



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

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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: Ultimate goal of any city council is to draw down both property tax and fees, utilizing Pioneer revenue and grants to rebuild aged infrastructure is priority
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: TGAA,S focus is on citizens that city governance operates ethically and efficient, higher standard of transparency, requires disclosure of conflict of interest, Thefore citizens stand to gain a clearer understanding of City Govt.
3. Zero-based budgeting for city agencies and departments (starting at zero each budget cycle vs. the previous budget baseline.)
 Support Oppose Undecided
 Comments: It will prevent misallocation of resources that occur over time with budgets grow incrementally. Zero based-budgeting forces teams to justify every cost, easier to identify areas where city can reduce unnecessary spending. Ultimately Zero-based budgeting enhances accountability, and aligns resources with strategic objectives

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: The why is to enhance six main topic areas: Continued Trust, Policy and Oversight, Technology and social media, Community Policing, Crime Reduction, Officer Training and education and Officer Safety and Wellness.
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: My argument not to grant a (PR) bond to a felon is the potential danger to the community. Perception of leniency towards serious crimes, concerns of flight risk, severity of charges and criminal history indicate flight risk.
6. Campaign Ethics Reform that includes prohibition on accepting contributions from part or full owners of Sexually Oriented Businesses?
 Support Oppose Undecided
 Comments: There's no one definition of dark money, But I say recipients of dark money(as with any contribution) are beholden to their funders, , while voters and supports are kept in the dark about relationships between donor and politician when favors are paid back. Contributions from SOB are immoral at all levels

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 local task force would play a significant role in areas of reducing the vulnerability of potential victims. Provide support and assistance to victims, craft strategies that address the root cause of human trafficking.

Social Issues - Do you support or oppose...

8. Current State of Texas restrictions on abortion

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: _____

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

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: I as a child of an Almighty God, I stand with the unborn. By my faith the adoption of this ordinance in Odessa sent a resounding message to the world. That in ODESSA Tx. the Reborn stand with 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 argue that children should be shielded from specific information, particularly in content involving violence and sexual themes. The American Society of Pediatrics' found exposure to violent content in early childhood leads aggression and desensitization.

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

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: Such ordinances offer no protection being employment, housing, public accommodations. These ordinances are limited they only have as much enforcement ability as the system of government gives to cities, and that is by definition limited.

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: Where biological differences between male and females are relevant. The anatomical differences between male and female must be accompanied with a reasonable expectation of privacy that flows from those differences, and account for laws and regulations that require separate facilities. Sex-based standards are important because they ground the standard of privacy and respect on the objective & universal features of biological sex, not the fluid and relative norms of gender. If we were to abandon the sex-based standards for say berthing, bathrooms, showers facilities we will violate the rights of privacy and dignity of men and women

Faith/Religion

Are you a member of a faith community? Yes No

Church/Organization name: Hope Alive Church

Pastor/Priest Name Pastor Cliff DeArmond

Please describe in brief you personal religious beliefs I grew up in religious home and my mom took me to church

So, as a kid, I heard about GOD and learned a lot from all the bible stories. But at the time I didn't understand what all those stories meant. I grew up as a kid that in order to go to Heaven one needs to be good. Teenage years came and I met the my love of my life.

We both live good lives, and we accepted Christ as our savior. God changed are lives on August 16th 1988. Gods promise that my sins are forgiven, and God is preparing a place in heaven for me. God gives me peace and joy that i have never experienced before. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

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: _____

Javier Joven

