

Residents for Responsible Desalination

2020 Candidate Questionnaire

For election to be held on **November 3, 2020**

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1. Please tell us why you are running for election to the Huntington Beach City Council.

I am running for Huntington Beach City Council because we are in desperate need of new leadership. Our current City Council is more focused on suing the State of California over things like support for undocumented immigrants and opening our beaches during a pandemic than they are actually protecting the quality of life for residents throughout Huntington Beach. I've served on the Planning Commission for nearly 8 years and on OCTA's Citizens Advisory Committee, so I know that my experience will give me the tools to help create a Huntington Beach for the future, not the past. Over the next several years, HB is going to need serious people to make serious decisions that will have long-lasting impacts on the community. The next City Council will need to tackle our ongoing response to COVID-19, create an Economic Recovery plan that supports small businesses and local residents, and ensure that we create responsible developments that creates attainable housing for the next generation of Huntington Beach residents.

2. What is your vision for the City?

Economic Recovery - No one could have ever predicted the physical and economic devastation that COVID-19 would bring to cities nationwide. We need a City Council that has a vision to invest in areas of our city that will continue to bring in revenue, support small businesses and protect the quality of life for residents in all neighborhoods. This includes providing micro-loans to businesses to ensure they can keep their doors open, financial support for renters and small property owners, and increasing funding for public programs to ensure we keep people safe.

Housing for All - Over the years, Huntington Beach has gotten a horrible reputation for its views on homelessness and our ability to provide adequate attainable housing. I believe we must give everyone the dignity of having a roof over their head. As a Councilmember, I look forward to using my experience as a Planning Commissioner to build more units that are affordable and ensure we are providing wrap around services to residents experiencing homelessness.

Perception of Huntington Beach - Huntington Beach fought hard to become "Surf City USA," but that perception has been changed by a lack of leadership on Council. The City's perceived response to Covid along with not enforcing a mask mandate have left the public spotlight open to those that think Covid is a hoax. We must have leaders that will make the hard decisions to protect our residents and allow our businesses to open. We must work to quell the overt racism in our City and let those folks know that those acts are not representative of our City. Silence on these issues is tacit support for them. This perception will drive away tourism and businesses

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that don't want to be associated with a tarnished HB brand. We must make Huntington Beach a positive and safe community for folks to live, work and play in.

3. What public boards, committees, and/or commissions, non-profits have you served on in the last five years?

City of Huntington Beach Planning Commission

Orange County Transportation Authority's Citizen Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair

Huntington Beach General Plan Advisory Committee

Bolsa Chica Land Trust, Treasurer and Past Vice President

Huntington Beach Public Art Alliance, board member

Algalita Marine Research and Education, former Board member

4. Do you feel that the current or near future water needs of Huntington Beach require the construction of a local seawater desalination plant?

NO. With basin at nearly 89% full and the Carson plant coming online in the near future, HB through its wholesalers and OCWD should be able to manage its water portfolio locally without the need for expensive desalinated water

5. Did you support the approval by the City of Poseidon's Environmental Impact Report, Conditional Use Permit, and other permits to construct and operate a seawater desalination plant in our city?

I did not support the City's decision more than a decade ago

- a. Why or why not?

The Poseidon project is not needed in Huntington Beach. A private for-profit take or pay contract for water when so many other cheaper options are available is not the right solution. Impingement and Entrainment still have not been thoroughly vetted and I await R4RDs appeal at the Coastal Commission of the City's CDP.

6. Do you support the continued use of the abandoned AES Power Plant's open-ocean intake and outfall pipes to serve the Poseidon desalination plant's operational needs?

NO

- a. Why or why not?

Those outfall pipes were ruled no longer acceptable use for the state which is why the plants were scheduled for decommissioning. If desal were to be something needed in Huntington Beach, which it's not, a subsurface gallery system for intake and a much larger and more complicated brine diffusing system would be required to mitigate the hyper salinity being discharged. Open water intakes and outfalls are old technology.

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7. Do you feel that the probable costs of Poseidon's desal water would require such measures as public subsidies and/or participation by water districts in blending expensive water with cheaper water to bring down the cost of desalinated water?

Yes. The water is going to be at least 2-3 times as expensive as MET imported water. Blending would be required especially as water usage per household continues to drop.

8. Have you solicited or received campaign contributions from Poseidon Water, Poseidon Resources, Brookfield Infrastructure Partners, an affiliated PAC, association, OC-WISE, OCTax, OC Taxpayers, members of the Board of Directors, or senior management, either directly or indirectly?

No

- a. If yes, who have you solicited and how much have you raised or intend to raise from such sources?