

**Jami Clark - Candidate for Commissioner District 4
City of Texas City
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1. If elected, what key competencies would you bring to the position?

I have served on the commission, in District 4, for the last 4 terms and am seeking my 5th term. I understand how our city government works. It takes a lot of work, and you must get to know our city leaders in all departments to understand how everything works. Prior to becoming a commissioner, I have served on several boards. I served on the Parks and Recreation Board for 24 years and was chairman of that for 21 years. I have served on the civil service board, the Cultural Arts Foundation Board, as chairman for 10 years, and am currently serving on the planning board. I also serve on the audit committee which I have been on for the last 8 years. I, too, serve as an executive board member of the H-GAC, which gives me even more insight of how city government works.

2. Briefly outline the top issues you feel will be of significant importance in Texas City over the next three to five years.

I think reducing flooding is very important, and we have some great plans in place and when they are all completed, Texas City should not have to worry about flooding, no matter where you live.

Also, public safety is always a huge concern, and our commitment to our police and fire department always must be a top priority. With a new fire station and police substation coming out to the west side of the city, we need to make sure we staff those adequately and always give them all our total support. We cannot forget our older and more established parts of Texas City. We are working hard with the Fire Department to get rid of blight around town and have old, abandoned vehicles, RV's, trailers moved.

3. What can you do as an elected official to help small businesses in the community?

As a former small business owner in Texas City for 35 years, I know the importance of small businesses. They are the backbone of our community. We must support them by offering them help in cleaning up their businesses, helping with grants, if needed, and just making sure we support all small businesses in Texas City. We need to continue to work closely with our Economic Development Corporation to bring new businesses to town.

4. What would you do to help ensure that the local economy continues to have positive growth?

We must keep citizens in Texas City. I would help encourage new businesses, new subdivisions, and I do work very closely with our school district, as I am President of the Foundation For The Future, our TCISD education foundation (which I've been a board member for over 20 years), because it's common knowledge that when people move to cities, one of the first thing they look into is the school district, so

I feel it's very important to work closely with TCISD. As we continue to grow, we must maintain what we have and always keep looking to improve and bring businesses and people to Texas City.

5. Any other comments you would like to make?

Texas City is my hometown. I serve it because I love it and love the people here. I love the small town feel and want to keep it that way. But it's where I've lived for 68 years and I'm not going anywhere, so I want it to be the best place to live!!!! I always have and always will be respectful of my constituents and all citizens and will do all that I can to help in any way needed. I am here to stay and will work very hard for us all to make Texas City a great place to live, work and play!!!!

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