

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

CANDIDATE NAME: (Please PRINT or TYPE) Bill King

OFFICE/POSITION SOUGHT: Mayor

CAMPAIGN CONTACT AND TELEPHONE: 346-319-4101

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 do not support zoning, however, I do support more reasonable restrictions on development so that surrounding neighborhoods are not unduly affected, especially as it relates to flooding.

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: I do not think it ought to be against the law to provide the hungry with food, but there are times when well-intentional people enable disruptive behavior. I would work with these groups to make sure they understand the full impacts of their programs so that they are able to serve without creating any negative impact in the surrounding neighborhoods. _____

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: See answer to 14 below. _____

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: I am morally opposed to abortion, but I support the current Texas law. _____

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: I publicly opposed the 2015 HERO ordinance and have not changed my position on that ordinance. _____

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

Support Oppose Undecided

Comments: I believe each faith has its inherent right to define marriage pursuant to its teachings. With regard to my ministerial duties as mayor, I will follow the law as interpreted by the Supreme Court. _____

Faith/Religion

Are you a member of a faith community? Yes x No _____

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

Pastor/Priest Name Jim Bankston, recently retired from St. Paul's

Please describe in brief you personal religious beliefs Christian

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: Bill King

DATE: 9/10/19

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

TO:
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