



Neighbors United For Fullerton (NUFF) is a nonpartisan organization committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in the city of Fullerton, CA through political action. NUFF offers public forums which provide information of community interest and opportunities for civic involvement. Membership in NUFF is open to anyone interested in making a difference in the community in which we live and work.

NUFF FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 11PM PDT on September 25, 2018 to endorsements@nuffpac.org

Note: ONLY electronic submissions will be accepted.

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City Council District #: 5

Indicate one of the following by checking the appropriate box:

- I do not plan to request NUFF's endorsement, so I am not responding to the questions.
 I am submitting the questionnaire and would appreciate receiving NUFF's endorsement upon approval of the membership.

If you are seeking NUFF's endorsement, please answer the following questions in your own words. Your responses will be shared with NUFF's membership as the basis for their endorsement vote (space provided is not intended to limit the length of your response; use the space you need).

1. What is your vision for Fullerton? *I envision a City where all voices and neighborhoods are heard equally. The Fifth District is heavily Latino, and I am the only candidate fluent in both Spanish and English. The new district voting system will assure equal treatment for all of Fullerton and lessen the influence of big-moneyed special interests. Grass-roots campaigning and walking door-to-door is now practical and will bring municipal government closer to the voters and neighborhoods.*
2. Why are you running and what impact do you think you will have, if elected? *I'm running to bring balance and common sense to civic decisions and to address the long-neglected needs of South Fullerton*
3. What do you hope to accomplish? *My priorities are streets, parks, water quality and balanced development. The City Council must lead, not simply respond to the latest crisis. Staff must be transparent and include the City Council in the day-to-day process of governing.*
4. Please share your thoughts on the following:
 - a. Fullerton's Parks: *South Fullerton residents are frustrated at the neglect and slow pace of long-needed improvements. The Woodcrest Master Plan has languished for years, with completion deadlines pushed back. Meanwhile, our kids have only dead grass to play on.*
 - b. West Coyote Hills (development, Measure W results and city response): *State funds could be found to purchase and maintain open space, but while South Fullerton parks languish, city funds should not be spent on additional park development in Coyote Hills.*

- c. **Development Policies:** Balanced residential development must reflect the differing residential realities throughout the City. Zoning needs to be flexible enough to reflect changing land uses. Housing and mixed use development can be welcomed in long-neglected commercial centers near downtown, so long as local traffic and parking impacts are considered.
 - d. **Road and other infrastructure repairs:** Fullerton's road conditions are the worst in Orange County, according to a 2017 OC Transportation Authority analysis. Being in last place is not acceptable for Fullerton. Decades of neglect are especially evident in the Fifth District.
 - e. **The Hunt Library:** The future use of reuse of Hunt Branch must reflect fiscal realities and the changing nature of how libraries are used. To do this, we must maintain and independent Library Board and Library Foundation seeking new ways for fundraising. The long-vacant library-owned property on Bastanchury can be sold in a manner compatible with the community with funds used appropriately to support the system as a whole.
 - f. **Homelessness:** The homeless needs are a regional concern and Fullerton should work to address them with other regional players.
5. Is there anything you would like to add? Providing clean water is a basic service of city government, and water quality must meet the highest standards and do so consistently. In December, 2017, our water tested positive for cloriform on two occasions, and Fullerton received a citation (No. 05-03-18C-001) from the State Water Resources Control Board on April 13, 2018. Yet the City Council was not informed by the Water Dept. until August, when it was assured our water is safe. Elected officials must be kept in the loop on issues of public safety and water quality.