



SUSTAINABLE NEWTON

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Dear Candidate,

Congratulations on your candidacy. You are already a winner because you cared enough about your community to run for office. We, at Sustainable Newton, salute you for your commitment and your courage. Our organization is a grassroots local non-profit. We strive to create a world and community where people and planet are as important as profits. We believe future generations depend on decisions we make today. Your actions will have a lasting impact on our community. As such, we would like to know more about your beliefs and your solutions for challenges facing our community. Please take a few moments to answer the following five questions prepared by our membership. You may submit your answers digitally by sending to our email address info@sustainablenewton.org or by sending to our mailing address listed above.

All responses received by 5 PM local time on Friday, October 6 will be published on our website and shared with our members and followers across our various social medial platforms and in our email newsletter.

Thank you again. If we can answer any of your questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Best wishes on your campaign.

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QUESTION #1 - GENERAL BELIEF

When you hear the term “SUSTAINABILITY,” what does it mean to you? How would you implement sustainable measures in your jurisdiction?

QUESTION #2 - LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

In a 2022 study funded by the City of Covington, the consulting firm Urban3 performed an ["Economic MRI"](#) of the city's tax revenues and cost of services to determine which types of development produce a positive cash flow for the city, vs. those costing more to service than the revenues generated. They found the best economic performance in areas with multi-story, more compact, mixed-use development. However, city residents often raise concerns about the impacts of density. As an elected official, what would be your philosophy for balancing those interests/perspectives in your municipality?

QUESTION #3 - SOLID WASTE

Businesses and educational institutions in our community are implementing "Zero Waste" programs to dramatically reduce the volume of waste reaching the landfill from their operations. What investments, if any, would you support your government making to pursue similar objectives?

QUESTION #4 - CLEAN ENERGY

In our area, the governments of Athens-Clarke County, Atlanta, Augusta, Clarkston, DeKalb County, Decatur, Savannah, and Winterville have all set clean energy targets for 2050 or earlier. Would you be willing to propose/support clean energy targets in your jurisdiction?

QUESTION #5 – CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION

The state of Georgia and the Atlanta Regional Commission have received [EPA grants for \\$3 million and \\$1 million](#), respectively, to develop collaborating climate pollution reduction plans. These plans will open grant opportunities for municipalities in the 29-county metro Atlanta area to reduce their climate pollution. [Drawdown Georgia](#), a statewide initiative led by researchers from UGA, Georgia Tech and Emory University, identifies 20 Georgia-specific climate solutions that provide a roadmap for reducing climate emissions across the state. What climate pollution reduction actions would you prioritize and seek funding for in your city?