

2023 CAMPAIGN RESPONSE

Question: What is your motivation for being a candidate in the East Point City Council election? What makes you best candidate to represent your ward?

I bring over three decades of professional experience in the nonprofit sector, county government, and the federal government. My career has primarily been focused on the field of communication, and I believe that's a critical skill for any elected official. I also believe in the highest ethical standards for elected officials, and I am fully prepared to pledge that I would uphold those standards on City Council. The people of East Point deserve transparency and accountability from their government, and that would be my guiding principle. I also am committed to public service, not self-promotion or self-advancement, as my guiding star should I be elected to Council.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

According to Councilmember Friedly's bio on the City's website, Erik "has been an active and engaged citizen throughout his time in East Point". His noted absence at city sponsored events speaks to the contrary. We have no actual proof of any accomplishments during his tenure on council.

NOTES

Aside from blocking residents from his City Council Facebook page (which is illegal), we cannot confirm any community events or have any knowledge of Councilmember Friedly actively engaging with residents in his Ward other than calling for a censure on a fellow councilmember for comments made during a City Council meeting he wasn't even in attendance for.

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I believe that my passion, experience, and dedication make me the ideal candidate for a seat on city council. I have been an active and engaged citizen for 6 years, long before I considered running. Fun fact, my first civic engagement activity in East Point was the open house for the Comprehensive Plan in 2017. I am a realist, I see things for what they are at face value. I am persistent, consistent and demand transparency. I am committed in telling people the truth. I am confident in my ability to effectively represent your interests and contribute to the positive growth of our community. Since I have attended many meetings across departments (Planning and Zoning, Council Meetings, Budget Meetings, etc) I have a keen understanding of our city's unique challenges, and I have a vision and a plan for a more vibrant and inclusive future.

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60/90 day cleanup in which Councilmember Ziegler suggested the city have employees follow behind the trash collection truck to pick up any leftover debris. According to Councilmember Ziegler's Bio on the City's website, "Carrie understands East Point's challenges and has been willing to engage with residents and elected officials to explore and propose solutions that will lead to a better quality of life for everyone". Aside from delivering inaccurate information to constituents on Facebook and endorsing candidates we can't define a single accomplishment from Ziegler.

NOTES

Credit Card policies and procedures within the councilmembers appear to be Ziegler's main focus. Following in the footsteps of Ward A Councilmember Erik Friedly, Carrie also blocks residents from her City Council Facebook page. Her constant calls for transparency leaves us wondering where is HER transparency in reaching and engaging with ALL constituents.

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As a lifelong resident of East Point, I have witnessed the city evolve over the years. However, a lot of work still needs to be done, and I would be honored to serve the citizens of East Point to invest in positive change. Ward C spoke loud and clear when 63% of voters VOTED AGAINST incumbent Myron Cook!!! I believe I am the best candidate for Ward C, because I will bring a fresh perspective and new ideas. I will advocate for lower utility rates. I will advocate for lowering property taxes and lowering the Senior Property Tax Exemption age to 60. I will work diligently to reduce airport noise pollution in residential areas. I will promote smart economic growth and development.

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According to the bio on the city's website, "Councilmember Mitchell believes that we must be willing to diversify our tax base (without causing harm) in a way that will attract the types of businesses that our residents desire to see in East Point. He is committed to being a diplomatic servant-leader by working with residents, business stakeholders, and city council to make certain an achievable vision is identified for East Point" .

Residents of Ward C have expressed concerns about Councilmember Mitchell's attendance (or lack of) at Neighborhood Association meetings and accountability within the Ward in which he serves.

NOTES

Aside from his frequent naps during City Council meetings and lackluster attendance record, Councilmember Mitchell has not brought forth any motions, "fresh perspectives or new ideas" as he suggested during his campaign.



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