

1. What are your top three goals for the city in the next four years (term of office)?

Ward 5 was one of the most heavily damaged areas during Katrina. Even though every home was inundated with water during the storm, we came back stronger than ever. However, there is still a good deal of work to do.

If elected, I will serve a diverse mix of full time residents as well as weekenders and seasonal residents. I will put my time and energy into working for each and every one of its citizens.

- My first goal will be to maintain the level of city services (police, fire, and public works) that our residents deserve.
- My second goal will be to secure funding for and initiate a long overdue waterway clean up in Wards 5 and 6.
- My third goal will be to gather support to build a new community center for Wards 5 and 6.

2. How would you foster cooperation between the City Council and Mayor?

If we elect qualified people with a history of success and cooperation, working together should be easy. The city council and the mayor should have the same goal, making our city be the best that it can be. If elected, I want to work closely with both the mayor and the other city council members to make sure this happens. Cooperation is vital if we want to move our city in the right direction.

In addition, the city would greatly benefit if elected officials received training and continued education as they learn and grow in their roles as civil servants.

3. What measures would you support to increase the city's revenue?

City revenues are steadily climbing, homes are going up in all areas of the city, and new businesses are opening their doors. Economic progress can be seen throughout the city. Our taxes are reasonable which helps nurture this growth. I believe we should continue to support the growth of local businesses, encourage home builders, and see what Bay St. Louis can do.

4. List three ways you would foster support of and communication with the city's appointed commissions (Planning and Zoning, Harbor and Historic Preservation).

There has been a disconnection between the city council and the city commissions for some time. Appointed commissions play a vital role in the community. The council should attend the commissions meetings and discuss the issues. By establishing an open channel of communication, the sharing of information between the council and the commissions will be more efficient and more effective.

5. What are your ideas for preserving our community's unique character while supporting residential and business growth?

As evident by the soaring property value in our historic district, both the planning and zoning commission and the historic commission are doing a phenomenal job of retaining our city's charming character. At the same time, we need to continue to promote the growth of local businesses that adds to the appeal of our unique coastal town while also increasing revenues for the city and creating jobs.

6. What actions can the city take now to maximize benefits when it becomes a stop on the future Amtrak route?

I will rely heavily on Hancock County Tourism and our business community to continue to promote our beautiful community. Bay St. Louis is an easy sell.

7. Should the city provide financial support to economic development organizations like the Hancock Chamber and Hancock County Tourism? Support your answer.

The city should continue to supply in kind services to these organizations. The police, fire, and public works departments have always supplied facilities and personnel as needed for their functions. From connecting local business leaders to convincing people to take a detour off of I-10, these organizations have proven their worth to our community. Support from both local businesses and the city is vital for these organizations to continue to grow.

8. What importance do you place on proposed community amenities such as a swimming pool, additional bicycle paths and dog parks?

My constituents want asphalt on their dirt roads, pot holes fixed, and ditches that do not take three days to drain after a rain. The amenities would be nice, but I must first focus on the basic needs of my voters. However, with the right leadership in office, my children may be getting their feet wet sooner than we think. Vote wisely.

9. What is your position on the possibility of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department managing the BSL Police Department. State the advantages and/or disadvantages you foresee.

It is evident that our citizens want to continue having our Police Department. As an elected official, I will support their views.

The City of Bay St. Louis has hired an excellent man as our Chief of Police. He is qualified, personable, and fair minded. He holds his officers to the highest standards, and I believe he can effectively do the job handed to him.

10. The number of golf carts on city streets continues to grow. How should golf cart use be regulated?

- Require all golf carts to have the mandatory safety equipment.
- Only licensed drivers are allowed to drive golf carts on city streets.
- All D.U.I. and D.W.I. regulations should be enforced.
- Golf carts are restricted to 25 MPH roadways.

11. As the city grows do you think it should consider changing its present form of government? Explain your answer. Note: The page on our Serve BSL website contains information and resources that might be helpful in answering this question.

No. The mayor council form of government streamlines the day to day services and allows for a quick, effective response in emergency situations.