

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Tommy Hiebert

Completed Level of Education:

Bachelor of Science, Texas A&M University 1975

Years in San Angelo: 60

If you're not a native San Angeloan, what brought you here? Why San Angelo?

My father was transferred by his employer from Abilene to San Angelo when I was 4 years old.

Married Status: Married

Spouse/Occupation: Carol/retired

Number of years married: 23 years

Your Occupation Currently: Independent insurance agent/small business owner

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

I know San Angelo well:

- San Angelo has been my home for 60 years.
- I graduated from Central High School in 1971 and attended Angelo State University for 2 years before graduating from Texas A&M University in 1975.
- I have worked in San Angelo as an insurance agent for 40 years, including 15 years as an independent agent/small business owner.

Organization Membership: Name of Group / Position / Years Involved

- **Present** - City of San Angelo Development Corporation Board Member 2004-2011; 2013-2017 President - 2008-2011, 2016-2017
- Past - San Angelo City Councilmember 1990-1996 Mayor Pro Tem - 1992
- Past - City of San Angelo Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate Member 1997-2000
- Past - City of San Angelo Planning Commission Member 1997-1998
- Past - San Angelo Chamber of Commerce Board Member 2001-2005
Chairman 2004
 - Governmental Affairs Council Member and Chairman 2000-2001, 2007-2008

- **Present** - Baptist Memorials Retirement Community Board Trustee 2006-2017 Chairman 2013-2015
- Past - Hospice of San Angelo Board Member and President 1984-1993, 2003-2015
- Past - Pastoral Care and Counseling Center Board Member 1985-1989
- Past - San Angelo Better Business Bureau Board Member and Chairman 1988-2001
- Past - San Angelo Association of Life Underwriters Board Member and President 1979-1984
- Past - CHS Bobcat Booster Club Member and President 1987-1991
- Past - Leadership San Angelo Inaugural Class Graduate 1983-84

Church Affiliation: Southland Baptist Church Charter Member 1978- present

Position Held or Membership:

- Adult Sunday Bible Study Leader 2009- present
- Ordained Deacon 1985- present, Chairman 2000-2001, 2003
- Personnel Committee Member and Chairman 2000-2003
- Finance Committee Member and Chairman 2006-2007
- Vision Committee Member and Chairman 2008-2009, 2012-2016
- Pastor Search Committee Chairman 1999-2000
- Pastor Search Committee Chairman 2004-2006

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

I am proud of who my children have grown into as adults. They care about others, they help others, and they live responsible lives.

What do you enjoy doing the most?

- Spending time with our grandchildren and watching them in the activities in which they choose to participate
- Walking outdoors
- Spending time with friends

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

I enjoy the varied volunteer activities in which I participate, especially work with my church. My faith urges me to focus on others and their needs rather than myself only.

As a Candidate for City Council/Mayoral position, what prompted you to run?

I did not make the decision to run for this office lightly. I previously served on the City Council from 1990 to 1996. I enjoyed representing the people of my district during my time in office and, having done so, was glad to step aside.

After much thought, prayer, and discussions with my wife and trusted friends, I came to the conclusion that I can again be part of making San Angelo the best that she can be. I can't do that alone because a single member of the council can't do much alone. I will strive to build bridges among the members of the city council so that, working together, we can unite to face our challenges.

What do you believe to be the biggest mistake this current Council has made in the last few years?

The biggest mistake any council can make is to veer off into day-to-day operational issues. The council exists to set policy working with city staff to develop, discuss, and execute that policy.

How would you have handled the issue you stated above?

I believe because of my experience I can help guide the direction toward policy-making and not a focus on day-to-day issues.

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

- Continuing to develop reliable sources of water
- Supporting the repair and rebuilding of our streets
- Adequately funding our police officers and firefighters to keep our citizens and property safe

In addition to my top 3 issues, my other priorities are:

- Promoting economic development and a healthy business climate; and
- Maintaining close working relationships with Tom Green County, the San Angelo Independent School District, Angelo State University, Howard College, the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, and Goodfellow Air Force Base.

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?

Yes, being self-employed I have the time necessary to devote to the necessary study, preparation, conversations hearing citizens' concerns, and attendance at meetings. Being a member of the City Council is not a full-time job and since I am self-employed I do have the time that would be and is required.

What would you like to add to this questionnaire to stress the reason citizens should consider giving you their vote?

My previous service on the council has given me the experience, the insight and the first-hand knowledge of the workings of city government to be an effective council representative from the moment I am sworn in to office. I will provide common sense leadership and I will listen and promote cooperation. I will gladly face the challenge of addressing all the issues that confront the City. I ask for the support and the votes of citizens in Single Member District One.