

Additional Questions
Fairfield City Council Candidate Forum
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- 1. Our streets and roads continue to deteriorate. How do you plan to improve them and pay for this and other important infrastructure needs?**

The plan was originally to use Measure P money. This was being implemented when Covid-19 hit. We have to look at our deficit from the declining sales tax revenue and budget appropriately. At this point, we need to look at our reserves and see where we can transfer money to roads and infrastructure improvement.

- 2. COVID has had a significant impact on many local businesses. What steps can the city take to support local businesses during this challenging time?**

We have to look into CARES Act money and other possible grant money to help our local businesses. The city also has to look at partnering with businesses to help them with advertising and branding.

- 3. How do you feel the Nixle system worked during the recent emergency? What do you feel needs to be improved and what aspects worked well?**

I felt that Nixle did an adequate job but the citizens needed more updates. I actually went on Next Door to alert my neighborhood on updates regarding fire and evacuations. I would increase the number of Nixle's that go out that would include evacuation centers and other important information.

- 4. The timeline for addressing Homelessness is inadequate. What do you feel is a more realistic timeline for addressing this critical issue?**

I agree that the timeline is inadequate. I would immediately push for ALL beds at Shelter Solano to be filled. It is imperative that this facility be used to its capacity. Also the planning of a Navigation Center should begin immediately.