

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

1. Move the city in a forward direction utilizing positive publicity, teamwork and local resources that will benefit all, I would encourage new growth in both residents and businesses throughout the city and will provide additional support to the entire areas city not just downtown.
2. Utilize Partnerships with the Board of Supervisors and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Tidelands Program to provide better water access to the citizens of Ward 6 as well as our elderly and those with special needs.
3. Correct drainage- I will use the current drainage plan for South Hancock County addressing the watersheds in ward 6 and work with outside funding sources to utilize new tools and innovative processes to help reduce the effects of tidal surge on drainage ways. I will also work to utilize hazardous mitigation Grant funds to try to elevate roads and emergency passages that become inundated during flooding events.

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

I feel we need to work as a team to be most productive. As a united group, we will accomplish great things for our city. If elected I will treat the position of Mayor with respect regardless of who holds that position and would not accept no less than the same from them. I will keep my personal feelings out of city business with my only goal being a positive outlook for the city and especially Ward 6.

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

I would first review all expenditures and expenses to ensure all tax dollars were being spent properly. I would then use local dollars as match money when possible to capitalize on grants from state and federal sources. I also feel that by providing a positive outlook through media sources, it will encourage new growth throughout the city.

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

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1. I would regularly attend their meetings to understand how they reached the outcomes of their decisions. Typically the discussions that take place during the meetings are not translated through the minutes and the motions that the council receives.
2. Work with each Commission to develop a relationship and have good communication with the members.
3. I would like to work with the next mayor on the appointments to the said boards or commissions to make sure the persons appointed by the mayor and ratified by the council are open-minded to a city experiencing new development and growth.

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

As we move forward, we must preserve the character of the city. The city is experiencing growing pains, we need communication and cooperation among citizens, business leaders and your elected officials. Also, the growth we are experiencing may be a little different than what some locals would like to see, however we need to be open to all business opportunities that arise for the city of Bay St. Louis.

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

As we already know having Old Town as a scheduled stop in the depot district will only enhance Amtrak travel. We need to reassure Amtrak officials that we are “*all aboard*” in making this stop important to the travelers along their route. We need to make sure this is a win-win for both groups by providing a full-service train depot and promoting the entire city including the Depot District, Old Town, casinos, our beautiful beaches and providing transportation locally, making it easier for people to access our attractions.

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

As a business owner and a chamber member for the last eight years, I support the efforts of the Hancock County Chamber and the Hancock County Tourism Commission. I understand the importance of the roles that they both play in our community, in our businesses and promoting

our attractions. I will certainly support those organizations, however as a steward of taxpayer dollars I would expect those organizations to follow the same trust and transparency that I plan to provide if elected to City Council.

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

Amenities are very important to the cities growth and to maintaining a higher quality of life however, we must be sure that we can afford them. We need to look at the city's financial situation before committing to any additional expenditures.

I believe that we can find money through outside sources to provide additional bike paths and possibly utilizing current green space for a dog park. I think a public swimming pool would be a great addition to our areas recreational facilities, however I am not sure we could afford it on our own. I would like to work with the Bay-Waveland School District to form a partnership to possibly assist in a cost sharing program to make this dream a reality.

**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.**

I believe Bay St. Louis should be represented by its own Police Department. In any public entity there can be issues, it's how we address those issues and make them better that is important. I believe that our Police Department should be local and managed by a Chief held accountable to the citizens that they police. I believe that we now have a Chief that is providing positive morale, and public policy as well as a place that other experienced officers would want to come and work. We are a great community with a low crime rate and I believe that is because of the officers that serve and protect!

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

When dealing with golf carts, safety should be our biggest concern. I believe that there is a way for golf carts and automobile traffic to coexist. I believe that we do need an ordinance that is strictly enforced and that restricts who can operate them and what equipment is required. I do believe that there should be a user fee for golf carts just like the license plate on a vehicle. This

fee will assist in the enforcement of these regulations and to help with identification by local law-enforcement.

**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.*

This is a very important question that will impact the citizens of Bay St. Louis for many years to come. Even though, if elected I will be representing the city of Bay St. Louis and especially Ward 6, I believe that this should be put to a referendum.

Putting this on the ballot, I believe would be a relatively inexpensive way to get true public opinion from the most voters on the way in which citizens wish their government should run if we combined it with the next county election, the cost would be minimal.

I think the challenge right now is that most citizens are confused by the responsibilities of the City Council and the Mayor and believe that if we were to put this on the ballot it would allow us time to get most information out to the voters to make an informed decision. As I've said many times in this questionnaire, I believe that those who spend your tax dollars and represent you should represent the majority of the voters and I believe this question is too important for me to make a decision without a direct word from you. If the voters decided to make a change I would support that decision.