
RE: Paul L. Brackmann | Poncha Springs Candidate Questionnaire Responses

1. In a few sentences, please briefly share why you're motivated to run for public office, and why you believe you're qualified to serve in this context. (your response will be printed on the in-person Forum Program).
 - I have worked in education for almost 30 years, 10 of those years in school leadership. I believe that civil service is an important component of American ideology and I would therefore like to offer my services to the town of Poncha Springs.
2. I support changing codes and processes towards increased use of Administrative decisions by public sector staff, while focusing public input on changes to the code itself.
 - I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer
3. Development approval times are:
 - I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer
4. As you are likely aware, the Chaffee County 2020 Comp Plan stated, "keep the country country and the towns towns". What does this statement mean to you and how would you use this guiding principle in setting land use policy?
 - Rural regions in the state have played an important role in the development of our country. We need to work to maintain the integrity of these regions so that they don't get swallowed up by the rapidly growing urban areas.
5. The Town's government is sufficiently connected to, and collaborative with, the school district.
 - I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer
6. How can the Town's government encourage/support/facilitate increasing work-based learning programs for local youth?

- I have already seen the town making plans for local education in the future. As an educator, I look forward to participating in conversations so that we can determine what more we can do.
7. Passing a local ordinance requiring the installation of broadband infrastructure as a part of all new development is a must.
 - I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer
 8. Internet infrastructure should be treated as equally important to other utilities (water, sewer, gas, electricity) in infrastructure projects.
 - I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer
 9. What is local government's role in increasing broadband availability and reliability for the community?
 - Local government's role is to seek ways to create an enticing region for broadband providers to expand into our areas.
 10. [BV/Poncha] has enough water to meet municipal, housing, and commercial development growth.
 - I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer
 11. In the face of inadequate current water supply Town should...
 - No response
 12. What is the most important next step for Town in regards to water or wastewater?
 - I am certain that I would need to participate in conversations on this topic with the community and explore the multiple perspectives on how to address this issue.
 13. Producing housing that is accessible to our local workforce requires public subsidy in amounts that directly affect affordability levels.
 - I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer
 14. Density is directly linked to affordability (i.e. increased density lowers the cost of each housing unit).
 - I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer

15. Encouraging housing development, including market rate housing, is helpful to the overall health of the housing market and to the community.
 - I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer
16. Housing policy is a local government responsibility.
 - I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer
17. What specific policy would you change or advocate for that would have a tangible impact on workforce housing if elected?
 - There is no magic bullet for this issue. I would appreciate exploring solutions to this issue with the community.
18. New rules & regulations for environmental sustainability should be weighed against, and modified for, their impact on the health of local businesses.
 - I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer
19. Environmental sustainability is inextricably linked with innovation and technology.
 - I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer
20. The single most important action [BV/Poncha] can take in 2024 to advance environmental sustainability is...
 - The region needs a recycling center
21. "Closing question: What question have we not asked that you'd like to share (and answer?)"
 - No Response