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### **Survey Questions**

1. Do you see animal welfare as an issue the municipal government should care about?

If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, are you committed to supporting/enforcing the No Kill Implementation plan recommended by Fort Bend Pets Alive! ?

**Response: YesNo**

**Yes**

**I could see a no kill plan being successful with the proper relationships and others sharing the responsibility.**

2. If the animal welfare issue were to come before you, would you commit to making "No Kill" the official policy of City of Rosenberg and support any laws or policy changes necessary to allow provisions of life saving programs and appropriate funding to implement no kill initiatives in City of Rosenberg ?

**Response: Yes No**

**I would support no kill policy with the proper relationships in place but understand in regards to funding everyone wants lower taxes, Sales tax receipts has been down. Funding is an issue and because of this I would not expect the City take the lead on successful reform because at anytime these programs could be removed. I would support a comprehensive plan with the City supporting organizations like yours who are willing to take the lead.**

3. If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, would you support the animal shelter taking proactive measures to ensure the shelter adoption program would have adopter friendly hours such as open on Saturday or Sunday for longer hours and staying open till 7:00pm during the week?

**Response: Yes No**

**Again budget is an issue in regards to longer hours. I think that what we had at the Downtown Spring Arts Festival is a better way to approach more access. I think they adopted all the pets that day so that was very creative.**

4. People frequently surrender animals to shelters when they perceive they cannot feed, train or medically care for them.

If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, would you support programs which have been proven to keep pets in their homes and out of shelters, such as surrender counseling, a pet food bank, pet behavior assistance, and distribution of heartworm preventative?

**Response: Yes No**

Yes.

5. If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, would you support an internal review, and if necessary, a restructuring of the City's "Return to Owner" program to a higher success rate?

The quicker an animal is reunited with owner, the less the cost of care will be incurred.

**Response: Yes No**

Yes. From what I've seen it seems the city is overwhelmed with a large number of animals. My talent is to provide solutions and efficiencies. I think we could figure it out pretty fast.

6. Many dog breeds are being banned in many of the rental housing markets in Fort Bend County. This makes finding appropriate housing very difficult for owners of these dogs, despite high levels of owner responsibility and great dog temperaments and training. This slows adoptions of these breeds and forces many owners to surrender their pets to shelters or abandon them.

If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, would you take proactive action to find lasting solutions to this problem, in working with the apartment associations and property managers in Rosenberg?

**Response: Yes No**

Since 2011 our population has grown from 41 percent renters to over 50 percent today. Do you know the other candidates are in the real estate business with a portfolio of rental properties and a high interest in selling homes to investors. This trend in my opinion will continue to be an issue to pet owners. My own daughter had to give up her pet in order to get her first apartment.

7.If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, would you support the implementation of performance standards that measure for the city shelter leadership's performance, particularly with regard to the number of live releases, to salary increments or continued employment at the city shelter? If not, please explain why not.

**Response: Yes No**

No. I dont think that is necessary. We need better leadership and manage relationships better with organizations like yours.

8.If elected, or re-elected, what do you envision as the role of Fort Bend Pets Alive! in providing oversight for the city shelter?

What kind of person will you appoint to the Animal Advisory Committee as the terms of current members expire?

Would you consider appointing No Kill advocates as members to provide an alternative viewpoint to others already on the committee?

**Response: Yes No**

Interesting that the animal advisory committee members have term limits but the Beautification awards committee does not have term limits.

9.If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, would you support a city mandate that the animal shelter in Rosenberg to provide and publish statistics, on their websites, regarding the numbers and types of animals that the shelter takes in and euthanizes? (Note: some states, such as Colorado, already mandate that all shelters and rescue groups must provide their statistics to the state so that it is available to the public).

If so, why do you feel this important? If not, why not?

**Response: Yes No**

Yes

10. With so many community cats roaming in neighborhoods, do you believe and support Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) to be the only humane solution to control population of outdoor cats in City of Rosenberg? Would you support any laws or policy changes necessary to allow appropriate provisions and to provide funding to implement TNR in City of Rosenberg?

**Response: Yes No**

Yes

11. Do you agree with the saying "Helping people help pets" makes the community a better place?

**Response: Yes No**

Yes

Im sorry im not to detailed in my response I have been pulled in so many different directions.

As I said before Rosenberg Animal Shelter is exactly that. Animal Shelter. Not Animal Spa, not Animal Resort. So when you let the government take responsibility of something don't expect them to do it good.

I support letting organizations like yours take the lead with the City supporting and listening to your passionate input on these issue.

I already see you guys taking charge and things are already starting to look way better. Good job on the Spring Arts Festival.

I can definitely help you in your efforts.

Regards

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