



2026 Atlantic Beach Candidate Written Questions

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1. Why are you running?

I have been serving Atlantic Beach long before I made the decision to run for office. Atlantic Beach has been my home for over 50 years. I grew up here as did my husband, we raised our family here, and I have watched our community grow while still holding onto its small-town character, natural beauty, and sense of belonging that literally define Atlantic Beach.

That being said, I'm running now because I believe the character, quality of life and small-town charm aren't necessarily guaranteed to remain. We are at a point in our history where the very things that define us are in danger of eroding. This appears to be happening through a series of decisions that, taken individually, may seem small but collectively change the very things that make us who we are. The choices we make today about growth, development, our natural environment, infrastructure, and long-term planning will shape our city for decades to come.

I feel a genuine sense of urgency to help ensure those decisions are made thoughtfully, transparently, and with the community's long-term interests at heart. We need leaders who ask tough questions, study the issues, listen to residents, and carefully consider the lasting impact of each and every decision.

This campaign has reinforced what I have always believed—that Atlantic Beach is strongest when neighbors are engaged and their voices are heard. I've enjoyed meeting so many residents, listening to their ideas and concerns, and learning what matters most to them. If elected, I will continue that same approach by being accessible, communicating openly, and working every day to preserve the character and quality of life that make Atlantic Beach such a remarkable place to call home.

2. What are your qualifications?

I bring a combination of lifelong community involvement, leadership experience, and a deep commitment to public service.

Having lived in Atlantic Beach for over 50 years, I understand both our history and the values that make this community unique. Over the years, I have served as Co-Chair of Atlantic Beach Preservation, served on the Mayor's Council on Health and Wellbeing, volunteered at Atlantic Beach Elementary, and supported numerous local nonprofits and community organizations.

I also served two terms as a Ruling Elder and seven years as Stated Clerk of Session at Community Presbyterian Church. As Clerk of Session, I was responsible for maintaining official records, ensuring proper procedures were followed, and supporting a deliberative governing body built on accountability, collaboration, and orderly decision-making. That experience reinforced my belief in the importance of transparency, careful preparation, respectful discussion, and governance that serves the people.

For more than a decade, I have regularly attended City Commission meetings, budget workshops, Community Development Board meetings, and other public meetings because I believe informed citizens make stronger communities. Long before I became a candidate, I was actively following city issues; asking questions, reviewing agendas, budgets, ordinances, long-range planning documents, and interlocal agreements to better understand the decisions shaping Atlantic Beach.

That long-term involvement has given me a solid understanding of how our city operates, the challenges we face, and the importance of thoughtful, transparent decision-making. My campaign didn't begin my interest in local government—it grew from years of paying attention, staying informed, and wanting the very best for Atlantic Beach.

I believe good commissioners never stop learning. If elected, I will continue listening, asking thoughtful questions, studying the issues, and making informed decisions that put the interests of Atlantic Beach residents first.

3. What are your priorities

My first priority is preserving the character and quality of life that make Atlantic Beach such a special place to live. As our city continues to evolve, we must make thoughtful decisions that protect the qualities residents value while planning intentionally for the future.

Every decision about development, redevelopment, infrastructure, and land use should reflect our community's values and consider the long-term impact. Once the character of a community is lost, it is difficult, or even impossible, to ever restore.

Public safety is also a top priority. Atlantic Beach is fortunate to have outstanding police officers, firefighters, and first responders who are dedicated to serving our community. I am committed to ensuring they have the resources, training, and support they need to continue providing exceptional service. We must also continue improving pedestrian safety, addressing traffic concerns, maintaining resilient infrastructure, and preparing for future challenges so residents and visitors can continue to enjoy a safe and vibrant community.

Maintaining Atlantic Beach's strong financial position is equally important. Responsible fiscal stewardship means protecting taxpayer dollars, planning for future needs, investing wisely in our infrastructure, parks, and public safety, and ensuring we remain financially strong for generations to come.

I also believe transparency and meaningful public engagement are essential to good government. Residents deserve a city government that communicates openly, welcomes public participation, and earns the community's trust through honest, thoughtful decision-making.

Finally, I believe the best decisions are made through collaboration. While commissioners won't always agree, respectful discussion, careful listening, and a willingness to consider different perspectives lead to better outcomes. My goal is to work with fellow commissioners, city staff, and residents to preserve what makes Atlantic Beach special while thoughtfully preparing our city for the future.