

Candidate Name: **Jennifer Fitzgerald**

NEIGHBORS UNITED FOR FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. What is your vision for Fullerton? I want Fullerton to be a truly special community, that celebrates its history and culture, that seeks to enhance both and that, above all, values people regardless of economic status. I want Fullerton to have the best public safety, the best infrastructure, the best parks and libraries possible.
2. Why are you running and what impact do you think you will have, if elected? I'm running for re-election because while we've accomplished so much over the last four years in terms of public safety, budget stability, focus on road repair and park improvement, there is much more to do. I believe Fullerton is going in the right direction and I want to ensure we keep that momentum going.
3. What do you hope to accomplish?
If re-elected, I hope to continue to focus on repairing and repaving our community's roads, I hope to find a way to better manage our youth sports fields, improve our police and fire service and decrease the average response times for 911 calls, encourage a business-friendly environment at city hall and launch a city-wide discussion on library service accessibility.
4. Please share your thoughts on the following:
 - a. Fullerton's Parks
Our 52 parks are incredible community gathering places and we need to be vigilant in making sure they're safe and clean and responsive to specific neighborhood needs. I'm excited about the rehabilitation of Hillcrest Park! I also think there should be two more parks in Fullerton: Pearl Park and West Coyote Hills. Pearl will bring a park to Fullerton's forgotten neighborhood, the Garnet community. The opening of West Coyote Hills will provide the community new trails, natural resource education for families and schools and finally make the majority of this land a park.
 - b. West Coyote Hills (development, Measure W results and city response) I've worked very hard over the last four years to find a compromise that will best benefit the residents of Fullerton. I was supportive of the effort to dedicate all the park fees paid by Chevron back into the West Coyote Hills property to save more of the land for open space. I've advocated in Sacramento for park grants to purchase even more of the property for the people. I look forward to getting to work on trails, the nature center, the outdoor amphitheater, restoration of the natural habitat as quickly as we can.

- c. Development Policies: I believe our community will continue to grow and change and that its government's job to plan long-term to ensure that growth and change will enhance and not harm the community. I believe development should be consistent with our General Plan and our guiding principles. I believe residents should have significant input into development decisions.
 - d. District Voting: I believe the public process provided a robust community discussion that yielded a good, community-based outcome. I support the ballot initiative and the map that accompanies it. I believe that bringing the entire community together in the downtown will help our community continue to stay unified even after we're divided into districts.
 - e. "Surplus" Property, the Hunt Library, etc. I believe our city needs to maximize its assets, that means we make our airport and transportation center the best they can be to really work for us, that means for surplus property that we determine what its best use is. I think there is a bigger issue than "Hunt Branch" that we as a community need to discuss...that discussion should be how should library services be delivered in our city. We have under-served neighborhoods in the East and West of our city for whom traveling to the main library is difficult, to say the least. Many of those households don't have ready access to the technology their children need to succeed in our schools. We need to launch a community-wide discussion about how to best provide needed library services to each neighborhood in our city.
5. Is there anything you would like to add? Thank you for the opportunity to discuss these important issues with you. I joined NUFF after I was elected in 2012 because I believe we all need to work together to make our community better and I appreciate NUFF's heart for Fullerton.