

RECLAIMING POWER



A PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY VOTER'S GUIDE

In loving memory of our friend and comrade,
Mimosa Thomas

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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 candi-dates, 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, Participating organizations include the Corpus Christi DSA, For the Greater Good, The Nueces County Voter, and the Islander Feminists.

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

City Council- Mayor

Only 1 mayoral candidates responded to our questionnaire — John Wright.

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John Wright: library services should be extended to offer osha classes and spanish classes
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City Council - At Large

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Long-form question: Please elaborate on any of your above responses you feel may require further clarity (Optional).

Jim Klein: Our city should adopt a climate change action plan. We are on the front lines, already experiencing the effects of climate change in the form of increased coastal flooding in Flour Bluff, North Beach and elsewhere. We also are a major driver of climate change as the Port of Corpus Christi is the United States' leading oil and gas exporter.

Regarding the unhoused population, Corpus Christi should study actions taken by the city of Houston (building homes for the unhoused) and by San Antonio (creating service center for the unhoused where they can receive meals and wash) to determine if these approaches can work here. The City also should increase mental health services to further aid the unhoused.

Nancy Vera: *Candidate did not respond.*

Rachel Caballero: I would need additional information with regards to the questions I answered "Neutral" on. There are many issues that are complex and we shouldn't depend on the government to supply the solution.

Long-form question: Please summarize what you believe to be Corpus Christi's largest and most pressing issue(s) and your proposed solution(s).

Jim Klein: Corpus Christi's most pressing issue is that the city government acts in the interest of a few, often corporate, interests rather than acting for the common good. The City's reckless pursuit of desalination for the benefit of corporate investors is a prime example of this. The City's street repair contracts favor the contractors over area residents and businesses. These contracts should be rewritten to incentivize the timely completion of street repairs to put an end to projects that last three or more years.

To make city government more accessible to the public, City Council meetings should be moved to the evenings when working people can attend. Other cities of comparable size hold their council meetings after 5 pm. Corpus Christi should also.

Nancy Vera: Community Representation is Priority!

A Vote for Vera means...

- The representation and the voice of working families and city employees (collective bargaining) is paramount

- Prioritizing the environment: a clean city means clean air, clean drinking water, and clean bays for the future of our children

- Eliminating the giveaways to special corporate interests

- Increasing funding for social justice, humanity, the environment and educational services for the community is a necessity

Rachel Caballero: Our most pressing issues are many. From an astronomical budget, to desalination plant placement, to constant tax rate & service rate increases and we have NO community representation on council as it stands. Our voice is not being heard and my solution is to be a voice OF THE COMMUNITY and our resources. There is too many self-serving individuals and that needs to change. I will be our voice if elected.

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Jim Klein: The City budget should prioritize people and services to people rather than corporate interests that benefit the few at the expense of the many.

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Rachel Caballero: Our budget is too large and spending is excessive. Do you see \$1.2B being spent in our city? Now we have a 2023 budget of \$1.4B? Where is all of this money going?

They are also asking for a 2022 bond of \$125M and they have to complete and start ANY of the projects from the 2020 bond. We must say no to bonds until the other bonds have been completed.

The city is also allowing for "Certificates of Obligation". That means they can borrow money without voter approval.

City Council - District 2

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Sylvia Campos: We need an alternative to Desalination. It is by far the most expensive and detrimental to the environment. It will change the Coastal Bend into an over industrialized region that will hurt the people that live here. We should have a say.

Question: 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: Infrastructure should be primary and it can be paid by raising the water rates to our large corporations. We should also prioritize our parks, senior centers and latchkey programs.

City Council - District 3

We did not receive a response from incumbent Roland Barrera or candidate Eric Cantu.

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

Question 1: Properties with IDAs should be annexed by the city so that these entities can pay taxes.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 2: IDAs should be allowed to expire without new IDAs being signed.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 3: Companies with IDAs should be expected to follow the same city code requirements as those companies within the city limits.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 4: Corporations who have IDAs now should be allowed to have new IDAs.

Armon Alex: Neutral.

Question 5: Companies with IDAs should PAY their fair share in taxes.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

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

Question 1: The statute prohibiting teachers from the right to organize unions should be repealed.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 2: The statute prohibiting teachers from collectively bargaining for wages should be repealed.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 3: The statute prohibiting teachers from collectively bargaining for benefits should be repealed.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 4: The statute prohibiting teachers from collectively bargaining for working conditions should be repealed.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 5: Teachers should have a right to an elected consultation committee.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 6: 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.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 7: The statute prohibiting public employees from the right to organize unions should be repealed.

Armon Alex: Agree.

This section of the questionnaire is regarding the library budget.

Question 1: 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.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 2: I support an increase in the libraries' budget to extend hours of operation.

Armon Alex: Neutral.

Question 3: I support an increase in the libraries' budget to offer more programming for senior citizens.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 4: I support an increase in the libraries' budget to offer more programming for children.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 5: I support an increase in the libraries' budget to offer more programming for adolescents.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 6: I support an increase in the libraries' budget to add more computer terminals at different sites.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 7: I support an increase in the libraries' budget to add more books.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 8: I believe the city's library budget should remain unchanged.

Armon Alex: Strongly disagree.

Question 9: I believe the city's library budget should be cut.

Armon Alex: Strongly disagree.

This section of the questionnaire pertains to public health.

Question 1: I support a paid sick leave ordinance.

Armon Alex: Neutral.

Question 2: I believe our local officials responded appropriately to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Armon Alex: Neutral.

This section of the questionnaire addresses policing.

Question 1: I support a cite and release ordinance for non-violent offenders.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 2: I support a repeal of the 287(g) program.

Armon Alex: Neutral.

Question 3: I support a repeal of the City's participation in the Operation Border Star.

Armon Alex: Neutral.

Question 4: City Council and Mayor should set policy that prohibits CC police officers from inquiring about a person's immigration status.

Armon Alex: Neutral.

Question 5: I support authorizing CC police officers to inquire about a person's immigration status on any traffic stop.

Armon Alex: Neutral.

Question 6: San Antonio recently passed a resolution affirming the right to abortion access. While this does not alter state laws, it declares that city funds should not be used to investigate, report, or store data about abortions. I support adopting a similar resolution in Corpus Christi.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

This section of the questionnaire addresses parks and recreation.

Question 1: The budgets for our parks and recreation department should be increased for an information campaign to increase community awareness about the programs offered.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 2: The budgets for our swimming pools should be increased to allow for extended hours of operation during summer and weekends.

Armon Alex: Neutral.

Question 3: The budgets for our senior programming should be increased for the meals program.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 4: The budgets for latchkey program should be increased to allow for more latchkey sites at all elementary schools.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 5: The budgets for latchkey program should be increased to allow for more summer recreation sites at all elementary schools.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

This section pertains to environmental concerns.

Question 1: I acknowledge climate change as a real phenomenon that, if not dealt with properly and swiftly, will result in major crises.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 2: I acknowledge climate change

as something that impacts Corpus Christi and the broader Coastal Bend region.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 3: While Austin, San Antonio, Houston, and other cities in Texas have all adopted city-wide climate action plans to protect the Earth and their residents, Corpus Christi has not. I support the formation of a city-wide Climate Action plan.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 4: I believe water for industrial use should not be paid for/subsidized by taxpayers.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 5: I oppose desalination in the Corpus Christi Bay.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

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

Question 1: I have a plan to address homelessness and housing insecurity.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 2: I am in favor of putting the low barrier shelter back on the City Council agenda.

Armon Alex: Neutral.

Question 3: I believe our city should adopt a housing first approach to homelessness and housing insecurity.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 4: I believe funding should be reallocated from elsewhere to address the housing crisis.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 5: I believe spending for animal control should be greater than spending for homelessness services.

Armon Alex: Strongly disagree.

Question 6: 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.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 7: To increase city services, I would be willing to support increasing taxes on local property owners.

Armon Alex: Strongly disagree.

Question 8: To increase city services, I would be willing to support leveraging fines on heavy industries that exceed their pollution permits.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 9: To increase city services, I would be willing to support re-allocating money spent on policing to community-based services.

Armon Alex: Agree.

Question 10: To increase city services, I would be willing to support eliminating tax exemptions for private corporations

and use that surplus money for community services.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 11: To increase city services, I would be willing to support eliminating tax abatements for private corporations.

Armon Alex: Strongly agree.

Question 12: To increase city services, I would be willing to support imposing corporate citizenship fees on entities with IDAs Tax Abatement to support expanded services.

Armon Alex: Neutral.

Long-form question: Please elaborate on any of your above responses you feel may require further clarity (Optional).

Armon Alex: *Candidate did not respond.*

Long-form question: Please summarize what you believe to be Corpus Christi's largest and most pressing issue(s) and your proposed solution(s).

Armon Alex: Updating Infrastructure: we need to update old pipes, utilities, & amenities in D3; as well as fixing our streets on a better timeline.

Addressing Climate Change: our city need a Climate Action Plan that assess our impacts and puts forth a plan of action.

Lowering taxes: our community même vers are struggle with inflation all across the south coast. We need to make that strain lighter on our taxpayers by pushing the brunt onto corporate polluters.

Diversifying our Economy: we need to entice more business instead of fossil fuels into our area.

Renewable energy needs a pathway to thrive in CC so that our young people and current residents can have access to cleaner waters & air.

Question: 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.

Armon Alex: Our city priorities are off rn. We have more budgetting for animal services instead of houseless folks. We have more budgetting for Desalination than other cheaper & safer options. We need someone in office that's willing to stand up and speak out for these discrepancies.



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

THE PEOPLE'S PLATFORM IS A COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. WE ARE DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS AND TO PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOBS. WE WILL FIGHT FOR A BUDGET THAT PUTS PEOPLE FIRST AND INVESTS IN OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE.