

Powers City Councilor Candidate

Kathy Rector:

1. *What in your background, education, and experience makes you a good candidate for office, and what do you consider important skills and qualities for a city councilor to possess?*

I've been active in many community events and organizations. I was an EMT for around 30 years, responding to countless emergencies in town and the surrounding area. I've been active in the Powers Church of God teaching Sunday school classes and leading music worship. I was on the Powers Clinic board of directors for several years and have been active in school events as an employee for several years and as a parent of five children who have gone through the school system here. In addition to being a Teacher's Aid in the school district I also worked as a Certified Tax Preparer. Most recently I retired from working as a Registered Nurse at Bay Area Hospital for 13 years.

2. *What do you see as top priorities and challenges for the city that you hope to address?*

For the last 45 years we have lived out of the city limits and I was unable to run for any city offices. A year ago we moved inside the city limits and I decided I would run for city council in an effort to give back to this town. Being an effective council member requires one to be able to listen to others with respect as well as communicate clearly your own thoughts and ideas. My first job is going to be to get a good working knowledge of what is in progress as far working on issues our town faces and what still needs to be done. I know I face a learning curve but I am excited to jump in and make a difference for our community.

3. *What steps if any can the city take to be resilient in the face of climate changes?*

I felt the third question was a little vague, not mentioning any specific changes, so made it hard for me to formulate a response. Any changes we may see from season to season would have to be dealt with as needed. We already have burn restrictions in place for our hot and dry season and also restrictions on certain outdoor activities during that time. Our winter weather is comparatively mild with occasional high water but rarely

threatens homes in our area. Our community is amazing in their willingness to help others as the situation arises.