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August 29, 2019

TO: Candidates for City of Houston Mayor and City Council Positions:

Dear Candidate:

We will again be providing information about candidates to churches in the city for the City of Houston election on November 5. We would like to make sure you are included in the voter information to assure churchgoing voters are well informed where you stand on key issues. All our participating churches are very committed to actively promoting voter turnout, so we hope you will participate.

The questions and issues on the survey are not intended to be exhaustive of all decisions you may make in the office you are seeking and some may not seem specifically applicable. However, the intent is to provide voters with your views on specific issues of concern in a variety of categories as well as your overall personal and governing philosophy.

Voter guides will be again distributed in churches of many ethnic and denominational identities, large and small, prior to the beginning of Early Voting on October 21. The voter guides may be made available both in print version for churches as well as posted on our website with all your additional comments included (online only).

Thank you very much and we hope to hear back from you soon!

Sincerely,

Rev. Dave Welch
Executive Director

Please return survey via mail, fax or email by:

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 25*

832-688-9166 (Phone)

832-688-8484 (Fax)

Email: info@uspastorcouncil.org

P.O. Box 692207

Houston, TX 77269

***-Surveys received after this date may not be included in the final voter guide**

2019 HOUSTON AREA PASTOR COUNCIL ISSUES SURVEY FOR CITY COUNCIL/MAYORAL CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE NAME: (Please PRINT or TYPE) Greg Travis

OFFICE/POSITION SOUGHT: Re-Election to Houston City Council --District G

CAMPAIGN CONTACT AND TELEPHONE: Greg Travis--713-443-4307

Please indicate your positions on each of the following issues by marking the appropriate box.

Fiscal and Budget – Do you support or oppose...

1. Adopting property tax relief for victims of natural disasters (Harvey)?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

2. Revising city ordinances to address conflicts of interest in awarding city contracts?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

3. Policy change directing that all city funds received through the drainage fee be spent on flooding remediation and drainage enhancement projects.

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

4. Zero-based budgeting for city agencies and departments (starting at zero each cycle)

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

Growth Management - Do you support or oppose...

5. Adopting commercial and/or residential zoning ordinances or other growth management restrictions

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: I would have to see all that this entails--I would need to see the specific restrictions. I would probably be in opposition.

6. Expanding the light rail system as a primary means of improving transportation

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

7. The use of Eminent Domain for economic development (KELO V. NEW LONDON, 2005)

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

Community Protection - Do you support or oppose...

8. Enforcing maximum legal restrictions on all Sexually Oriented Businesses equally?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

9. Current regulations and restrictions on feeding of the homeless by churches and individuals?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: Current restrictions are too restrictive on those wanting to assist in charitable work.

10. Campaign Ethics Reform that includes prohibition on accepting contributions from part or full owners of Sexually Oriented Businesses?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

11. Policy assuring an adequate level of staffing and academies for Houston Police Department as a budget priority?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

12. A Human Trafficking Task Force of city officials, law enforcement, judicial, business, NGO's and churches?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

Social Issues

13. Prohibit abortion except to save the life of the mother

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

14. Prohibit abortion except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother (if O or U on #13)

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: See 13----I know this is a tough question but a life is a life and it is precious. Life should take priority over other concerns. Regardless of how the baby is conceived, its still a life and an innocent at that.

15. Prohibiting adult sexual content and performers in Houston Public Library system programs and materials accessible to children.

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

16. A city ordinance creating discrimination protections for sexual orientation, gender identity or other sexual behavior.

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: We don't need such a law as previously proposed. The people voted and it was overwhelmingly defeated.

17. The definition of marriage as only the union of one natural man and one natural woman.

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

Faith/Religion

Are you a member of a faith community? Yes No

Church/Organization name: St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Pastor/Priest Name Dr. Thomas Pace is the Sr. Pastor

Please describe in brief you personal religious beliefs I am a Christian and I have a very personal relationship with God. I thank God constantly for the opportunities he has provided me and I ask for forgiveness for those opportunities that I have squandered.

Everything I am I owe to God and everything I am not, I owe to my own human frailty which I have yet to overcome.

The signature below constitutes a pledge and attests that responses in this questionnaire accurately represent the views of the candidate as completed only by the candidate.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: Greg Travis

DATE: 9/25/2019

***Please return survey via email, mail or fax by:
5:00 pm, September 25, 2019****

TO:

Houston Area Pastor Council

Via Fax: 832-688-8484

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(If responding by email, please send survey as JPG or PDF attachment as it must include the candidate's signature)

Call 832-688-9166 with inquiries or for information

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