

Candidate Name: **Jesus Silva**

NEIGHBORS UNITED FOR FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What is your vision for Fullerton?
My vision for Fullerton is a city/community that takes great interest in its residents. It's a place where our different communities learn and work together. It's a place where the areas and people who feel disenfranchised are able come together and empower themselves. It is a place that grows and moves forward while still giving access to it residents to a fair and dignified quality way of life.
2. Why are you running and what impact do you think you will have, if elected?
I am running because I believe I can be a bridge between the different communities in our city. I want to make sure that as many residents as possible are involved in moving our city forward. This can only be accomplished if all parts of the city are given equal weight.
3. What do you hope to accomplish? Given the current state of our council, if I am elected I will be in the minority on many issues. I want to make sure that the concerns and questions of all parties are expressed and addressed at the dais. I want to make sure we continue to keep a balanced budget and our tax dollars a use properly. I would like to look into implementing a policy that requires councilmembers to report any meetings they have with developers and their consultants. I would like to commission a study to see if there is a way to generate more revenue from our airport and other assets that the city may own.
4. Please share your thoughts on the following:
 - a. Fullerton's Parks - we need to keep all the parks that we have and need to make sure we upgrade any parks that have become worn and dilapidated.
 - b. West Coyote Hills (development, Measure W results and city response) - I think we should listen to the will of the residents and save West Coyote Hills. We must look to see how we can do this without using general funds. It will be very expensive to make some the land usable for hiking and other recreational activities. Once the city is fully committed to looking at saving Coyote Hills we must set a timeline. If resources are not found, we must look at other options. We cannot go another 20 years of having Coyote Hills remain as it is.
 - c. Development Policies - the city needs to drive development and seek out developers that are willing to develop what the community wants. For example, the Polly Pies lot that at one point will be redevelop, the city needs to meet with residents and come up with 2-3 possible projects. We can then proceed and look for developers that are willing to develop a project that the residents have in essence approved. We need to lead.
 - d. District Voting - I agree that we should have district to better represent the residents at city council

- e. "Surplus" Property, the Hunt Library, etc. – we must look at saving as many of our assets as possible. Again, we need to go out to the residents near the surplus properties and ask them what they would like. At a last possible resort, we might consider selling the property.
5. Is there anything you would like to add? I look forward to being at the form and speaking to the residents.