



Imperial Beach Democratic Club
2022 Imperial Beach City Council Candidate Consideration Survey
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General Information

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- 1.) Have you been registered OTHER than a Democrat? YES NO
- 2.) How long have you been registered as a Democrat? **Since I turned 18 - 09/02/1975 (46 years) What?!**
- 3.) How long have you been a resident of the district? **9 years**
- 4.) Have you run for or been elected to public office previously?
 YES NO

If "YES", what office did you run for, or previously hold?

Goals, Issues & Policy Objectives

1.) Why are you running for office?

I'm running for office because I want to ensure that the hard work and progress made over the past 8 years continues. I believe strongly in working to maintain the character of our District 3.

2.) Why are you seeking endorsement from the Imperial Beach Democratic Club?

As one of its' founders it means very much to me to earn the club's endorsement and support.

3.) List your top three policy agenda goals for your campaign:

1. Protect and conserve our natural resources to create a cleaner environment for IB's residents and visitors.

2. Manage and balance growth responsibly to grow our economy yet maintain the character of Imperial Beach.

3. Fight against pollution to make our air, water and beaches cleaner.

4.) Imperial Beach is ever increasingly under greater threat of sea level rise, high-tide flooding, coastal erosion, and higher storm surge.

a) Do you believe the science that says climate change is real?

YES NO Requires further explanation:

b) Do you believe that climate change can be mitigated or reversed?

YES NO Requires further explanation:

c) If elected, how will you use your office to meet the climate-related challenges facing Imperial Beach? Please explain.

My research shows that the next big threat to IB, specifically District 3, is sea level rise and ocean warming which will create stronger more dangerous storms and storm surge. We must be proactive rather than reactive about this issue. I will use my office to facilitate programs to educate residents about the Imperial Beach climate plan. In addition,

these programs can also provide information and resources of the causes that have led to the acceleration of climate change and how we can best prepare for it for the greater good District 3.

5.) Will you affirm a commitment to environmental justice: no community should be subjected to environmental hazards due to race, economic standing, or immigration status?

YES NO Requires further explanation:

6.) For decades, Imperial Beach has been plagued by an unrelenting sewage spill from south of the international border. The constant flow of millions of gallons of waste, including untreated sewage, trash, pesticides, and heavy metals, make our beaches toxic and inaccessible to our residents for extended periods of time. Additionally, the sustained pollution of the Tijuana River impacts our air quality, biological resources, and hurts our overall economy. If elected, what is your plan for the Tijuana River Valley? Please explain.

I plan to foster and manage the work that has been accomplished and to provide close oversight of the mitigation plans and be ready to recommend adjustments as they arise. We've come so far and the implementation process is crucial to being a long term solution for our border pollution issue.

7.) Will you affirm a commitment to housing justice: housing is a human right regardless of status and not for the marginalization of poorer residents into less desirable areas that frequently have higher pollution levels and other health risks?

YES NO Requires further explanation:

8.) Will you promote food safety, the “eat local” movement, small family farms, urban gardens, and healthy food alternatives?

YES NO Requires further explanation:

9.) COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on our community. Imperial Beach has reached historically high and unprecedented unemployment numbers exceeding Great Depression era records. Unable to work and with future stimulus measures under threat, members of our community have found or will soon find themselves without access to basic human needs such as food, shelter, etc. If elected, how will you use your office to:

- a) Support Imperial Beach residents during the pandemic.
- b) Strengthen COVID-19 related protections for workers in the workplace
- c) Support small business in the event of another government shutdown



d) Strengthen public health & safety

ANSWER: Given that Covid has changed since this questionnaire was written, I'll provide my answers here below for all questions.

I served on the Executive Team for the IB Mayor's Task Force on Covid for the business segment. We were instrumental in educating businesses and helping them get crucial funding, Federal, State and Local, including grants and loans. This helped keep them stay afloat during the first year of the pandemic.

The Mayor's Task Force was also instrumental in helping residents in need attain much needed services, educate them on Covid protocols and healthcare and we worked with the local city manager and staff as well as the police and fire chiefs and others to maintain our city's public health and safety during this critical period.

I worked a good 12-16 hours a day with my team as well as the other teams to see that we got through this as best as our City could. It was a perilous time in uncharted waters. I value that experience and getting to know fellow local small business owners and managers. It was heartbreaking when I would receive an "SOS" call but I felt empowered to send them in the right direction to relevant resources.

Whatever happens and however this virus mutates I have the experience to see us through skillfully, safely and successfully.

10.) What is your vision for developing our local economy, balancing the need to preserve our beach town vibe with increasing demand for development? Please explain:

I plan to manage growth responsibly to maintain the character of District 3. I feel our focus should be on balancing our growth and development with infrastructure in mind. It is possible for a city to outgrow its' ability to manage traffic. This all needs to be taken into consideration when looking to increase revenue. Overdevelopment can be the downfall of beach communities destroying their local vibe/character. And, it tends to drive locals out due to increased rent and unaffordable real estate prices. Moderation and balance for District 3.

Signed: Anna L. Webb

Date: 5/29/2022