Strongly Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**Teachers should have a right to an elected consultation committee.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Agree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Strongly Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**Teachers should have a right to an election on a designated term basis to consult with the school district administration on working conditions, wages, and benefits.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Agree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Strongly Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**The statute prohibiting public employees from the right to organize unions should be repealed.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree

**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree

**Ricardo Hankerson:** Disagree

**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree

**John Martinez:** Strongly Agree

**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

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*This section of the questionnaire is regarding the library budget.*

**I support an increase in the libraries’ budget to hire a social worker to the library staff as many similarly sized cities have already done, in order to help community members connect with social services and social support networks.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree

**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree

**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Agree

**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree

**John Martinez:** Agree

**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**I support an increase in the libraries’ budget to extend hours of operation.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree

**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree

**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Agree

**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree

**John Martinez:** Neutral

**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**I support an increase in the libraries’ budget to offer more programming for Seniors.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Agree

**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree

**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Agree

**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree

**John Martinez:** Agree

**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**I support an increase in the libraries’ budget to offer more programming for children.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Agree

**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree

**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Agree

**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree

**John Martinez:** Agree

**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**I support an increase in the libraries' budget to offer more programming for adolescents.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Agree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Agree  
**John Martinez:** Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**I support an increase in the libraries' budget to add more computer terminals at different sites.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** Neutral  
**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Agree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Agree  
**John Martinez:** Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**I support an increase in the libraries' budget to add more books.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** Neutral  
**Richard James Diaz:** Disagree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Disagree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Disagree  
**John Martinez:** Neutral  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Disagree

**I believe the city's library budget should remain unchanged.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Disagree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Disagree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Disagree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Disagree  
**John Martinez:** Disagree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Disagree

**I believe the city's library budget should be cut.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Disagree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Disagree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Disagree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Disagree  
**John Martinez:** Disagree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Disagree

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*This section of the questionnaire pertains to public health.*

**I support a paid sick leave ordinance.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** Neutral  
**Richard James Diaz:** Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Agree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**I believe our local officials responded appropriately to the Coronavirus pandemic.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** Disagree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Disagree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Agree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Neutral  
**John Martinez:** Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Disagree

*This section of the questionnaire addresses policing.*

**I support a cite and release ordinance for non-violent offenders.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Neutral  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Neutral  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Agree

**I support a repeal of the 287(g) program.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** No Answer  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Neutral  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**I support a repeal of our participation in the Operation Border Star.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Neutral  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Agree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Disagree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**City Council and Mayor should set policy that instructs CC police officers to not inquire a person’s immigration status.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Neutral  
**Richard James Diaz:** Disagree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Disagree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Agree  
**John Martinez:** Neutral  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**I support authorizing local police officers to inquire of a person’s immigration status on any traffic stop.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Disagree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Disagree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Agree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Disagree  
**John Martinez:** Disagree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Disagree

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*This section of the questionnaire addresses parks and recreation.*

**The budgets for our parks and recreation department should be increased for an information campaign to increase the community awareness about programs.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Neutral  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Neutral  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Agree  
**John Martinez:** Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**The budgets for our swimming pools should be increased to allow for extended hours of operation during summer and weekends.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Agree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Neutral  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Agree  
**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**The budgets for our senior programming should be increased for the meals program.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree

**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree

**Ricardo Hankerson:** Agree

**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree

**John Martinez:** Agree

**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**The budgets for latchkey program should be increased to allow for more latchkey sites at all elementary schools.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree

**Richard James Diaz:** Strongly Agree

**Ricardo Hankerson:** Agree

**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree

**John Martinez:** Agree

**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**The budgets for latchkey program should be increased to allow for more summer recreation sites at all elementary schools.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree

**Richard James Diaz:** Neutral

**Ricardo Hankerson:** Agree

**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree

**John Martinez:** Agree

**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

*This section pertains to city services, budgeting, and the reallocation of resources.*

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support annexing property with industrial district agreements so that they may be taxed for new services.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Neutral

**Richard James Diaz:** Agree

**Ricardo Hankerson:** Agree

**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree

**John Martinez:** Agree

**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support increasing taxes on local property owners.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Agree

**Richard James Diaz:** Disagree

**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Disagree

**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Disagree

**John Martinez:** Disagree

**Liz Perez:** Neutral

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support leveraging fines on heavy industries that exceed their pollution permits.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Agree

**Richard James Diaz:** Neutral

**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Agree

**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree

**John Martinez:** Agree

**Liz Perez:** Strongly Agree

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support re-allocating money spent on policing to community-based services.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Strongly Disagree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Disagree  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Disagree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Agree  
**John Martinez:** Disagree  
**Liz Perez:** Agree

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support eliminating tax exemptions for private corporations and use that surplus money for community services.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Neutral  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Strongly Disagree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Neutral  
**Liz Perez:** Agree

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support eliminating tax abatements for private corporations.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Agree  
**Richard James Diaz:** Neutral  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Disagree  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Strongly Agree  
**John Martinez:** Neutral  
**Liz Perez:** Agree

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support imposing corporate citizenship fees on entities with IDAs Tax Abatement to support expanded services.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Neutral  
**Richard James Diaz:** Neutral  
**Ricardo Hankerson:** Neutral  
**Deanna Michelle King:** Agree  
**John Martinez:** Neutral  
**Liz Perez:** Agree

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**Please summarize what you believe to be Corpus Christi’s largest and most pressing issues and your proposed solutions.**

**Efrain “Frank” Arriaga Jr.:** Corpus Christi, the Sparkling City by the Bay and “Body of Christi”, should be the cleanest and safest coastal community in Texas, if not the USA.

**Richard James Diaz:** Currently our main issue continues to be our road infrastructure, as a city council member I would push for all future road projects to utilize concrete construction instead of asphalt. I would also look into the use of Permeable Pavement construction for our residential roads to help mitigate flooding take pressure off our stormwater system, and resupply our groundwater reserves.

**Ricardo Hankerson:** Streets. Using the taxes from private corporations to fund major repairs, patch work doesn't last.

**Deanna Michelle King:** Our infrastructure is cratering and the streets are an example of that. People who are homeless need our help. They cannot keep being herded around from one part of the City to another like cattle. People who are homeless have underlying conditions such as mental health and substance abuse issues which needs to be addressed. My solution is to utilize the Spohn Memorial Hospital. I am fully aware that the County has to be involved for that to happen. The hospital is a solid structure. It has private rooms, a cafeteria and conference rooms. We can obtain mental health experts to cater to those who have this issue. Cafeteria workers can be hired to prepare food. Housekeepers could help to keep clean the common areas of the hospital, while the residents keep their own private space clean.

**John Martinez:** I believe the most pressing issue is securing a reliable water source for the future. Of ground water, surface water and desalination, desalination seems to have the most upside. I would coordinate with the Port of Corpus Christi and Nueces County to come up with a plan, including potential costs of construction (and who would pay), location, and potential revenue from the services.

**Liz Perez:** I feel that the 2 desal plants, homelessness, and a lack of local government transparency are our largest and most pressing issues. I propose that

we do our due diligence and research other viable options and alternatives to desal before we risk totally destroying our local eco-system. I also propose that we look to other cities that have successful programs and housing for the homeless population. Each year, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards Homeless Assistance Grants to communities that administer housing and services at the local level. Specifically, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program and the Continuum of Care (CoC) program fund the cornerstones of each community's homeless system. The ESG grant funds street outreach, homelessness prevention and diversion, emergency shelter, and rapid re-housing. The CoC program funds permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, transitional housing, coordinated entry, and pilots like the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program. Currently, our city does not include the CoC program in their Consolidated Action Plan. And lastly, we need to work together as a council to regain the community's trust in their local government. For far too long, our city council has placed the people of this community on the back burner and kept us with little or no control, even going as far as commenting that there should be no more public comment. This has to be changed NOW - we need to figure out a better solution so that MORE people can have a say and speak their voice. The people need to trust that when they are speaking, the council is truly listening.

**Please summarize your views on our city's budget and what you believe should be our top priorities as it pertains to generating a larger budget and public spending.**

**Efrain "Frank" Arriaga Jr.:** I would like to work closely with city staff to identify opportunities to increase efficiency so that we can make strategic capital investments that will free up dollars in operating and consulting expenses. Diversifying the tax base is crucial to increasing budget revenue as it brings in more jobs. Jobs lead to increased sales and property taxes, our two main sources of revenue. The key to diversification is creating a safe and clean community in which to do business. My priorities would be rooted in discussions about impact fees for sprawl development, increased surcharges for industrial water users to pay for line maintenance, and TIRZ usage for infill development, should all be on the table right now for discussion. Ignoring decades of maintenance will not leave our kids in a better situation than we are currently. We have a responsibility to act boldly and bravely in the name of a safer and cleaner Corpus Christi community.

**Richard James Diaz:** Do to the state government efforts to limit the rate of which local municipalities and increase taxes (while they cut budgets at the state level), the main way our city has to generate tax revenue is by investing in utilizing well paid unionized construction labor and investing in local infra-

structure projects (along with affordable housing projects and inclusionary zoning) that hope to revitalize neglected areas of our city.

**Ricardo Hankerson:** I don't know what our city budget.

**Deanna Michelle King:** I will keep this simple. We need to concentrated on fixing our current problems and maintaining them instead of taking on new projects which would cost taxpayers more money in the near future. In order to have a larger budget, we need to stop making bad decisions with taxpayer's money. It is a vicious cycle to keep seeking new projects without addressing our current problems then expect residents to be happy with raising taxes, when they are not seeing any improvement in the City with their tax dollars.

**John Martinez:** We need to fix and expand infrastructure so that we can develop areas and expand the tax base.

**Liz Perez:** Our city's budget is controlled by staff and council with way too much special and personal interest. We need to tax those industries that are not taxed at all right now. We also need to stop using tax incentives when trying to drive more of that same industry here. We need to evaluate and essentially "grade" the areas of our city services that get the most out of our budget - base their budget percentage on performance. Why would we continue to increase budget in an area that is producing or doing poorly?

## CITY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 1

*We did not receive responses from candidates Neely Balko, Rachel Ann Caballero, or Billy Lerma.*

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*This section of the questionnaire addresses Industrial District Agreements (IDAs).*

**Properties with IDA's should be annexed by the city so that these entities can pay taxes.**

**Eli McKay:** Strongly Agree

**IDAs should be allowed to expire without new IDAs being signed.**

**Eli McKay:** Agree

**Companies with IDAs should be expected to follow the same city code requirements as those companies within the city limits.**

**Eli McKay:** Strongly Agree

**Corporations who have IDAs now should be allowed to have new IDAs.**

**Eli McKay:** Strongly Disagree

**Companies with IDAs PAY their fair share.**

**Eli McKay:** Strongly Agree

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**I support an increase in the libraries' budget to extend hours of operation.**

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**I support an increase in the libraries' budget to add more computer terminals at different sites.**

**Eli McKay:** Agree

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**Eli McKay:** Agree

**I believe the city's library budget should remain unchanged.**

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**I believe the city's library budget should be cut.**

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**I support a paid sick leave ordinance.**

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*This section pertains to city services, budgeting, and the reallocation of resources.*

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support annexing property with industrial district agreements so that they may be taxed for new services.**

**Eli McKay:** Strongly Agree

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support increasing taxes on local property owners.**

**Eli McKay:** Disagree

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support leveraging fines on heavy industries that exceed their pollution permits.**

**Eli McKay:** Strongly Agree

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support re-allocating money spent on policing to community-based services.**

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**To increase city services, I would be willing to support eliminating tax exemptions for private corporations and use that surplus money for community services.**

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**Eli McKay:** Strongly Agree

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support imposing corporate citizenship fees on entities with IDAs Tax Abatement to support expanded services.**

**Eli McKay:** Strongly Agree

**Please summarize what you believe to be Corpus Christi's largest and most pressing issues and your proposed solutions.**

**Eli McKay:** The number one concern expressed to me by the people of district 1 is the need to create a plan to reduce homelessness. District 1 is home to many of the existing shelters and programs that provide aid to citizens in need. Many of the outlets who offer are private or community-based. The city needs to support and partner with those programs to create innovative solutions. The City's Homeless and Housing Division should be expanded to lead the way. Affordable housing must be a priority for development. We must also focus on developing workforce opportunities for homeless and low-income community members by creating new opportunities and providing training for these endeavors.

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**Please summarize your views on our city's budget and what you believe should be our top priorities as it pertains to generating a larger budget and public spending.**

**Eli McKay:** The current structure of the budget does not put the people first. Our city needs to focus its resources on programs that will build community and create solutions to the everyday problems facing citizens. The city budget would be much higher if we reevaluate the Industrial District Agreements to ensure they are paying their fair share. Doing this would create opportunities for expanding

many departments like community development, our health care system, library budget, parks and recreation, and so many more. Developing these programs not only will create jobs but

build community involvement and instill a sense of pride in our community that is lacking with the current city leadership.

## CITY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 2

*We did not receive a response from incumbent Ben Molina.*

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*This section of the questionnaire addresses Industrial District Agreements (IDAs).*

**Properties with IDA's should be annexed by the city so that these entities can pay taxes.**

**Sylvia Campos:** Strongly Agree

**IDAs should be allowed to expire without new IDAs being signed.**

**Sylvia Campos:** Strongly Agree

**Companies with IDAs should be expected to follow the same city code requirements as those companies within the city limits.**

**Sylvia Campos:** Strongly Agree

**Corporations who have IDAs now should be allowed to have new IDAs.**

**Sylvia Campos:** Disagree

**Companies with IDAs PAY their fair share.**

**Sylvia Campos:** Strongly Agree

*This section of the questionnaire is regarding Teachers: Texas is one of only 5 states in the United States that prohibits teachers from collective bargaining (union contract) rights.*

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**Sylvia Campos:** Strongly Agree

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**Sylvia Campos:** Strongly Agree

**I support an increase in the libraries' budget to extend hours of operation.**

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**I support an increase in the libraries' budget to add more computer terminals at different sites.**

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**I believe the city's library budget should remain unchanged.**

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**Sylvia Campos:** Strongly Agree

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**To increase city services, I would be willing to support annexing property with industrial district agreements so that they may be taxed for new services.**

**Sylvia Campos:** Strongly Agree

**To increase city services, I would be willing to support increasing taxes on local property owners.**

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**Please summarize what you believe to be Corpus Christi's largest and most pressing issues and your proposed solutions.**

**Sylvia Campos:** Improving of our neighborhood streets, sidewalks and lighting, tackling homelessness by re purposing city/county buildings. It would be funded by letting IDA's expire and or annexing them. We could also attempt to collect a % of their profits. The Desalination Issue and other industrial expansion should be voted by it's citizens. Climate Change is knocking on our door and we should not contribute to the destruction of our planet.

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**Please summarize your views on our city's budget and what you believe should be our top priorities as it pertains to generating a larger budget and public spending.**

**Sylvia Campos:** We spend about 52% of our general budget on Fire and Police Protection or \$278.64 per capita, when 25% of their calls are regarding drug and mental abuse. The war on drugs is not working. We should be hiring social workers and creating or building facilities for recovery and or mental hospitals.(Can be done through eliminating IDA's) We should prioritize the fixing of our infrastructure. It is estimated we have about 250 miles of city pipe repairs. We have brand new water towers that are unable to be used, due to deteriorating pipes. We should be looking for alternatives to water supply as well. We can do this if we stop giving away our tax dollars to de-

velopers and giving out tax abatement's when creating more sprawl. I believe we should incentivize development for inner city projects. We should be capitalizing on our tourism. I would also like to work with our schools and allow

public usage again of their walking tracks.

## CITY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 3

*We did not receive a response from incumbent Roland Barrera.*

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**Properties with IDA's should be annexed by the city so that these entities can pay taxes.**

**Herbert Rubio:** Agree

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**Companies with IDAs should be expected to follow the same city code requirements as those companies within the city limits.**

**Herbert Rubio:** Agree

**Corporations who have IDAs now should be allowed to have new IDAs.**

**Herbert Rubio:** Neutral

**Companies with IDAs PAY their fair share.**

**Herbert Rubio:** Disagree

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**Herbert Rubio:** Agree

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**Please summarize what you believe to be Corpus Christi's largest and most pressing issues and your proposed solutions.**

**Herbert Rubio:** Public Safety, Streets, Sewer issues, water main issues. Find the money to fix them.

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**Please summarize your views on our city's budget and what you believe should be our top priorities as it pertains to generating a larger budget and public spending.**

**Herbert Rubio:** Scrutinize the current budget for money saving measures and look for ways to generate more funds.

## CITY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 4

*We did not receive responses from candidate Kaylynn Paxson or incumbent Greg Smith. Candidate Dan Grimsbo responded but declined to complete the questionnaire.*

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**Jim Klein:** Agree

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**Jim Klein:** Agree

**Please summarize what you believe to be Corpus Christi's largest and most pressing issues and your proposed solutions.**

**Jim Klein:** Our city government needs to be more transparent and responsive to the people of Corpus Christi. To accomplish this, I will insist that Industrial District Agreements (IDAs) be discussed openly so that the public can make their views known to the City Council on this issue. Re-examination of the IDAs will provide additional funds for city services that have been reduced in recent years and will aid in the process of repairing and maintaining city infrastructure, including streets and the public water supply. City leaders should not authorize construction and operation of industrial desalination plants at the public's expense unless the public has agreed to higher water rates to pay for this, and the city should demand studies of the environmental impact of multiple desalination plants discharging salty brine into Corpus Christi Bay. The city's failure to maintain existing infrastructure has been

aggravated by the reckless geographic expansion of the city in recent decades. I will prioritize repair and maintenance of existing infrastructure over new development.

**Please summarize your views on our city's budget and what you believe should be our top priorities as it pertains to generating a larger budget and public spending.**

**Jim Klein:** City services that are intended to serve the public directly have been drastically reduced in recent years. Funding for these services, including the public libraries and parks, should be increased. Additionally, social services and mental health services should be increased to allow law enforcement officers to focus on their peace keeping responsibilities. Funding for these increased services should come from the re-examination and/or abolition of the Industrial District Agreements so that all property owners pay their fair share of property taxes. Additional funding will come from adoption of a progressive water rate structure so that high volume users pay a higher per-unit price for water purchased from the city. The corporate gravy train has to end.

## CITY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 5

*We did not receive responses from either District 5 candidate.*



# THE PEOPLE'S PLATFORM



## PEOPLE OVER PROFIT

- Fund quality of life programs and initiatives that can reduce crime and foster public health -including mental health- and safety
- Prioritize data based solutions to address crime in our communities including de-escalation, counseling, and restorative accountability processes
- Promote environmentally friendly infrastructure practices such as tree planting, solar panels, and wind turbines
- Expand the use of the reverse alert system to keep residents better informed



## DEMOCRACY & TRANSPARENCY

- Reevaluate the Industrial Agreements to ensure they pay their fair share
- Reevaluate volume discount for water use, ensure federal environmental standards are met or surpassed
- Reschedule city council meetings to evenings to expand public comment and promote participation from working people



## CHAMPION A PEOPLE'S BUDGET

- Worst First Street & Sidewalk repair plan
- Smart Growth - Fix existing infrastructure before expanding further
- Citizens will not pay for industry investments - No Desalination

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CANDIDATES SIGNED ONTO THIS BOLD PLATFORM ...

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