

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Brenda Gunter

Completed Level of Education: Degree from Kansas State University

Years in San Angelo:

If you're not a native San Angeloan, what brought you here? Why San Angelo? I married a long time San Angeloan, Kenneth Gunter, who was passionate about his home town and could not imagine living any where else. I moved here on Dec. 23, 1998.

Married Status: Widowed

Spouse/Occupation:

Number of years married: 15 years

Your Occupation Currently: Self-employed, Restaurant Owner

Previous Position: President of Calvin Klein Collection in New York City

What experience do you bring to the table to strengthen our City Council?

I spent 25 years in the fashion industry. A very tough competitive industry. My experience in managing budgets, business and people will be a plus as a big challenge in working with City Hall will be managing numbers, priorities and revenue. I also have spent 18 years in the restaurant business which requires skill in managing numbers, customers and competition.

In addition I have been a leader in the development of our Historic Downtown Business District. Most people said we could never revitalize downtown and yet we have managed to create tremendous economic revitalization.

Organization Membership: Name of Group / Position / Years Involved

*Use as much space as needed. List each group, affiliation, organization, board, etc. **Past/Present***

Downtown San Angelo, Inc. - board member since 2007, President Past

Promotions Director

United Way Campaign Chairman

ASU Business Development Council

San Angelo Area Foundation

Church Affiliation: Baptized in the Church of Christ

Position Held or Membership:

What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment personally to date?

Totally changing the dynamics of the historic business district of San Angelo which has produced many new businesses, sales tax dollars, property tax dollars, and brought back tourism to San Angelo.

What do you enjoy doing the most?

Working to better improve our city.

Where's your primary focus or concern outside of city issues?

Our federal government.

As a Candidate for City Council/Mayoral position, what prompted you to run? I believed the citizens, the taxpayers, the voters, needed a voice. I believe the citizens needed someone who would work hard to make San Angelo a great place to work, live and play. I believe the citizens needed a fighter and someone who has had proven success in changing the dynamics of the city.

What do you believe to be the biggest mistake this current Council has made in the last few years? I believe the city council has allowed too much decision making and input from city staff. More common sense and more verifying and making sure that what was approved is followed through on and the end results are positive. More questions and strategic planning on city budgets should have been had and not just staff's recommendations and requests.

How would you have handled the issue you stated above?

Ask more questions. Trust, but verify.

What are your top 3 issues to address if you are elected to this office?

1. Infrastructure issues inclusive of streets, water, water and sewer lines and water plants.
2. Economic growth through positive changes in City Hall. Cutting the Red Tape!
3. Making sure we have a safe and secure city which means supporting the first responders.

Will your current occupation allow you to give the necessary hours to prepare for each council meeting, research issues, interact with constituents, attend the necessary meetings and community events that will be required of you, and actively move forward with seeing your top 3 issues accomplished? I am committed to do what it takes.

What would you like to add to this questionnaire to stress the reason citizens should consider giving you their vote? I have a proven success in leadership. When I agree to do something, I make change happen. I don't believe in resume building and I don't believe seasoned politicians are good for the city and for the citizens.