



2024 ODESSA PASTOR COUNCIL ISSUES SURVEY FOR CITY COUNCIL/MAYORAL CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE NAME: (Please PRINT or TYPE) Mark Matta

OFFICE/POSITION SOUGHT: District 1 City Council

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

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

1. Raising city taxes and fees to address the city of Odessa’s water and sewer infrastructure needs?
 Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: citizens should be given the opportunity to vote on debt that would affect their taxes

2. Recently, the City of Odessa joined TGAA (Texas Government Accountability Association), which is a good government association that has the highest standards of ethics, transparency and accountability. Do you agree with this decision to join TGAA?
 Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: I STRONGLY support our decision to join TGAA. It's imperative that local govt be totally transparent

3. Zero-based budgeting for city agencies and departments (starting at zero each budget cycle vs. the previous budget baseline.)
 Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: Since implementing the zero0based budget, it has shown to be effective and fiscally conservstive, saving the city millions.

Community Protection - Do you support or oppose...

4. Increasing the budget of the Odessa Police Department to adequately fund recruitment and staffing levels based on current city needs?
 Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: One of the core tenants of city govt is making sure the citizens are safe. Its imperative to make sure our OPD has the funds needed to be effictive

5. Granting Personal Recognizance Bonds to defendants charged with Homicide, Felon in Possession of a Weapon, Possession of a Prohibited Weapon, and who has existing violent felony bonds or convictions?
 Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: The only reason I support this is people have erroneously been arrested of homicide. For those who have a criminal histry and are repeat offenders, no bond should be issued.

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

Comments: All contributions from any sexually oriented business should not be allowed

7. Creating a functioning Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force of city officials, law enforcement, judicial, business, NGO's and churches?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: This needs to be made a priority. We have a responsibility to protect the innocent children being exploited by evil people

Social Issues - Do you support or oppose...

8. Current State of Texas restrictions on abortion

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: I support the current restrictions on abortions, but I would also support stricter regulations

9. What is your position on the Sanctuary City for the Unborn ordinance adopted by City Council?

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: I am proud to be a member of this council that voted in support of the sanctuary city for the unborn.

10. Prohibiting adult sexual content and performers in any City of Odessa owned and/or operated building, including the Odessa Public Library system, programs and materials accessible to children.

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: I absolutely support a ban on sexual content and performers in any city owned and/or operated building

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

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: These are all CHOICES individuals make, which is their prerogative. However, choices have consequences.

12. A City Ordinance prohibiting City of Odessa owned and/or operated building with a "multiple-occupancy bathroom or changing facility" from allowing biological males to use those facilities designated for females'; and vice versa. .

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: While Odessa has not any incidences of this happening yet, we need to be proactive in the protection of our children and prevent this from happening.

Faith/Religion

Are you a member of a faith community? Yes No

Church/Organization name: member of Odessa Bible Church for 8 years

Pastor/Priest Name Pastor Bob Thayer

Please describe in brief your personal religious beliefs I believe in the holy trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The only path to salvation is by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and not by performing good deeds. I also believe that as a Christian, I have been called to be a disciple living by the verse Luke 9:23-24

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: 

DATE: 10/3/24

Please return survey via email, mail or fax by:
5:00 pm, October 10, 2024*

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