

City Council Candidate Questionnaire*

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Additional comments:

District 1

Signe I. Lindell

I have a commitment to the mission of OFSA. I am a member of OFSA and I believe most members of the association are comfortable discussing challenges to our Historic Ordinance with me. I am committed to working on a review of the Ordinance and I fully expect input from OSFA.

Marie Campos

Question 2. Foreign travel has become more and more dangerous. Travelers are looking for safe places to travel domestically that are interesting and have cultural appeal. Keeping the historic downtown well-preserved is key to maintaining a tourist economy. Historically, the central plaza was the center of community. For numerous reasons, Locals have become more and more detached from the central plaza as a family and community gathering place. What I would like to see is a well-maintained downtown. We need to find ways to engage our local community members. Travelers are looking for safe places to travel domestically that are interesting and have cultural appeal.

Question 4. Design constraints for all parts of the city would help preserve the historic and cultural attributes. However, the level of strictness needs to be tailored to each area.

General. Thank you, Old Santa Fe Association members for your work! Your beautifully stated mission is the reason why I am running for office. The beauty of our natural landscape and climate are the cornerstone of Old Santa Fe. Pueblo people live in harmony with the land. That is the first principle of Santa Fe's civilization. It is frightening that our historic, natural, cultural and spiritual assets are under siege. Old Santa Fe is being destroyed through compromise. Compromised to conserve water, they let our Santa Fe River and Acequia Madre ecosystem die, our water tables dry up and collapse, our trees and plant life wither. Compromised for affordable housing, they deface Camino Real de Tierra Adentro with non-affordable dense infill apartments instead of developing it as a historic and cultural asset. Compromised for financing a sugar tax campaign, our streets and sidewalks are crumbling. If we continue to compromise, everything we love about Santa Fe will be lost for future generations. I know our spiritual, traditional, historic, and material culture and have a clear vision how to preserve it. We don't need to relax zoning, we need to create commons zones to protect Old Santa Fe from imported development ideologies.

District 2

Nate Downey

Question 6. Appointing volunteer committees also depends on other critically important factors.

General. From Camino Cruz Blanca and Apodaca Hill to Alameda and South Capitol, I've lived all over the historic district. I love Santa Fe's charm and think the historic district and other neighborhoods must be protected, but I won't have to fight for the H-board on the basis of love alone. I'll make the case that the hard work of the board represents the fuel for Santa Fe's most essential economic engine.

It's time that we recognize that Santa Fe's best neighborhoods are dense, walkable, mixed-use, and diverse. New sites should be close enough, so they can be connected to needed services by bike paths and transit. One such site is the Midtown Campus, and more broadly the St. Michael's corridor, which can become a vibrant neighborhood. Other possibilities include the Siler area, where Meow Wolf is anchoring an exciting cultural renaissance. Young people are desperate to find places to live in Santa Fe, and currently this is nearly impossible for them.

I will work to find common ground between developers proposing to build needed housing and neighborhood associations who rightly want to preserve the character of their communities. It is possible to create housing that is affordable, sustainable, and planned to work well with surrounding areas. I believe we can and must develop

the new housing we need without despoiling our historic neighborhoods, but if the only workforce housing is in the county, and if high-end real estate dominates the city's core, we'll doom ourselves to sprawl and gentrification.

Carol Romero-Wirth

My core issues are what I consider Santa Fe's biggest challenges:

1. We must get our fiscal house in order and restore trust in City government's ability to handle its responsibilities.
2. Building a dynamic economy is a necessity to diversify our demographics and create jobs. Attracting and retaining young people means focusing on our creative and entrepreneurial sectors.
3. Workforce housing especially in the rental market is a priority.
4. Climate change necessitates we become more sustainable, expand solar and advance our transition to renewable energy, and water conservation and water management are critical.
5. Increasing and retaining police officers while placing emphasis on community policing and de-escalation training are all crucial to public safety.
6. Finally, historic preservation, the backbone of our city culturally and economically, must be continued.

Jose H. Arellano

Question 1. Thank you – it is tough to rank most of these items. I feel all of them are of great importance to our tourism economy, and while some generate more revenue than others, I think the overall difference in importance between the first and last ranked is nominal.

Question 8. Schools, jobs and housing are equally important in my mind.

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Greg Scargill

Question 1. I believe that our Natural Landscape and Climate are becoming more increasingly seen as our greatest asset. However, it is not at the top of the list regarding our reputation.

Question 3. However, as we move toward the future, and look to become more sustainable. We need to balance preservation, with innovation, and efficiency.

Question 6. I believe every board currently identifies experience areas that can help bring knowledge and experience to the board.

Question 7. I desire to preserve the Historic Downtown and height restriction is a major part of that effort. My focus will be on supporting development in our overlay districts near St. Michaels, and Siler road.

General. I believe preserving our Historic downtown is of vital importance to the future of Santa Fe.