

Selection of Voters Edge Questions for Piedmont City Council and School Board Elections











As discussed at the 8/1/18 League of Women Voters of Piedmont board meeting, I am providing a list of questions for City candidates to the board members to rank in order of preference. I will then submit the top three to five questions to the board for a vote of approval before turning them over to Winifred Walters for submission to the Voters Edge online election guide. -Chris

1. Are you a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Piedmont board ?

☐ Yes











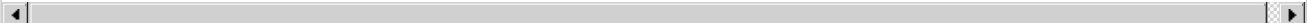


☐ No

2. Please rank the following 10 potential questions (in random order) for the City Council candidates. You do not need to rank every question, and because we are submitting at least three questions to Voters Edge, please do not worry if you have trouble placing questions in exact order. But, please pick at least three questions as your first, second, and third choices by using the dropdown menus or by dragging the questions up or down. *Note: some questions were reworded, reframed, or merged with others.*

	<div><div></div><div>▼</div></div>	Do you support one and/or both of the Charter amendment measures. If so, why or why not? Please address in particular the issues of term limits and hiring, oversight and firing of city staff.
	<div><div></div><div>▼</div></div>	Does Piedmont have a future problem with maintaining pension and benefit obligations for city staff? If so, what are your plans to address this problem?
	<div><div></div><div>▼</div></div>	How can and should the city address short-term rentals in Piedmont?
	<div><div></div><div>▼</div></div>	How can and will you mediate between different interest groups in Piedmont, including evaluating how representative the concerns of vocal minorities might be?
	<div><div></div><div>▼</div></div>	How do you expect to promote and actively support inclusive practices within city government?
	<div><div></div><div>▼</div></div>	How should the city decide whether and how to plan and pay for a new swimming pool or pools? How important is this to you?
	<div><div></div><div>▼</div></div>	How will you be responsive to citizens and to support and improve citizen involvement in city government?
	<div><div></div><div>▼</div></div>	What could and should the city have done differently in negotiating the most recent garbage contract?
	<div><div></div><div>▼</div></div>	What plans do you have to take advantage of the estimated \$2.1M in Measure A1 funds designated for Piedmont to address affordable housing?
	<div><div></div><div>▼</div></div>	What plans to you have to support the many different populations of Piedmont with city programs and city facilities?

3. Do you have any suggestions for improving your top ranked questions? If so, how?

4. Please rank the following 12 potential questions (in random order) for the School Board candidates. You do not need to rank every question and, because we are submitting at least three questions to Voters Edge, please do not worry if you have trouble placing questions in exact order. But, please pick at least three questions as your first, second, and third choices by using the dropdown menus or by dragging the questions up or down. *Note: some questions were reworted, reframed, or merged with others.*

	<input type="text"/>	Can you tell us what fraction of Piedmont teachers or staff are currently evaluated as either "effective" or "highly effective"? If so, is this acceptable to you, and how could and would you increase this fraction? If not, how could and would you make this information publicly available?
	<input type="text"/>	Do you think the efforts on diversity training are having results?
	<input type="text"/>	Have you read some or all of the current certificated employee contract, and if so, which issues or agreements do you think are important to reexamine when the contract for school years 2021 and beyond is negotiated?
	<input type="text"/>	How could and would you continue or improve the recruitment and retention of excellent teachers?
	<input type="text"/>	How could and would you increase transparency in district decision making?
	<input type="text"/>	How do Piedmont school facilities compare to other communities with similar tax rates and budgets? How could and should our facilities be improved?
	<input type="text"/>	How would you deal with an unpopular decision that was made by the superintendent of schools in the future?
	<input type="text"/>	If elected, what would be your budgeting priorities? How can the school district prepare for increased pension liabilities? Can you identify areas in the budget when savings are possible?
	<input type="text"/>	Is disciplining and dismissing teachers too difficult under current state law and union contracts? If so, how could and would you work to make changes that would be fair and appropriately balance the needs of students, teachers, and other district staff?
	<input type="text"/>	The district has a history of hiring staff and teachers with personal connections to Piedmont and current district staff. How will you reassure city residents that new hires are the best choice for students and the school and that hiring is not unduly influenced by personal connections?
		
	<input type="text"/>	We are interested in a board that represents multiple strengths and perspectives. How do your strengths complement the strengths of the existing/continuing board members?
	<input type="text"/>	What are your thoughts on expanding the range of available classes in the middle and high schools?

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