

Election 2010: HB City Council Candidates

This Month's QUESTION: Assuming you agree that Public Safety is #1 Priority for local elected Council Members, please rate the following items in order of your personal priority and submit up to 50 words maximum on what you would do to accomplish your top priority after Public Safety. It can be a specific program or project or a concept like Economic Development, Open Space Preservation or Street Repair.

Candidates rated from "A" to "Z" their top priorities if reelected... after Public Safety. They then submitted about 50 words to state their position on those top priorities or programs. "A" was their top Priority if elected after Public Safety and so on recognizing that "Z" would still be important to them.

"A" Open Space Preservation, Public Park Expansion
"B" Street/Sidewalk Repair - Infrastructure
"C" Economic Development, Business Retention, Expansion & Attraction
"D" Water Quality, Water Source, Water Cost Issues
"E" City Budget, Retirement/Pension Fund issues (Public Employee Benefits, etc)
"F" Substitute a priority category of your own and rate it "A" - "Z" if above categories do not meet your needs

CANDIDATE	#1 Priority	#2 Priority	#3 Priority	#4 Priority	#5 Priority	#6 Priority
Brandt, Bruce	E	C	B	D	A	
Carchio, Joe	C	E	B	D	A	
Delgleize, Barbara	E	B	C	D	A	
DeLong, Gregg	E	B	D	A	C	
Dominguez, Andriessa	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	
Farley, Blair	E	C	B	D	A	
Grow, Heather	F	E	A	C	B	D
Harper, Matthew	C	E	A	D	B	
Kalmick, Dan	E	B	C	A	D	
Kataopdis, Jim	E	C	D	B	A	
O'Connell, Billy	C	E	B	A	D	
Peterson, Erik	E	C	B	A	D	
Rorick, Bill	E	C	F	D	B	*
Roselius, Shawn	A	D	E	B	C	
Shaw, Joe	E	C	B	D	A	
Speaker, Fred	C	B	E	D	A	
Von Holle, John	E	C	B	D	A	
Westwell, Norm	E	C	B	A	D	
Landon Fichtner	C	E	D	A	B	

*Limit or Eliminate High Density Housing Projects

Bill Rorick - I believe that we need to bring public sector salaries and benefits in line with the private sector. We need to be proactive in taking on this issue before the city experiences even more severe budget issues. People should expect and receive much more financial responsibility from their elected officials.

Heather Grow - My chief priority (after public safety) is developing community pride: when residents take pride in our community, neighborhoods and schools, they're more likely to volunteer, serve, and improve their surroundings. Individuals need to feel their voice is being heard and their views are at the heart of the policy-making process.

Erik Peterson - Our city has financial problems. Unfunded liabilities and annual cost to sustain the city are rising. Huntington Beach brought in approximately \$172,000,000.00 last year. The cost to sustain city employees and pensions were approximately \$138,000,000.00. That left \$34,000,000.00 to repair city infrastructure, stimulate economic development, preserve and maintain open space, and all other city costs.

Dan Kalmick - While all five issues are my top priority, we will not be able to accomplish any of these unless we tackle the city budget. Economic Development should go hand in hand with addressing out City's budget shortfalls as we need to augment income from new sources and cut spending. Campaign donations reported as of 8/1/2010: \$1,000

Norm Westwell - Developing a sustainable long term balanced budget strategy is paramount for economic stability. Since salaries, pension, health, and other benefits consume the lion's share of the general fund, successful leaders must increasingly focus on the high costs of labor and introduce government to new, innovative, money saving ideas to improve efficiency. Campaign donations reported as of 8/1/2010: \$3,821.31

Landon Fichtner - Everything revolves around funding! Water costs, park preservation, infrastructure, community activities, and more. Increasing taxpayer burden will never solve a budget, it lowers residents buying power, in turn decreasing spending. The key is to foster development, and pull businesses into our community without increasing taxes or fees.

Jim Katapodis - At today's unpredictable economy, I believe that the City Budget should be a #1 priority. Cities around Huntington Beach as well as the State of California are all in the midst of a financial crisis. Huntington Beach City Council should responsibly balance the city's budget - nobody can lend us a hand if we do not! Campaign donations reported as of 8/1/2010: \$0

Shawn Roselius - Open space is something that is slowly disappearing in Huntington Beach and needs to be protected. Public parks are an important place for citizens of Huntington Beach to have a healthy recreational activity and allow them to really take pride in this great city.

Barbara Delgleize - We must eliminate unsustainable elements of our budget to ensure we can meet our core obligations including public safety and infrastructure repairs. Campaign donations reported as of 8/1/2010: \$19,299

Gregg DeLong - The City budget needs a complete restructuring. First, lay off 20% of the city work force (police and fire excluded). Next, reduce the pay on the remaining employees by 20% (police and fire included). Next, city contribution towards retirement reduced to the minimum allowed. Next, all new hires retirement package changed to a 401k with zero contribution by the city. Last, with the money saved hire more police and fire personal.

Billy O'Connell - We will attract and retain businesses by reducing or eliminating excessive fees and taxes. The city must live within its means just like its citizens. Campaign donations reported as of 8/1/2010: \$10,495

Matthew Harper - With the exception of public safety, economic development is the most important issue facing the City of Huntington Beach. Business activity in Huntington Beach is what produces revenue for the City to perform critical services such as police, fire, and public infrastructure. Campaign donations reported as of 8/1/2010: \$4,115.29

Joe Shaw - In reality, all of these are number one priorities at certain times. In this budget crisis, it's crucial that we stabilize the city's budget first. Clean water, air and open space, all create a quality of life that will naturally spur economic development and tourism. We must have balance.

Campaign donations reported as of 8/1/2010: \$12,792

John Von Holle - The City has failed the Citizens by not to implement a more citizens-friendly municipality. There is too much red tape, fees, taxes, and other requirements required when constructing or remodeling commercial or residential property! All these requirements need to be review and reduced, then made easily available to the citizens. Campaign donations reported as of 8/1/2010: \$1,520

Fred Speaker - The taxpayer must be placed first in this process. Then, we have to have enough common sense to find solutions to the process of governing. I call that leadership. If you agree then please consider giving me one of your four votes. Campaign donations reported as of 8/1/2010: \$18,276

Joe Garchio - Experience counts! In the case of the City of Huntington Beach, my on-going top priority is to make sure we can supply needed public services with the less and less revenue. My passion for HB will continue to force me to vote for what we need, and defer what we just simply want. Campaign donations reported as of 8/1/2010: \$16,059

Andriessa Domiguez - Let's start off by saying we shouldn't assume anything...my dad taught me that as a kid. Conceivably all areas mentioned directly or indirectly affect the safety of the public and the quality of life. I believe they are all of equal priority and importance. Isn't there a department for that!? What do you think all 1's for each category!???

Bruce Brandt - The economic health of HB is paramount, so 1&2 go together; 1 is our expense outflow and 2 is our revenue sources. Items 3-5 (like most city projects) require funds to make repairs, recycle water and maintain & grow out recreation. Campaign donations reported as of 8/1/2010: \$1,750

Blair Farley - The number one job of a Council Member is to make wise choices in the expenditure of public funds. Spending is prioritizing and I will make budget choices that will make our city safe and with a focus on residential quality of life. Campaign donations reported as of 8/1/2010: \$4,870.