

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

CANDIDATE NAME: (Please PRINT or TYPE) Jason Rowe

OFFICE/POSITION SOUGHT: Houston City Council, At-Large #4

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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. 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: I believe this should also be done at the State level so Counties and ISD's cannot be unethical in awarding contracts at the costs of taxpayers.

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: Along with a thorough review in the budget process, with independent audits as well.

Growth Management - Do you support or oppose...

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

☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Comments: _____

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

☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Comments: So far \$2.2 billion has been spent on light rail. Since then, ridership is down 15%.

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

☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Comments: We see this now in proposed I-45 expansion. Hurts too many communities and houses of worship.

Community Protection - Do you support or oppose...

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

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Comments: Laws should be enforced against these businesses, not deals done as current administration has done.

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

☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Comments: I have been an outspoken opponent of the Charitable Feeding Ban for years.

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

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Comments: As well as at State level.

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

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Comments: Approximately 40% of our police force is eligible for retirement. We need additional officers now.

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.

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

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Comments: I was a lawyer for this case fighting against the City and HPL.

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

☐ Support ☒ Oppose ☐ Undecided

Comments: I officed with Briscoe Cain as we fought against HERO and sermons subpoenaed.

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. Anne's Catholic Church

Pastor/Priest Name Father Jay Walsh

Please describe in brief your personal religious beliefs I grew up Baptist. In college at Texas A+M, I was involved with the Navigators leading Bible studies. I moved to Houston where I graduated from HBU, but attended a Presbyterian church. As the Presbyterians became more embroiled in liberal issues, I converted to Catholicism in ²⁰¹³. I am now a spiritual director for the ~~Young Adult~~ Young Adult Group at St. Anne's where I lead Bible studies teaching Catholics how to take a closer look at Scripture.
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: 9-25-19

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

Via mail: P.O. Box 692207, Houston, TX 77269

Via email: info@uspastorcouncil.org

(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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