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Why, in your opinion, are you qualified for this office?

My involvement as a longtime civic, social and community leader throughout Bastrop County has prepared me to serve as the next Bastrop County Judge. My experience of three decades of service in municipal government including service on the Bastrop City Council as Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem, Bastrop Zoning Board of Adjustment, Bastrop Economic Development Board, the first City of Elgin Parks and Recreation Director and a decade of service in county government paved the way for this job. I have proven experience working with communities across Bastrop County including Bastrop, Elgin, Smithville, Cedar Creek and McDade along with my statewide leadership as President of the Texas Municipal League and in other statewide roles. I still serve on the Executive Board of the Texas Municipal League and served on the State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee. I have decades of experience working with local citizens, elected officials, civic organizations, and community leaders throughout Bastrop County.

Please highlight your experiences and accomplishments that you feel have equipped you to serve in an elected capacity:

As a previous elected and appointed official I know how local government works and I know how to get things done by running meetings, listening to citizens, preparing budgets, seeking training to acquire additional county funding. I served on the Bastrop County Master Parks Plan that developed Cedar Creek Park. My extensive experience in public service, public policy, public speaking, special events/Parks and Recreation planning and problem solving for many years has contributed to my ability to lead and govern. My training experiences with local, state and national organizations have prepared me as I continue to educate myself with public policies by attending local and state meetings and training discussing public policies and legislation. I have testified at the state legislature and met with state and national legislators to discuss bills that effect our local community. I serve on the Texas Municipal League legislative committee and currently attend meetings as we prepare for the upcoming session of the legislature. With local, state and national experience I will be an asset to Bastrop County as Judge to seek funding and assistance when needed to support local needs that can be received from these lawmakers.

List your involvement with community organizations over the last 24 months:

I serve on numerous civic and non-profit boards and commissions. Some but not all include:
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
City of Bastrop Zoning Board of Adjustment
City of Bastrop Cultural Arts Committee and Music Friendly Cities Committee
Kerr Community Center Advisory Board, Past Chair
Bastrop County African American Cultural Center/Freedom Colonies Museum
University of Texas Exes Association, Bastrop County Chapter
Bastrop County MLK Holiday Commission Scholarship Committee
Bastrop Knights of Columbus
Ascension Catholic Church
Bastrop*Elgin*Smithville*Texas (BEST)
For a more extensive list of community involvement visit www,DockJackson.Com

Please rank what you feel are the top 3 campaign issues, explaining your position and why

1. Protect our Water - Support a safe, reliable and sufficient water source for current residents and future generations. Partnering with Cities and utility organizations to prepare a source of water for our future.

2. Plan for responsible growth and improved infrastructure by developing a comprehensive County Master Plan that addresses roads, transportation, drainage, utilities, and other infrastructure needed to keep pace with our growth.

3. Strengthening Public Safety and Emergency Services by supporting our law enforcement, fire protection, EMS, first responders and emergency preparedness and other initiatives that protect our communities.

Additional comments:

Improve Communication and Cooperation by strengthening partnerships among county government, citizens, cities, schools, emergency service districts, businesses and economic development organizations. Expanding Affordable Housing and Access to Healthcare by supporting practical initiatives that increase workforce and affordable housing opportunities and improve access to quality medical and mental-health services throughout the county. It is very important that we protect our Quality of Life as Bastrop grows by promoting responsible development that protects property owners, natural resources, rural communities, neighborhoods and the unique character of Bastrop County. Finally Promote Economic and Workforce Development by encouraging responsible economic development, workforce training, local businesses and employment opportunities that benefit Bastrop County residents.

What are your suggestions to increase voter turnout?

Expanding the hours and days of operation for voting would help working residents who commute to be able to get to voting locations.

One of the issues local citizens have requested in the past is to have meetings at another time besides 9 am on Monday morning and possibly rotating meeting in evenings so that local working residents can participate in the county government process. If this change could be achieved the local voters would be more apt to vote and support local government in a more positive manner.