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PROGRESSIVE PEORIA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE CANDIDATE SURVEY

Peoria City Council at large survey

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Please include a resume and any campaign literature that you would like to share with the Progressive Peoria PAC.

My Resume/Vitae is in the mail

What are your top three priorities if elected?

1. Crime Reduction
2. Quality of Peoria City Life
3. Peoria City's Administration of Services

What are the key business issues in the city and what will you do to address these issues?

1. The City of Peoria is not "Business Friendly"
2. Loss of taxes/revenues due to crime and low educational standards
3. The City of Peoria does not ensure that the needs of its citizens is resolved

Recommended Results:

1. Peoria citizens' needs are to come 1st, before the special group wants.
2. Peoria must work together with groups, such as District 150, as a group network because, as in larger cities, understand that this is what makes a true functioning city.
3. Focus on establishing a strong economic system.
4. Establish a positive network of groups with a joint agenda.
5. Clean the city and maintain cleaning.
6. Affordable housing/land/T.I.F. available for city citizens.
7. Ensure Fire and Police Department protection.
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What will you do to make Peoria city government more effective?

As an experienced statewide administrator, I will demonstrate and respect the Peoria City's culture and communicate enabling ALL citizens and groups perspectives to be heard. I will introduce and expedite a system of shared values and goals. This group must and will support Human Rights, City, County, State and Federal Services. I will promote a positive organization Network for a Missing Operation Key which all functioning cities must have and maintain to a successful/whole city.

- Reduce crime and prove protection through Police/Fire Department
- Maintain a balanced budget
- Continuous openness/welcome to all city groups and organizations
- Focus on issues that benefit the organizations/groups/corporations/citizens of the city

What do you believe needs to be done to make Peoria City Hall more business friendly and how will you accomplish it?

- More open and positive attitude during interaction with citizens and prospective citizens.
- Establishment of a job performance evaluation that reflects the level of staff accomplishment of the above. Superior Performance increases must be approved by the council and the Mayor.
- Staff with more openness to decision makers and be included in such
- Add additional resources for staff, positive health care increases, positive environment/space, staff hiring reflection on the cultural makeup and city residence of the city districts, City 401
- Overtime payment must require a department head and Mayor approval and justifications
- Early information about City decisions, policies, and organization shifts
- A City Administration Staff network (24 hr/if needed) to rescue a Project in Trouble
- Self belief that the assets of Peoria are greatly positive and convince and influence prospective citizens and businesses

What do you see as key budget issues facing the City of Peoria? Would you consider alternate sources of revenue other than a real estate tax increase? If so, what alternative source do you prefer?

Real Estate Taxes increase must be held until no other available resources can solve the \$ needs.

Solutions:

- Establish and provide an attraction method and plan to attract visitors and \$'s

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- Establish a welcome format (Historical/Mayor/Council) person such as a Police, Fire, City Administrator, etc. that goes and presents a “Welcome to Peoria”, as is done at the Neighborhood Regional Conferences at events.
- Follow up and documentation of inquiries and submit to Department Chair and Mayor for discussion and resolution at the City’s Network and Problem solving Committee
- Welcome packets at hotels (agreements) to be given out to visitors (coupon book).

How will you work to develop and maintain a cooperative intergovernmental relationship with other local units of government, particularly that of Peoria County and Peoria Public Schools?

Often “SEEDS OF THOUGHTS” are new/innovative perspectives/ideas in the above local units and can become a growing positive seed for the city and them. Create an Organization City-Wide network that includes all groups. This WILL become the planning ground for missing pieces to GROW A FUNCTIONING, POSITIVE, and BENEFICIAL CITY.

Thank you,
Gloria Cassel-Fitzgerald

What is your opinion on the Heart of Peoria Commission’s proposed form based code for targeted areas of the City?

This form is not knowledgeable to me and reach/time/calls/etc. did not provide clarity. At this time I would support it due to contracted out services/cost and the difference it provides a code for targeted areas!

What do you believe the City should do to attract and retain businesses in the City?

City needs a staff person the 50% or whole function (job description/format) that can/will be able to generate people to come and provide \$ for this city (through conference groups/possible citizens/entertainment/special event/Holiday and National/State large attraction. Also establish whole city welcome, clean city, available rates for use of civic city for repeated users and lower costs for non-for-profit groups. Outward reach!

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What is your position on the use of cumulative voting for the at-large council positions?

At large reflects issues etc. for the whole city and should continue as such through the voting process (as is).

What is your position on City funding for the Economic Development Council of Central Illinois?

I feel that this is a support for development of businesses for the City of Peoria and could/should solve this problem if monitored.

Please note my packet only included 2 pages and a cover (3 pages) and not the above questions. I have answered all with the best of my abilities. Thank you.

Return this survey to the Progressive Peoria PAC no later than Tuesday January 17, 2007 by 4:30 p.m. It can be mailed to Progressive Peoria PAC ▪ Roberta Parks ▪ 124 SW Adams Suite 300 ▪ Peoria, IL 61602 or emailed to rparks@chamber.h-p.org, which would be the preferred method. Please note all survey responses will be posted on the Peoria Area Chambers website. Completion and return of this survey is required for consideration by the Progressive Peoria Political Action Committee for a contribution.